

Mr. Massey moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow .

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 30, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1907.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain,

The Journal was corrected and approved.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. West of the First—

Senate Bill No. 300:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3268 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the granting of license to carry a pistol or repeating rifle, by the County Commissioners.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. West of the First—

Senate Bill No. 301.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1675 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the appointment of deputy sheriffs.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Withers—

## Senate Bill No. 302:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit the registered voters of Commissioners District Number One, of Lake County, Florida, to decide whether hogs shall be allowed to run at large in said district.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. McCreary—

## Senate Bill No. 303:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the salary of County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. McCreary—

## Senate Bill No. 304:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 5387, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act empowering County Boards of Public Instruction and Trustees of Special Tax School Districts to establish kindergartens under certain conditions.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

## CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Massey—

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint committee of five, consisting of two from the Senate and three from the House of Representatives, be appointed to take into consideration and investigate any improved method of engrossing and of enrolling bills, and to report their conclusions therein with an act or acts, if necessary, for the benefit of succeeding Legislatures.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Massey moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Resolution No. 13 was adopted.

Concurrent Resolution No. 14:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

Whereas, The Democracy of the State of Florida is deeply sensitive of the tendencies of the National Government to drift apart from the letter and spirit of the Federal Constitution; and

Whereas, It is timely that the patriotism of the nation should be aroused to a realization of current affairs, that those conditions which gave this great nation its true force and effect may be perpetuated; and

Whereas, The necessity of local self-government is becoming more evident as the density of our population becomes more and more cosmopolitan; and

Whereas, The accumulation of interests that crowd the national halls of legislation and which, in many instances, receive little or no consideration whatever, demand the preservation of rights of the several States to pass upon individually—that government being best which is nearest the people; and

Whereas, This nation will, in 1908, pass upon the selection of men who will largely dictate the political interests of the States as a whole for the ensuing four years; therefore be it

Resolved, That the selection of a President who can command the esteem of the people for his nobility of character, who is known for his patriotism, whose broadness of vision has stamped him as being first and foremost among the nation's statesmen, is the one great consideration of this county; and that pre-eminently above all others stands the one steady, resolute, irreproachable, unimpeachable, brilliant disciple of Jeffersonian Democracy and Democratic principles, who, to the wonder of both contending parties, has so forcibly expounded the Jeffersonian principles as to convince, not politicians, but true statesmen in both parties that these very principles are the safest and best to be followed at this critical period of our Government; and this man is William J. Bryan, whom we commend to the National Democratic Convention as the Standard Bearer of Democracy in 1908.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Zim moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

By Mr. Kilgore of Sumter—

House Memorial No. 7:

A memorial to Congress asking for a survey of a canal route across the peninsula of Florida from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the St. Johns River up to the mouth of the Wekiiva River, thence to Lake Eustis, Lake Harris, Lake Dunham, Chilta Chatla, Lake Okahumpka, Clay Dream, North Side of Penasoffkee Lake, Dead River (commonly called outlet) into the Withlacoochee River to some suitable point on the Gulf of Mexico.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the memorial.

Which was agreed to.

And House Memorial No. 7 was adopted.

By Mr. Harvell of Santa Rosa—

House Memorial No. 8:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting an appropriation for Black Water Bay and Black Water River, in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. West of the First, moved the adoption of the memorial.

Which was agreed to.

And House Memorial No. 8 was adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 18:

Relative to appointment of a committee to visit the canal now under construction by the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company from Biscayne Bay into the St. Johns River, etc.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Crews moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 was adopted.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of R. M. Cary, I. M. Aiken, Geo. Lappington, J. M. Flinn, J. H. Harvell and J. E. Abercrombie, as pilot commissioners of the port of Pensacola.

With amendments thereto—

Amend by adding sections in their proper place.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 149, contained in the above message, together with amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Beard moved that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 149.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 149, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following message was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1727 of

the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to legal printing.

Very respectfully,  
**J. G. KELLUM,**  
 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 132, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following message was read:

House of Representatives,  
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit escapes or attempted escapes of any convict under sentence of conviction for violation of any of the criminal laws of this State.

Also—

House Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a monument to be erected on the battlefield of Chickamauga in memory of the soldiers of Florida who took part in that battle.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,  
**J. G. KELLUM,**  
 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 104, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title as referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

And House Bill No. 108, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title as referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Also the following message was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives herewith returns, in accordance with the request of the Senate—

House Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the separation of white and negro passengers on urban and suburban electric cars, operated in this State, and prescribing the duties of conductors and passengers thereon, and fixing penalties for the violation thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,  
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. West of the First in the chair.

Mr. Crews moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 27 passed the Senate be now reconsidered.  
Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

And—

House Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the separation of white and negro passengers on urban and suburban electric cars, operated in this State, and prescribing the duties of conductors and passengers thereon, and fixing penalties for the violation thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris asked unanimous consent to amend House Bill No. 27 on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 27:

Strike out Section 11 and insert the following:

Section 11. This act shall take effect thirty days after its passage and approval by the Governor.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 27 was then put upon its passage as amended by the Senate.

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 27 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Crews moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 27 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 27 was so certified.

The President in the chair.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred:

Senate Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to making tax deeds heretofore issued, or hereafter to be issued, prima facie evidence of title.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 147, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Orlando, to issue additional bonds to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

Approved May 31, 1905.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,  
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 223, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1907.

*Hon W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which railroad corporations shall construct and maintain road crossings and provide a penalty for a failure therein.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,  
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 225, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 218:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the waters of Lake County, other than the St. Johns, except with rod, hook and line or troll.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,  
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 218, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 188:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2910 Chapter V of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the power of the Railroad Commission to sue in behalf of individuals and the time in which certain suits shall be brought.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 188, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act providing that express companies shall transport packages of merchandise not weighing over five pounds, of the value of not more than fifty dollars, anywhere in the State, not exceeding two hundred miles, for twenty-five cents, and prescribing a penalty for a violation thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 14, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Clarke, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the County of Dade.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,  
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 142, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to ratify and legalize the action of the County Commissioners of St. Johns County, in issuing county warrants in the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars for the completion of the construction of a county courthouse for said county, and for furnishing said courthouse, and providing for payment of interest on said warrants.

Have examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

Very Respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to ratify and legalize the action of the County Commissioners of St. Johns County, in issuing county warrants in the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars for the completion of the construction of a county courthouse for said county, and for furnishing said courthouse, and providing for payment of interest on said warrants.

Have examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
 Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to ratify and legalize the action of the County Commissioners of St. Johns County, in issuing county warrants in the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars for the completion of the construction of a county courthouse for said county, and for furnishing said courthouse, and providing for payment of interest on said warrants.

Beg to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
 Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Sams, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred:

An act to legalize the election held in the city of Live Oak, Florida, on November 21, A. D. 1905, to determine whether or not bonds in the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars should be issued by said city to raise money for the following municipal purposes and in the following amounts, that is to say: For the purpose of street paving, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; for purchasing and constructing waterworks, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; for constructing a system of sewerage, thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) dollars; for the erection of a city hall and market for the use of said city, ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars; and for the establishing and maintaining a fire department for said city, five thousand (\$5,000) dollars; and providing for the election of bond trustees, and validating Ordinances numbered 42 and 43 of said city of Live Oak, and legalizing and validating the bonds issued in pursuance of said election and ordinances, and authorizing the sale and delivery by the Board of Bond Trustees of said city of the bonds, or any portion thereof now remaining in the hands of the Bond Trustees, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and ninety thousand (\$190,000) dollars, face value.

Be it reported that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
 Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to ratify and legalize the action of the County Commissioners of St. Johns County, in issuing county warrants in the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars for the

completion of the construction of a county court house for said county, and for furnishing said court house, and providing for payments of interest on said warrants.

The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to legalize the election held in the city of Live Oak, Florida, on November 21, A. D. 1905, to determine whether or not bonds in the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars should be issued by said city to raise money for the following municipal purposes and in the following amounts, that is to say: For the purpose of street paving, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; for purchasing and constructing waterworks, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; for constructing a system of sewerage, thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) dollars; for the erection of a city hall and market for the use of said city, ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars; and for the establishing and maintaining a fire department for said city, five thousand (\$5,000) dollars; and providing for the election of bond trustees, and validating Ordinances numbered 42 and 43 of said city of Live Oak, and legalizing and validating the bonds issued in pursuance of said election and ordinances, and authorizing the sale and delivery by the Board of Bond Trustees of said city of the bonds, or any portion thereof now remaining in the hands of the Bond Trustees, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and ninety thousand (\$190,000) dollars, face value.

The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Sams, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris.*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to ratify and legalize the action of the County Commissioners of St. Johns County, in issuing county warrants in the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars for the completion of the construction of a county court house for said county, and for furnishing said court house, and providing for payment of interest on said warrants.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Sams, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to legalize the election held in the city of Live Oak, Florida, on November 21, A. D. 1905, to determine whether or not bonds in the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars should be issued by said city to raise money for the following municipal purposes and in the following amounts, that is to say: For the purpose of street paving, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; for purchasing and constructing waterworks, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; for constructing a system of sewerage, thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) dollars; for the erection of a city hall and market for the use of said city, ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars; and for the establishing and maintaining a fire department for said city, five thousand (\$5,000) dollars; and providing for the election of bond trustees, and validating Ordinances numbered 42 and 43 of said city of Live Oak, and legalizing and validating the bonds issued in pursuance of said election and ordinances, and authorizing the sale and delivery by the Board of Bond Trustees of said city of the bonds, or any portion thereof now remaining in the hands of the Bond

Trustees, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and ninety thousand (\$190,000) dollars, face value.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. F. W. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 110:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect loggerhead and green turtles on the coasts of the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 110, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. F. W. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 280:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 651 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to natural oyster beds.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 280, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. F. W. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3788 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the throwing of dynamite or other explosives into any waters of this State for the purpose of killing fish therein.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 284, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. F. W. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 270:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of Biscayne Bay on the coast of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 270, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. F. W. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow fishing with seines in certain "dead" or "wet weather" lakes in the northern part of Brevard County.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 14, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. John W. Henderson, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
April 30, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 31:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the powers and duties of the Railroad Commissioners, with reference to the condition and values of the physical properties and equipments of railroad companies and other common carriers.

Have had the same under consideration and with the following amendments recommend that it do pass:

Amendment No. 1: Strike out the words, "Civil Engineer," after the word competent, in line 3 of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "and practical man, familiar with all matters relating to the construction and equipping of railroads."

Amendment No. 2: Strike out the words, "Civil Engineer," after the word such (the first word of paragraph) in line 8 of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "man so employed."

Amendment No. 3: In line 9 of Section 1, after the word proper, insert "not to exceed \$3,000.00 per annum."

Amendment No. 4: Strike out all of Section 3, and make Section 4 read Section 3, Section 5 read Section 4, and Section 6 read Section 5.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN W. HENDERSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 31, with committee amendments, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. John W. Henderson, chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Railroad Commission to inspect railroads and every part thereof; to require that all railroad tracks, rolling stock and all other railroad equipment be kept in such condition as will render travel over such railroads safe and expeditious.

And providing that the Commission may employ assistance to carry out the provisions of said act.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN W. HENDERSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 11, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crill, chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the payment or certification of forged checks and liabilities of banks and others therefor.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 162:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 808, of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to notice and tax for the erection of certain county buildings.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 183 and 162, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

By permission.

Mr. Theop. West, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

House bill No. 111:

Being a bill entitled an act to prevent the butchering

of cattle upon uninclosed lands in the State of Florida, and providing for butchering of unmanageable cattle by the owner or agent, in the presence of one or more witnesses.

Exhibit "A."

The Committee on Agriculture offers the following amendment to House Bill No. 111:

No. 1—Strike out the words "butchering purposes," in line 3, Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Any purposes."

No. 2—Strike out the words "upon uninclosed lands," in line 4, Section 1.

No. 3—Insert the following at end of Section 1: "With-out inspection by regularly appointed inspector, except as is provided in Section 2 of this act."

No. 4—Strike out Section 2, and add in lieu thereof the following: "The butchering of any such animal by the owner, his or her agent, if killed in the presence of one or more disinterested, reputable persons, shall not be unlawful."

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass with the above amendments.

Very respectfully,

THEOP. WEST,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 111, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Also—

Mr. Jackson, chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 288:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Smith Bros.  
Company.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend

that same be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Very respectfully,  
W. K. JACKSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 288, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Jackson, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the examination, auditing and payment of claims against the State of Florida, for services rendered during the Seminole Indian Wars, and for the examination, auditing and payment of claims for forage, subsistence and transportation furnished during said wars.

Have had same under consideration and recommend that it do pass with the following Committee Amendments:

In line four, Section one, after the word "furnished," insert the following: "By authority of the State of Florida or its duly authorized officials."

In line two, Section three, after the word "furnished," insert the following: "By authority of the State of Florida or its duly authorized officials."

After Section eight insert the following for Section nine: Section 9. That only such claims shall be allowed and paid as have been used by the State of Florida in making its account against the Government of the United States, admitted by the national Government, and paid to the State of Florida.

Make Section nine read Section ten.

Make Section ten read Section eleven.

Very respectfully,  
W. K. JACKSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 247, with committee amendments, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

### SPECIAL ORDERS.

#### Senate Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring railroad companies and other common carriers to furnish separate accommodation for the separation of white and colored passengers on railroads, and conferring certain powers on the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida in relation thereto.

Was taken up in its special order.

Mr. Beard moved that Senate Bill No. 7 be informally passed, and the Senate take up and consider Senate Bill No. 57:

Pending which—

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bills Nos. 7 and 57 be laid on the table subject to call, and that 200 copies be printed.

Which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of Mr. Beard's motion to pass Senate Bill No. 7 informally and take up Senate Bill No. 57.

Upon the adoption of Mr. Beard's motion a yea and nay vote was demanded.

Upon the call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Beard, Broome, Cone, Cottrell, Girardeau—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Buckman, Canova, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—24.

Mr. Crane announced that he had paired with Mr. Clarke, who, if he were present and voting, would vote yea, and that he would vote nay.

So the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Trammell moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 7 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 7 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Willis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 7:

Strike out Section 6.

Mr. Willis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Massey offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 7:

Add to Section 1 the words, "Provided that no railroad shall use divided cars for the separation of the races without the permission of the Railroad Commissioners, nor any cars divided for that purpose in which the divisions are not permanent.

Mr. Massey moved the adoption of the amendment, which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 7, as amended, was referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By Mr. Beard—

Senate Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the separation of white and negro passengers on all trains operated in this State as common carriers of passengers, and prohibiting the operation of any car for the joint occupancy of the white and negro races, and to prescribe the duties of conductors and passengers thereon, and fixing penalties for the violation of this act.

Special order for Tuesday, April 30th, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Was taken up.

Mr. Humphries moved that Senate Bill No. 57 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

By permission, Mr. Cone offered the following—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

A resolution asking that the State Board of Education be directed and authorized to execute a deed to the said city of Lake City of 255 acres of land, more or less, as well as 100 acres of land donated by the city of Lake City to the institution upon its establishment.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cone moved that the rules be waived, and the resolution be read the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Buckman moved Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15 be referred to Committee on Education.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hudson moved that House Bill No. 14 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

House Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow fishing with seines in certain "dead" or "wet weather" lakes in the northern part of Brevard County.

Was taken up.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 14 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 14 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 14 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 14 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—27.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 14 was passed title as stated.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be waived and that the action of Senate on all bills and resolutions be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.

By Mr. Adams—

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to purchase lands for

a prison farm; to erect buildings and equip said farm, and directing that certain prisoners be not leased for pay, and providing the means to defray the expense necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Was taken up, together with the amendments of the Committee on State Prisons.

Mr. Willis moved that Senate Bill No. 46 be read by sections.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Amend by inserting the following for Section 8: "That for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act that the sum of \$25,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the funds derived from the hire of State convicts."

Mr. Willis moved the adoption of the committee amendments to Section 8.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Amended further so as to make Section 8 in original bill to read "Section 9."

Mr. Willis moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Zim offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 46:

Strike out all after "view" in line 5 down to "the" in line 11, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The purchase of land suitable to the culture of sugar cane and the production of sugar.

Mr. Zim withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Hudson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 46:

Strike all after the word "purposes" in line 5 to the end of line 9.

Mr. Hudson moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 46 remain on Bills on Second Reading and lie on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. Crane at 12:45 moved that Senate go into executive session.

Which was agreed to.

At 1 o'clock the doors were opened, and upon the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—27.

A quorum present.

Mr. Hudson moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 1, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

A. V. LONG, State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit, until June 2nd, 1907.

J. M. RIVERS, State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit, for the term beginning June 2nd, 1907.

EDWIN DAVIS, State Attorney, Fifth Judicial Circuit.

L. W. BETHEL, Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Monroe County.

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1907.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.