

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 11, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 305:

A bill to be entitled an act creating a State Board of Pensions; defining who shall receive pensions, who shall not receive pensions, who shall be retained as pensioners, how applications shall be made, how pensions shall be paid, duty of County Commissioners in regard to pensions; providing for the levy of a pension tax, and authorizing the State Board of Pensions to make regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

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

Very respectfully,

S. W. CLARKE,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 305, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Clarke moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Monday, May 13, 1907, at 4 o'clock p. m.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 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, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Zim asked that Mr. Withers be excused from attendance, his proposed absence being unavoidable.

The request was granted.

The following petitions were ordered spread on the Journal:

Copy of resolution passed by the Orlando District Conference of the Florida Annual Conference, held at Bartow, Fla., on May 11, 1907:

Be it Resolved, That, realizing the fearful evils of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the great good that would accrue to the State through State prohibition of such traffic, we, the members of the Orlando District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now in session in Bartow, Fla., and representing some five thousand members of the Church in the District, do heartily indorse the bill of Senator Humphries looking to State prohibition, the bill of Representative Hooker prohibiting the shipment of liquors into dry counties, and do earnestly recommend the passage of these bills by the State Legislature now in session at Tallahassee, Fla., and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

C. W. WHITE,
Chairman.

W. L. SCOTT,
Secretary.
Per F. P.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 3, 1907.

Meeting called to order by General E. M. Law, chairman, at the Windsor Hotel this day.

Present—General E. M. Law, chairman; Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Mrs. H. H. McCreary and D. U. Fletcher, secretary and treasurer.

General W. L. Wittich, the other member of the committee, was unable to be present by reason of having been summoned as a witness in a case in court, as reported by him.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously, to wit:

“Resolved, That we approve of the action taken to-day by

the Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and favor the resolutions adopted by the convention in respect to the Olustee Monument, and we recommend the amendment of the act under which we are appointed so that the resolutions of the U. D. C. Convention of this date may be carried into effect."

I hereby certify the foregoing is a copy of the resolution as passed and spread on the minutes this May 3, 1907.

D. U. FLETCHER,
Secretary Olustee Monument Commission.

A MEMORIAL.

To the Legislature of the State of Florida, by Stonewall Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Lake City, relative to the erection and location of a monument to the Confederate officers and soldiers who participated in the Battle of Olustee, and petitioning the location of said monument in the City Park at Lake City, and pledging a donation of one thousand dollars, to be used in the construction of said monument if so located.

To the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Stonewall Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, located at Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, would respectfully represent that it is the desire of said chapter and of the Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Florida, and a great number of Confederate veterans, Sons of Veterans, and citizens of the State generally, to accomplish the erection of a suitable monument in memory of the officers and soldiers of the Confederate army who participated in the battle of Olustee, and, in order that the erection of such monument may be secured, to have the same located in the City Park of Lake City, in said State, and thereupon would most respectfully show:

That the Legislature of the State of Florida, at its session of 1899, and subsequently, at the session of 1901, enacted legislation authorizing the erection of a monument to the officers and soldiers of the Confederacy who participated in said battle, the same to be located upon the battlefield of Olustee, and appropriating the sum of

twenty-five hundred dollars for that purpose, to be so used when a sufficient additional amount should be raised to authorize the construction of a suitable monument, the location of said monument and the details of the work being left with the monument commission provided for by the act. By this legislation, the location of the monument was fixed at the battlefield of Olustee. Several years have elapsed since the appointment of the monument commission under said act, but nothing definite has been done looking to the erection of said monument, and only a few hundred dollars have been raised outside of the amount appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

We would respectfully submit that the failure of the people of this State, including the Daughters of the Confederacy, and others interested in the subject, to respond to calls for donations for this purpose, is not attributable to any apathy toward the subject of erecting a suitable monument in memory of the Confederate soldiers who fought at Olustee, but we believe that such failure is due solely and wholly to the fact that the battlefield of Olustee is located at a remote and lonely spot in the woods not in the midst of any thickly settled community, at a point altogether inaccessible, and where, if there located, the monument would be rarely seen, and then only by those who might go to the place of its erection for that special purpose. It is believed, also, that if a costly and beautiful monument were erected in the woods at Olustee, that it would be subject to be mutilated, and possibly destroyed, unless constantly watched and cared for by paid watchmen, which would entail considerable and useless cost, either upon the State or the Daughters of the Confederacy. It is believed that on account of these reasons there has been thus far no adequate response to calls upon those interested for funds to assist in the erection of the Olustee monument.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Lake City, known as Stonewall Chapter, some time ago conceived the idea that Lake City was the proper place for the location of this monument. There are various reasons why the monument should be placed at Lake City. Chief among these reasons is that Lake City is really within, technically speaking, the battlefield of Olustee. The Southern army marched out from Lake

City to take part in that battle; the base of operations was at Lake City; the field hospital was located there, and the rear of the army, even during the battle, rested at Lake City. The village of Olustee is only about eleven miles east of Lake City. The earthworks and entrenchments thrown up by the Southern army on the eve of this battle are yet plainly to be seen in the outskirts of Lake City, and a few days previous to the battle, the first guns fired on the eve of the battle were fired within what is now the corporate limits of Lake City, skirmishes between the Southern and Federal troops in the outskirts of the town having taken place on the 13th day of February, 1864. After the battle was fought, the dead and wounded were brought back to Lake City, the former for burial and the latter for care and attention. Practically every home in Lake City became a hospital, and great numbers of the Confederate wounded were nursed in this town for months, many to recover, and those who died were buried in the graveyard at this place. There are now something like two hundred marked graves of the Confederate dead in the cemetery at Lake City, being, as we are informed, the only known graves of the Southern soldiers killed at Olustee battle, except a few at Madison. These graves have been cared for by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy for many years, grave-stones having been placed at each grave, the cemetery neatly inclosed with an iron fence, and a small monument having been erected there.

In the business center of Lake City there is a beautiful park of some two to three acres, in which is the County Courthouse, the park being bordered by Lake DeSoto, making it one of the prettiest spots in the State. It is suggested that Olustee monument be placed in the center of this park, and in anticipation of its being located there, the city authorities, at the request of the local chapter, have named it Olustee Park, and have agreed to convey to the State such portion of it as may be selected by the monument commission as the site for the monument, if its location at Lake City is authorized.

So interested is Stonewall Chapter in the erection of this monument, and having it located in the City Park at Lake City, that the chapter here and now guarantees a donation of one thousand dollars to be used in the erection of the monument, provided the same is located in the

City Park at Lake City. Five hundred dollars of this amount is donated by the municipality of Lake City, the total amount of one thousand dollars being guaranteed by the local chapter.

It is further respectfully shown that the question of the erection of the monument in memory of the Southern soldiers and officers who fought at Olustee was first brought to attention by the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Florida, who took hold of the subject and have endeavored, as far as lay within their power, to secure the erection, the acts of the Legislature above referred to having been adopted upon the request and suggestion of the U. D. C. Inasmuch as this organization had been so intimately associated with the movement looking to the erection of this monument, it is deemed fitting and proper that the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Florida, as an organization, should make some utterance upon the subject of the location of the monument, and make known the preference of the organization as to the site. Therefore, this subject was brought before the recent convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy, held in Jacksonville — day of the present month, and after a full and free discussion, it was unanimously and without an adverse vote, resolved and ordered that, so far as the Daughters of the Confederacy could control the matter, the monument be located at Lake City.

We would respectfully submit that this expression is the sentiment of the Daughters of the Confederacy, practically unanimous, throughout the State of Florida, and that the same is coincided in by the great mass of the Confederate veterans and others who are interested in the successful erection of a creditable monument as a testimonial of our esteem and appreciation of the officers and soldiers of the Southern army who fought and died at the battle of Olustee.

The circumstances considered, your memorialists would thereupon respectfully petition your honorable body to enact such legislation at your present session as may be deemed by you best and necessary to order and authorize the erection of the Olustee monument in the City Park at Lake City, Florida, giving such direction in that particular as may be deemed proper to the monument com-

mission. And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

STONEWALL CHAPTER, NO. 47, UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY,

By **MRS. GRACE SMALL ALLEN**, President.
Lake City, Fla., May 7th, 1907.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Bill No. 385:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to burglary with explosives.

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

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Bill No. 386:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 4971, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, and to rescue children from immoral surroundings.

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

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Bill No. 387:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Jordan & Spencer.

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

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Bill No. 388:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2286 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the effect of probate of wills.

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

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Bill No. 389:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the municipality

of South Jacksonville, provide for its government, fix its territorial limits, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Buckman moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 389 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 389 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Buckman moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 389 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 389 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, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By Mr. McCreary—

Senate Bill No. 390:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. DaCosta of Alachua County.

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

By Mr. McCreary—

Senate Bill No. 391:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3752 of Article 12 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to game.

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

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Bill No. 392:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing any city or town

to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said city or town to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

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

By Mr. Crane—

Senate Bill No. 393:

A bill to be entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of Fort Brooke.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crane moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 393 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 393 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crane moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 393 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 393 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Senators Adams, Alford, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Davis, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By Mr. Crill—

Senate Bill No. 394:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crill moved that Senate Bill No. 394 be laid on the table subject to call, and that 200 copies of the bill be printed.

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

By Mr. Trammell—

Senate Bill No. 395:

A bill to be entitled an act providing a pension for Mrs. John W. Crechton of Polk County, and providing for payment thereof.

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

By Mr. Broome—

Senate Bill No. 396:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the location of the monument to be erected commemorative of the Battle of Olustee, and to the Confederate officers and soldiers who participated therein, and directing the commission heretofore appointed under Chapter 4815, Laws of Florida, to locate and erect said monument in Olustee Park, in the city of Lake City, Florida, and providing for the building of the same.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 396 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 396 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Clarke moved that Senate Bill No. 396 be made a special order for Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and that 200 copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

By request.

By Mr. Hudson—

Senate Bill No. 397:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the width of tires of certain kinds of vehicles used in hauling freight or passengers, or both, over paved, hard or other improved roads in any county of this State now having or that may hereafter have paved, hard or other improved roads, and prescribing the time when this act shall go into effect, and the method of procedure in enforcing this act, and providing a penalty for its violation.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Roads and Highways.

By Mr. Crews—

Senate Bill No. 398:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reimbursement of certain counties on account of expenditures in furnishing armories for the Florida State troops between the 8th day of June, A. D. 1887, and the 21st day of October, A. D. 1902, and making appropriations therefor.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25:

A resolution requesting Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which amendment shall provide for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments report unfavorably.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Beard moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 25 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26:

A resolution relative to the Legislature of the State of Florida, favoring the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall provide for a tax on incomes and inheritances, and respectfully request that a convention be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as provided in Article 5 of said Constitution, which amendment shall provide for the imposing of such tax on incomes and inheritances.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments report unfavorably.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Beard moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.

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. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act making it unlawful for any person or persons, individual, companies or corporations, public or private carriers to bring into, transport or transfer to other in any county, district, city, town or precinct in this State where the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited; prescribing conditions under which liquor may be brought into such county, district, city, town or precinct; defining what is the plan of sale of such liquor, and providing penalties for violation of this act.

Also—

House Bill No. 294:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the unauthorized use of the names, titles of officers, insignia, rituals or ceremonies of certain orders or societies.

Also—

House Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and validate Ordinance No. 106 of the Town of Tarpon Springs, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the issuance of bonds of the town of Tarpon Springs, and for the expenditure and disbursement of the funds received from the sale of the said bonds," passed by the Town Council of the town of Tarpon Springs on the 5th day of February, 1907, and approved on the 6th day of February, 1907, by the Mayor of the town of Tarpon Springs, and to legalize and validate the special election held on the 1st day of April, 1907, by the qualified electors of the town of Tarpon Springs, who are freeholders of real estate situate within the corporate limits of the said town, under Section 3 of

the charter of the town of Tarpon Springs and under Section 8 of said ordinance No. 106, and to legalize and make valid any and all bonds issued or which may hereafter be issued by the town of Tarpon Springs, under said Ordinance No. 106, and proceedings and resolutions of the Town Council of the said town under said ordinance.

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. 194, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Humphries moved that House Bill No. 194 be substituted for Senate Bill No. 215, and to take its place on the Calendar.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 215 was withdrawn.

And House Bill No. 294, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

And House Bill No. 212, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crane moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 212 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 212 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crane moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 212 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 212 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 Alford, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jack-

son, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis,
West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 195:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 270 of General States, insofar as it relates to the nomination of County Commissioners of the different counties, provided that they shall be nominated by district instead of by the county at large.

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. 195, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 11, 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 Memorial No. 16:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, ask-

ing for an appropriation for Holmes River, in Washington County, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 16, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Clarke moved that the rules be waived and that House Memorial No. 16 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Upon the call of the roll for the adoption of the resolution, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Johnson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (4th District), Zim—25.

Nays—None.

So House Memorial No. 16 was adopted.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 478:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize and establish a County Court in and for the County of Osceola, and prescribing the terms thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 482:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of

Vernon, in Washington County, Florida, and provide for the election of its municipal officers.

Also—

House Bill No. 476:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring the town of Diana, in the County of Dade and the State of Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

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. 478, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Massey moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 478 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 478 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Massey moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 478 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 478 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, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Trammell, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And House Bill No. 482, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Clarke moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 482 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 482 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Clarke moved that the rules be further waived and

that House Bill No. 482 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 482 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, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And House Bill No. 476, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 476 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 476 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 476 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 476 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, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Clarke moved that the rules be waived, and that all bills and resolutions acted upon by the Senate today be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 11, 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. 236:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the assessment and collection of taxes upon land and turpentine and timber rights thereon.

Also—

House Bill No. 473:

taking of food fish from the waters of Ten Mile Creek

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the catching or and its tributaries, and from the waters of Five Mile Creek and its tributaries, in the County of St. Lucie and State of Florida, by the use of seines, gill nets, drag nets, haul nets, cast nets or any other kind of nets or device, except hook and line, and prescribing a penalty for violation thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 471:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and confirm the incorporation of the town of Cypress, in Jackson County, Florida, and to declare the same a legally incorporated town.

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. 236, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

And House Bill No. 473, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 473 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 473 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hudson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 473 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 473 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Senators Adams, Alford, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And House Bill No. 471, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. West of the Fourth moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 471 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 471 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. West of the Fourth moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 471 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 471 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, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Adams in the chair.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 11, 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. 484:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to and affecting the charter and government of the City of Jacksonville, in the State of Florida; to abolish the present Board of Bond Trustees and the present Board of Public Works of the said municipality as now constituted, created, established and existing, whether by any statute of the State of Florida or under any ordinance of the said municipality; to repeal all laws and parts of laws and all ordinances of said municipality in conflict with the provisions of this act; to create and establish a Board of Bond Trustees of the said municipality; prescribe their qualifications; provide for the mode and manner of their election, their terms of office, their powers and duties, and to prescribe additional powers and duties of the Mayor of said city.

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. 484, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Buckman moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 484 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 484 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Buckman moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 484 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 484 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, Beard Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Willis, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 11, 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. 360:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Mary J. Newlan, widow of the late Senator J. R. Newlan.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 360, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 274:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Sections 1, 2, 4, 8, 10 of an act entitled an act extending and enlarging

the territorial limits and powers of the city of Gainesville, a municipal corporation organized and existing in Alachua County, Florida, and providing for the exercise of those powers, the same being Chapter 5497, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1905.

With the following amendments:

First—In Section 4, page 5, strike out the words “all of the electors qualified to vote at such election, or if a majority of all of the qualified electors shall not have voted at such election, then by a majority of”.

Second—On page 4, line 22, Section 3, strike out the words “in a newspaper”.

Third—Strike out all of Section 5 and make present Section 6 read Section 5 and present Section 7 read Section 6.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The House amendments to Senate Bill No. 274, contained in the above message, were read.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 274 with House amendments thereto be laid on on the table subject to call, without reference.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 274 as amended by the House of Representatives was laid on the table subject to call.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 382:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which appropriations of money shall be made by the city

of St. Augustine, and warrant for the payment of money shall be drawn on the City Treasurer of said city and paid, and to prescribe the manner in which said city shall make its assessment of property therein for taxation, and requiring an annual audit and statement of receipt and disbursements of municipal funds in said city.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 382, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Buckman moved that the action of the Senate to-day upon all bills and resolutions be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The Joint Committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRAINAGE.

Hon. W. Hunt Harris.

President of the Senate.

Dear Sir:

Your committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 7, same being as follows:

Whereas, The Governor of Florida, in a special message to the Legislature transmitting the report of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, recommended the appointment of a committee from both houses to inspect the work that had been done by the Trustees in the matter of building dredges and digging canals in the neighborhood of New River and to visit the Caloosahatchee River and consider all the facts and data relating to such operation; therefore

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of four from the House and three from the Senate be appointed to visit the scene of the work now being carried on by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the vicinity of New River,

and to inspect the same; to inspect the building of dredges and the work of digging canals, which is now being carried on by the Trustees; also to visit the Caloosahatchee River and consider all the facts and data bearing upon the drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands and make report thereof to the Legislature,

Have the honor to make the following report, to wit: We left Tallahassee and proceeded to Ft. Lauderdale, situated on New River, where we observed and investigated the method of construction of the dredges, the character of the dredges constructed, and the work so far done by them, its value, its effect upon adjacent territory, and its relative cost as compared with the increased value of the territory through which they are digging.

We found two dredges built by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund during the last two years, each of them 105 feet long by 38 feet breadth of hull by 8 feet in depth of hold, and each with two parallel bulkheads, built staunch and strong throughout of wood and iron, and three decks with commodious living apartments all well kept, clean, and manned by crews energetic and industrious.

Each of the engines is equipped with main engines of the dimensions of 14 inches diameter of cylinder by 20 inches stroke, well geared with steel gearing, and apparently strong and durable, with swinging engines 8 inches in diameter of bore of cylinder by 10 inches stroke, steel geared wheels. One of the dredges has a steam boiler of Scotch pattern, two corrugated furnaces allowed a steam pressure of 130 pounds. The other dredge contains a locomotive pattern of boiler with one furnace and the usual number and sizes of tubes, and allowed same steam pressure. Both of the boilers are covered with asbestos and appear to be in good condition. Both dredges are equipped throughout with a complete system of electric lights, permitting work to be done day and night. The engines also on each of the dredges look clean and run as smoothly as any dredge machinery is expected to run. The dippers used on each of the dredges in the present work (that of excavating rock and earth) are of the rock dipper type of 2 1-2 cubic yd. capacity, water measurement.

We found quite a large supply of extra parts of those parts of the machinery most likely to break down or wear out rapidly, and two clay dippers of the capacity of 4 1-2

cubic yards, water measurement, one for each of the dredges, which will increase the output of excavation each day very materially as soon as the dredges have cut through the rock rim to the Everglades, which rim is about three miles in width from the river into the soft muck of the broad Everglades beyond. The dredge "Everglades" has passed through her hardest and deepest rock cutting.

As further information, we submit herewith the report of the civil engineer in charge, Mr. John W. Newman:

Answers to written questions of the Committee for Investigating drainage:

1. Estimated cost of two dredges, \$100,000.
2. Character and quantity of material excavated: Of rock, 107,870 cubic yards; of dirt, 42,213 cubic yards. Total, 150,183 c. y. excavated by dredge Everglades. Estimated cost of entire work of dredge Everglades, including repairs, \$12,907.65.
3. Monthly expenses: Costs of six months from Oct. 1, 1906, \$7,948.69. Average cost per month, \$1,324.80. Moved in six months 78,000 cubic yards of rock and 30,000 cubic yards of dirt. Total, 108,000 cubic yards. Cost per cubic yard in six months, rock 8 cts., dirt 6 1-3 cts.
4. Length of canal Apr. 1st, 5,886 feet. Average width, 60 feet. Average depth, 11 feet 10 inches.
5. Value of land before drained, nothing. Value of land after draining, \$30.00 per acre.
6. Depth of dirt on rock rim in first mile, which is dug before reaching the unsurveyed land, is 0 to 1 foot. Depth of dirt in second and third mile 5 to 10 feet; fourth and fifth mile no rock found sounding 12 feet.
7. Nature of land west of rock: At three miles from mouth of canal in New River no rock is found, sounding every hundred feet with a 12-foot rod; but good muck 3 to 6 feet deep, under this a stratum of hard sand, 3 to 5 feet deep, then soft material supposed to be muck.
8. Quantity of land drained per mile of canal: Estimated from evident effects of present work, complete drainage will result at average of 906 acres per mile; or 6 miles will drain 5,440 acres, worth when drained \$163,200.

JOHN W. NEWMAN,

Engineer for Trustees of I. I. Fund.

Question No. 3 is answered as to the dredge Everglades, giving you the average monthly expenses for six months beginning October 1st, 1906.

Answer No. 2 embraces all work done by Everglades to April 1, 1907.

JOHN W. NEWMAN,
Engr. for Trustees I. I. Fund.

We found by inquiry that no one had been sick on either of the dredges, and that the public in that vicinity enjoys good health. We also found the country comparatively free of mosquitoes, and we were informed that no malaria prevails in that country.

The dredge Okeechobee is cutting in a southerly and westerly direction, following the narrow stream which constitutes the headwaters of the New River, widening and deepening it to a point near Section 25, Township 50 S., Range 41 East, from which point she will proceed west 3-4 of a mile to the deep muck of the Everglades. From the dredge we were shown the flag marking the western boundary of the rock rim at the intersection of the deep muck.

The estimated area of the territory already drained by the cutting of the first canal is about 750 acres, the character of which land is, in the opinion of this committee, rich in quality and very valuable. In the opinion of those living in the vicinity, the land after being reclaimed will be worth about \$30.00 an acre. Along the banks of this canal your committee observed several truck farms. They stopped and examined a crop of tomatoes growing on land which they were informed was from 12 to 18 inches under water before this drainage canal was cut. This piece of land was about one acre in area, and the character of the crop was finer than anything of the kind ever seen by any member of this committee. The estimated value of the crop on this land was about \$700.00. The soil of this reclaimed land is apparently a very rich alluvial deposit, and is not peaty in character. Although it had not rained for months in that section, moisture was near the surface, and although it rained during the visit of the committee, the committee visited the same land the following day and found it firm and not sloppy and boggy.

The canals being made have a depth of about ten feet by about sixty feet in width, and are now and will be of great value as highways for commerce.

We found the depth of water in New River to be on an average of about twenty feet. We passed up the river from its mouth, to where the dredges are in the Everglades. We find that it is a waterway of considerable importance even now. Many launches and lighters are used in the transportation of the products of that section and for other purposes. Your committee could clearly see that the effect of the canal has been to drain the land for say one-half mile or more on either side of the canal and for a considerable distance in front of it.

Of course, in estimating the ultimate value of the work done by the canal we must take into consideration that its object is not only the drainage of the land along its banks, but also the lowering of Lake Okeechobee, thus lowering the water level throughout this whole territory, and providing an open waterway from the Atlantic Ocean through Lake Okeechobee and down a system of canals already cut into the Caloosahatchee River on into the Gulf of Mexico.

We proceeded from New River to Miami, for the purpose of observing the depth of the Miami River, and to note the fall from the Everglades land into the waters of the Miami River, and the practicability of draining the lands in that vicinity, and to estimate the value of canals and the effect of drainage to the Everglades at the head of the Miami River.

The members of your committee were taken in charge by officers of the Board of Trade of Miami and shown every courtesy possible. We were first taken in an automobile to a very valuable place in the edge of the Everglades, where we found a tract of twenty acres of land on which had been planted a splendid young orange grove, and on which we found a vegetable farm comprising most of the vegetables grown in Florida. The lands of the Everglades visible from this point, were of the same character as those observed at New River. We were also taken in a launch up the Miami River to its head, where there is an observatory tower from which the land of the Everglades can be seen for miles ahead. The incline from the surface of the water in the Miami River and to the 'Glades was very perceptible to the naked eye, and we are informed that the actual fall in fifteen hundred feet is about seven feet. We are informed that the current in the upper portion of the river near the water in the

'Glades, during the rainy season, is so swift that it is difficult for a powerful launch to ply up stream.

For the information of the Legislature, and as a means of enlightening ourselves as to the actual cost of excavating and dredging through material such as is being cut by the dredges "Everglades" and "Okeechobee," we obtained from Major Francis R. Shunk, United States Corps of Engineers, located at Jacksonville, Fla., the cost of excavating by the United States under the competitive bid system and as done by the United States Government itself, and we were kindly furnished the following information from the records in his office:

COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WORK BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BIDS.

	Soft Material.	Rock.
St. Johns River, Orange Mills Flats..	.107	
St. Johns River, Jacksonville to Ocean	.0823	4.33
	.099	
Biscayne Bay .....	.24	1.78
Tampa .....	.15	
	.1199	
Withlacoochee .....	.16	3.50
Hillsborough .....	.14	4.90
	.119 7-8	4.89

Ten per cent. should be added to the above.

GOVERNMENT WORK DONE BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ITSELF.

	Soft Material.	Rock.
Key West .....	.1494	
Anclote River .....	.116	
Kissimmee River .....	.24	2.60
Sarasota Bay .....	.181	1.33
Manatee River .....	.177	

It will be seen that the United States Government is paying, and has been paying for excavating soft material from 8.23 cents per cubic yard minimum price, in the St. Johns River, Jacksonville to the Ocean, up to 24 cents per cubic yard in Biscayne Bay and Kissimmee River, and that for excavating rock the United States Government is paying and has paid from \$1.33 per cubic

yard minimum in Sarasota Bay up to \$4.90 per cubic yard in Hillsborough Bay at Tampa. While in the Kissimmee River, which flows into Lake Okeechobee, the Government has paid 24 cents per cubic yard for soft material and \$2.60 per cubic yard for excavating rock. The lowest price paid by the United States Government in Biscayne Bay, at Miami, is 24 cents per cubic yard for soft material and \$1.78 for rock. These figures, when contrasted with the actual cost shown in the report of Engineer Newman for excavating done by the two State dredges, which is an average of 8 cents per cubic yard for rock and 6 1-3 cents for soft material, is very great and shows that the work is being done at a minimum cost.

We did not visit the Caloosahatchee River, as instructed by the resolution, for the reason that we received information on the trip that the water was so low above Fort Thompson in the river and the canals leading into Okeechobee that it was barely possible that we would be able to successfully reach Lake Okeechobee, or be able in any practical way to obtain any information by observing the land in that vicinity, but from an examination of profiles made from the survey of Gen. J. W. Sackett, under direction of Capt. Black, United States Engineer, and from other maps and profiles and from interrogating persons who have personal knowledge of the lands and waters between the Caloosahatchee River and Lake Okeechobee, it is our opinion that it will be necessary for the protection of the people living on the Caloosahatchee River, and in the valley of said river, that the present canal leading from Fort Thompson to Lake Okeechobee should be deepened at least five feet and that the Caloosahatchie be cleared out and straightened to a point near Fort Denaud.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. McCUTCHEON,
Chairman.

JAMES E. CRANE,
Secretary.

S. W. CLARKE,
C. L. LEGGETT,
H. C. PEEPLES,
CHAS. L. KNOWLES,
WM. A. RUSSELL,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 267 :

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in and for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, and to repeal Chapter 5397, Acts of 1905, approved May 26th, 1905, and Section 1812 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the time for holding terms of the Circuit Court in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

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. 267, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 158 :

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the payment of commissions to County Treasurer on money borrowed by any county of the State of Florida.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bill, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Committee Amendment: Strike out all of Section 2.

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,
Chairman,

And House Bill No. 158, with the committee amendment, contained in above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

Hon. W. Hunt Harris,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
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 County Commissioners.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bill, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Committee Amendment No. 1: Add to the title the words, "and to revoke all such licenses heretofore granted."

Committee Amendment No. 2: After the title insert the following: "*Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:*"

Committee Amendment No. 3: After the word and figure, "Section 1," and before the figures "3268," insert the words: "That 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, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:"

Committee Amendment No. 4: At the end of said bill add the following words: "Provided, that all licenses

heretofore granted to any person to carry a pistol or Winchester or other repeating rifle be and the same are hereby revoked.

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,

Chairman.

And Senate Bill No. 300, with the committee amendments thereto, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

Hon. W. Hunt Harris,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 213:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Tax Assessors for the counties of Dade, St. Lucie, Osceola, Lee and De Soto.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bill, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Committee Amendment No. 1: After the preamble, in line 13, strike out the word "resolved" before the words "by the Legislature," and insert in lieu thereof the word "enacted."

Committee Amendment No. 2: After the words "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida," and before the word "that," insert the word and figure, "Section 1."

Committee Amendment No. 3: In line 3, after the enacting clause, strike out the words "on the basis of ten per cent for the first two thousand dollars, five per cent on the next two thousand dollars, and."

Committee Amendment No. 4: At the beginning of the last line of said bill, add the word and figure, "Section 2."

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,

Chairman.

And Senate Bill No. 213, with the committee amendments thereto, contained in above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May . . , 1907.

Hon. W. Hunt Harris,

President of the Senate

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 369:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2873 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to presenting claims in writing.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bill, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Strike out the last three lines of Section 1.

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,
Chairman.

And Senate Bill No. 369, with the committee amendment thereto, contained in above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

Hon. W. Hunt Harris,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act granting and confirming in W. F. Creary of the city of Pensacola, Florida, and

his heirs, all the right, title and interest of the State of Florida in and to certain lands situate in said city and State, the same being a part of the water front of said city.

And—

Senate Bill No. 296:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the costs and expenses of the State of Florida incident to the maintenance and prosecution of the suit of the State of Florida, on the relation of the Attorney General, versus the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, mandamus.

And—

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.

And—

Senate Bill No. 315:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the giving of a second or subsequent mortgage of personal property by the mortgagor, without notifying the mortgagee or mortgagees therein of the existence of the prior mortgage or mortgages, and to fix a punishment therefor.

And—

Senate Bill No. 318:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the refunding of salary or other compensation to officers suspended by the Governor who afterwards resume the duties of their office.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bills, and recommend that they do pass.

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,

Chairman.

And Senate Bills Nos. 296, 301, 315 and 318, an House Bill No. 127, were placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of labor unions against organizations seeking to incorporate under the Laws of Florida, when such incorporation is for the purpose of interfering with or disrupting such labor unions, and to provide a method whereby such labor unions may protest against the granting of a charter under such proposed organization.

And—

House Bill No. 155:

A bill to be entitled an act to simplify rules of pleading by abolishing objections that matters pleaded specially are or may be included in the general issue.

And—

House Bill No. 164:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of an attorney at law to defend persons who may be charged with a capital offense and who may be unable to employ an attorney themselves, and to provide for the compensation of the attorney so appointed.

And—

Senate Bill No. 334:

A bill to be entitled an act to cure certain informalities in the acknowledgment and execution of deeds, etc.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 340:

A bill to be entitled an act to validate deeds executed, delivered and recorded prior to the first day of January, A. D. 1902.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bills, and recommend that they do not pass.

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,

And House Bills Nos. 63, 155, 164 and 129, and Senate Bills Nos. 334 and 340, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 299:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 845 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, with reference to who is subject to road duty, and the duty of road overseers, prescribing a penalty for a violation of the provisions of this act.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bill and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Committee Amendment No. 1—

After the title, add the following words: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida."

Committee Amendment No. 2—

In Section 1, line 11, strike out the words "seventy-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Very respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 299, with the committee amendments, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

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.

Beg to advise that they have carefully considered said bill and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Committee Amendment No. 1—

In Section 2, beginning in line 9, strike out the words "not less than one year, and not exceeding five years," and insert in lieu thereof the words "not exceeding three years."

Committee Amendment No. 2—

In Section 2, line 17, strike out the words "not less than three months and".

Very respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 104, with the committee amendments, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 352:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare the town of Fort

Brooke, in Hillsborough County, Florida, to be a legally incorporated town and the officers thereof legally elected and qualified, and to authorize the said town to issue bonds and create liens upon abutting property for paving, sidewalks and other improvements of the streets, and to buy and construct waterworks, lighting plants and other public utilities, fixing the terms of certain officers, and relating to powers of taxation, and for other purposes.

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

Very respectfully,
JAMES E. CRANE,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 352, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 282:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3470 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the purchase of supplies by municipal boards and Boards of County Commissioners.

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

Very respectfully,
JAMES E. CRANE,
 Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 282, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 354:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the territorial limits of the city of West Palm Beach, etc.

Have had the same under consideration and return without recommendation.

Very respectfully,
 JAMES E. CRANE,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 354, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 433:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the territorial limits of the City of West Palm Beach, etc.

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

Very respectfully,
 JAMES E. CRANE,
 Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 433, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties of the State of Florida to make out and publish monthly statements of their official acts and doings, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do.

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CRANE,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 139, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 317:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Article 8, Section 3 of Article 9, Section 5 of Article 9, Section 9 of Article 9 of an act entitled, "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Sanford, Orange County, Florida, and organize a new city government for the same, and provide its jurisdiction and powers, etc.

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CRANE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 317, contained in the above report was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 252:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Boards of Pilot Commissioners to employ attorneys; providing for the payment of the salaries of said attorneys, and other costs and expenses incurred by the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties.

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CRANE,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 252, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 159:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 851 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to advertisement for bids and employment of labor on roads by County Commissioners.

Amend the same by striking out the word "twenty," in the eighth line on page 4, and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifteen."

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CRANE,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 159, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 249 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act making it unlawful to post, nail or otherwise attach any article or thing on any telegraph, telephone or electric light pole, which would tend to injure or deface any such pole, without having first obtained the consent of the owner of the same, and prescribing a penalty for the same.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 249 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 249 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be further waived, and

that Senate Bill No. 249 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 249 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, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, West (1st), West (4th), Zim—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Willis moved that Senate Bill No. 207 be made the special order for 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, May 15.

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

By Mr. Trammell—

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act providing that certain public schools in this State shall receive State aid, and making an appropriation therefor.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

The substitute for Senate Bill No. 50, with same title as Senate Bill No. 50, was also read the first time.

Mr. Trammell moved to adopt the substitute for Senate Bill No. 50.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Trammell offered the following amendment to Substitute for Senate Bill No. 50:

Amendment to Substitute for Senate Bill No. 50:

Amend Section 1, in line 1, by striking out the word "fifty," and insert in lieu thereof, "forty."

Mr. Trammell moved that the amendment be adopted.

Which was agreed to and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Substitute for Senate Bill No. 50:

Strike out all after the figure 1909 in line 9, down to and including the word "respectively," in line 11, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Upon a basis of the school population of every county."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment, upon which a ye and nay vote was demanded.

Upon the call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Adams, Broome, Cone, Crews, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Leggett, McCreary, Neel, West (1st), West (4th)—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Alford, Beard, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crill, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Zim—17.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. West of the 1st offered the following amendment to Substitute for Senate Bill No. 50:

Strike out all Section 1 after the figures 1909, in line 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Upon a basis of the average attendance upon such schools in the counties, respectively."

Mr. West of the 1st moved the adoption of the amendment, upon which a ye and nay vote was demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Adams, Broome, Cone, Crews, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Leggett, McCreary, Neel, West (1st), West (4th)—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Alford, Beard, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crill, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Massey, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Zim—17.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Trammell moved that Substitute for Senate Bill No. 50 as amended be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

And the substitute for Senate Bill No. 50 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Crill moved that Senate Bill No. 29 be made the special order for Wednesday, 12 o'clock m., May 15.

Also that—

Senate Bill No. 49 be made a special order for 12:30 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, May 15.

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. Humphries moved to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 14, 1907, at 9:30 a. m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1907.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The President in the chair.

SELECT ORDER.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 298 failed to pass.

Special order for Wednesday, May 15, at 3 o'clock p. m.:

By Mr. Farris of Duval—

House Bill No. 449:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which lands may be subdivided and the subdivision thereof made a matter of record in the several counties of this State; to prohibit the recordation of deeds in certain cases, and to prescribe the duties of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and of the Tax Assessor in each of the several counties in relation thereto; and to fix the fees and charges of the Clerks of the Circuit Court for the performance of the duties devolving upon them in connection therewith.

The Committee on Judiciary report favorably, with amendments.

Two hundred copies ordered printed.

Special order for Thursday, May 16, at 11 o'clock a. m.

By the Committee on Reapportionment—

House Bill No. 431:

A bill to be entitled an act to apportion the representation in the Senate of the State of Florida.

Placed on the Calendar without reference to committee.

Two hundred copies ordered printed.

Special order for Thursday, May 16, 1907:

By Mr. Knight of Citrus—

House Bill No. 322:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a State Bureau of