

**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1907.**

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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, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Johnson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was corrected and approved.

Mr. Buckman moved that the Chaplain be excused for balance of the session, as he had provided for the service for the remainder of period.

Which was agreed to.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Humphries—

Senate Bill No. 444:

A bill to be entitled an act exempting the South Florida Loan and Trust Company of Arcadia, Florida, from the interest laws on laws made for the purpose of building upon and otherwise improving real estate on the monthly repayment plan.

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

#### MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 557:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 8 of Article 3 of Chapter 5359, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled "an act to organize a municipal government for the town of Perry, and to provide for its government."

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

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 557 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 557 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 557 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 557 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, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Henderson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers. West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Neel, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 439:

A bill to be entitled "an act to require certain county officers to make reports to the State Auditor of this State.

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

Very respectfully.

JOHN NEEL,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 439, 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 24, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 281:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for traveling and other expenses of the Judges of the several Circuit Courts of the State of Florida.

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

Committee Amendment No. 1: Amend by striking out Sections 1, 2 and 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. That Section 1 of an act entitled an act to provide for the payment by the State of Florida of the

actual traveling expenses of the Judges of the Circuit Courts when holding sessions of court in their respective Circuits, approved June 6, 1905, be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

"Section 1. The actual traveling expenses of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State, incurred in traveling from their places of residence to the county sites of the counties in their respective circuits, when holding sessions of the court therein as prescribed by law, or when sitting at chambers, shall be paid by the State, but no such expenses for any one year shall exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars for any one Judge."

Committee amendment No. 2: Amend by making Section 4 Section 2, and Section 5 Section 3.

Committee amendment No. 3: Amend title by striking out all after, "A bill to be entitled an act," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "To amend Section 1 of an act entitled an act to provide for the payment by the State of Florida of all the actual traveling expenses of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State when holding sessions of court in their respective circuits, approved June 6, 1905, by increasing the limit of payment therein fixed, and by providing for the payment of such expenses when sitting at chambers."

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,  
Chairman.

And House Bill No. 281, with the committee amendment thereto, 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., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 203:

A bill to be entitled an act making three (3) cents per

mile the maximum rate for passenger traffic by common carriers in this State, and providing a penalty for any charge in excess of said rate.

Have had this bill under consideration, and beg to return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully.

JOHN W. HENDERSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 203, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 243:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 800 of the General Statutes, relative to moneys collected to pay interest upon County Bonds, or to provide a sinking fund therefor; the disposition of such money, and the investment of the residue therefor.

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. 243, 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., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2072 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to docks to be kept by the Justice of the Peace.

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. 211, 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., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 341:

A bill to be entitled an act to revive and continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants and to extend the time for the completion of its railroad commenced by the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company.

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. 341, 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., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 196:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3145 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to a claim for death caused by the negligence of another.

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. 196, 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., May 24, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 404:

A bill to be entitled an act to impose license taxes on railroad companies.

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. 404, 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,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to authorize the city of St. Augustine to levy an additional tax for two years for street improvements.

Also—

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palmetto in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and in full force and effect, and to permit the said town of Palmetto to issue bonds for the improvements of the streets of said town of Palmetto; to widen and extend the streets, to build and erect public works of the said town of Palmetto.

Also—

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.

Also—

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.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And the acts contained in the above report were re-

ferred to Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills for examination and approval.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

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

An act to authorize the city of St. Augustine to levy an additional tax for two years for street improvements.

Also—

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palmetto in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and in full force and effect and to permit the said town of Palmetto to issue bonds for the improvements of the streets of said town of Palmetto; to widen and extend the streets; to build and erect public works of the said town of Palmetto.

Also—

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.

Also—

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.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And the acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to convey to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief Clerk thereof.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

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

An act to authorize the city of St. Augustine to levy an additional tax for two years for street improvements.

Also—

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palmetto in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and in full force and effect and to permit the said town of Palmetto to issue bonds for the improvements of the streets; to build and erect public works of the said town of Palmetto.

Also—

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.

Also—

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 to report that same have been duly signed by the

Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are 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 Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

An act to fix the compensation of the State Auditor and the Assistant State Auditor of the State of Florida.

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.

#### BILLS ON TABLE SUBJECT TO CALL

##### Senate Bill No. 333:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for selling intoxicating liquors, wines, beer, ale and beverages in counties or precincts voting against such sale, and to provide a penalty for selling liquor without first paying the license required by law in counties voting for the sale of liquors; and defining what is an intoxicating liquor or beverage in such cases; and prescribing a form of book to be kept by druggists; and to prescribe rules of evidence in such cases; and to prescribe forms of indictments and information in such cases; and defining the duties of certain officers in such cases.

Was taken up and read a second time, together with the amendments of the Committee on Temperance.

The following committee amendment was read:  
Amendments to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amendment No. 1—

At the end of line 3, Section 1, add "buck."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Amendment No. 2:

Section 7, line 1, after the book form and after the words "State Attorney," add "Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 1, line 10, after the word "jail," insert "not less than three months and."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 1, line 11, after the word "fine," insert "not less than two hundred (\$200.00) and."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 1 by adding the following at the end of the Section:

"The cost and expenses of the prosecution and conviction in each case shall include the sum of fifty dollars, which shall be paid to the person furnishing the testimony upon which the conviction is secured, and when such expenses and costs, including the sum to be paid to the person furnishing the testimony aforesaid, cannot be collected from the person or persons who may be convicted under the provisions of this act, the same shall be paid by the county in which such conviction is had, as in other cases."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 3, line 1, after the word "bitters," add "cider."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 3, line 4, after the word "than" by striking out the word "one" and insert "two."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 5, line 22, page 4 of the printed bill after the word "signed" strike out the words "and sealed."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Add at the end of Section 5 the following: "Provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to regular licensed pharmacists."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend by striking out all of Section 8.

Amend Section 9, line 8 of the printed bill by adding after the word "decoction" the following: "By methods of analysis adopted by the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend Section 12 by adding at the end of the Section "and Section 3558 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida as amended by act of the Legislature of the State of Florida, approved May 11, 1907."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Humphries offered the following amendments to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amend the bill by making Section "9" of Section "8."

Amend the bill by making Section "10" Section "9."

Amend the bill by making Section "11" Section "10."

Amend the bill by making Section "12" Section "11."

Amend the bill by making Section "13" Section "12."

Amend the bill by making Section "14" Section "13."

Mr. Humphries moved the adoption of the amendments.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Buckman offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 333:

Amendment to Senate Bill No. 333: Strike out words "or by any names whatsoever," lines 4 and 5, Section 2, printed bill.

Mr. Buckman moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 333, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The hour for the special consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 394:

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

Together with the Committee on Finance and Taxation—

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to tax assessments and collection of revenue.

Were taken up.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate take up and now consider the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394 in lieu of the original bill.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394 be read the second time by sections for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394 was read the second time by sections.

Mr. Hudson in the chair.

Mr. Massey offered the following amendment to Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394:

Strike out the words in Section 46 "and they are given power," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "After having given not less than five days notice to the person or persons making the return of the time and place of hearing."

Mr. Massey moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Trammell offered the following amendment to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394, Section 46:

In line 16, after the word "appurtenances," add "and the franchises held by them."

Mr. Trammell moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394:

Add the following at the end of Section 22: The Assessor being liable and responsible for costs of advertising property wrongfully assessed and advertised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 394:

At the end of Section 54 add the following: The Tax Collector shall be responsible to the publisher for costs for advertising lands on which the taxes have been paid, and the Tax Assessor shall be responsible to the publisher for costs of advertising lands doubly assessed.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Buckman offered the following amendment to substitute for Senate Bill No. 394:

Insert in Section 22, after the word "of," line 6, printed bill, the word "perfecting."

Mr. Buckman moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved that committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 394, as amended, be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

And committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 394 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Crane moved that Senate Bill No. 421 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 421:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act relating to the drainage and reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands in Florida; to create a Board of Drainage Commissioners, prescribing its powers and duties, authorizing the establishment of drainage districts; establishing a drainage system; the building of canals, levees, dikes and reservoirs for the purpose of drainage, irrigation and commerce, and the assessment of lands to be drained and benefited; the collection of necessary funds by assessment of benefits and taxation; providing for the management and maintenance thereof, and for the exercise of the right of eminent domain and for the sale and uses of said lands for the purposes of drainage, reclamation and improvement aforesaid; the same being Chapter 5377, Laws of Florida, approved May 27, 1905.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Pending the discussion on the passage of the bill, Mr. Beard moved that the Senate adjourn until 3:30.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 3:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Johnson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim.

A quorum present.

Mr. Willis moved that the rules be waived, and that the

the application of the proceeds of any such bonds to the purpose for which the same may be issued, and the construction, enlargement, extension, improvement, establishment and management of any such plant," approved April 19, 1907.

Was taken up.

Mr. Henderson moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 372 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 372 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Henderson moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 372 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. 372 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, Buckman, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Girardeau moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

#### MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

*Hon W. Hunt Harris.*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in Senate amendment to—

House Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit contracts and agreements of cotton, grain, provisions and other commodities, stocks, bonds and other securities upon margin, commonly known as dealing in futures; and to provide punishment therefor; to define what shall constitute prima facie evidence of guilt; to compel persons participating in such transactions to testify concerning their connections therewith; to provide that evidence given by any such witness shall not be used against him in any criminal proceeding; and to exempt from the operations of this act purchases and sales of commodities by manufacturers or merchants in the ordinary course of business, and to provide that regular commercial exchanges and other bona fide trade organizations may post market prices, and for other purposes.

Which amendment reads as follows:

Make word "January" read "June." Add Section 12: "That the provisions of this act shall not take effect until January 1st, 1908."

Very respectfully.

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Buckman moved that the Senate do refuse to recede from its amendments to House Bill No. 93, and that the Senate request that the House of Representatives appoint a committee of conference to consider same.

Which was agreed to.

And the chair appointed on said committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Buckman, Girardeau and Clarke.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 353:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the Florida State Reform School at Marianna, and appropriating money therefor.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 353, 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 23, 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. 429:

A bill to be entitled an act amending the title of 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.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 440:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1807 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the time of holding the Circuit Court in the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 402:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. W. H.

McClelland of Drifton, Florida, for loss of horses ordered killed by Charles F. Dawson, veterinarian of the University of Florida.

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

And Senate Bill No. 429, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 440, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 402, 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 23, 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. 437:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish a municipal government for the town of Tyler, in Alachua County, Florida, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 378:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the State Board of Education to deed to the city of Lake City, Florida, for educational purposes, the lands held for and used by the University of Florida, formerly located at Lake City and making an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars to pay to the city of Lake City the amount claimed by the said city under the provisions of Chapter 5384, Laws of Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 431:

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 city government for the same, and provide its jurisprudence and powers," approved May 24, 1893.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 437, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 378, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 431, 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 23, 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. 563:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower the town of Bellview, a municipal corporation in the County of Marion, to adopt and pass ordinances providing for the impounding of hogs running at large upon the streets of said town.

Also—

House Bill No. 561:

A bill to be entitled an act to restore Earl E. Hogue

of Tarpon Springs, Hillsborough County, Florida, to the rights of citizenship.

Also—

House Memorial No. 15:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for an appropriation for the deepening and improvement of the bar at New Smyrna Inlet, and the deepening of the waters of the North Indian and Halifax Rivers.

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. 563, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

And House Bill No. 561, 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. 561 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 561 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crane moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 561 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. 561 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, Broome, Canova, Clarke, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Leggett, McCreary, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And House Memorial No. 15, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 438:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James W. Perkins, Prosecuting Attorney of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Volusia County, Florida, for loss of salary and fees during his suspension from said office.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 438, 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 23, 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. 177:

A bill to be entitled an act to validate and confirm all letters patent heretofore issued by the Governor and Secretary of State purporting to create corporations for

the purpose or with the power of carrying on two or more separate and distinct businesses.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 177, 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 24, 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. 477:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1195 and 1203 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disposition of destitute lunatics.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Girardeau moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 477 be placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading without being referred to a committee.

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 23, 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. 480:

A bill to be entitled an act to require certain county officers to make reports to the State Auditor of this State.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

Mr. West of the First moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 480 be placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading without being referred to a committee.

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 23, 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 concurred in the Senate amendments to—

House Bill No. 295:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a road and bridge fund for Gadsden County, Florida; to provide for the assessment and collection of the same, and to prescribe the manner and methods of building, erecting and maintaining public roads and bridges in said county.

Has concurred in the following Senate amendments thereto:

In line 1 of Section 10, after the word "person," insert "except those living in incorporated towns and cities."

Add to Section 5 the following: "Provided, the Commissioners shall have the right to accept or reject all bids."

Strike out all of Section 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "This law shall become effective and operative only after having been submitted and approved by a majority vote of those voting at an election to be called by the County Commissioners of Gadsden County; said election to be conducted as now provided by law for holding general elections.

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 159:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the census enumerators of the several counties of the State of Florida appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Secretary of State, who took the census for the year 1905, according to the provisions of Chapter 5469 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 5th, 1905, and making appropriations therefor.

With the following amendments to wit:

Strike out the words "three cents" wherever they occur in the said bill, and insert in lieu thereof "two cents."

Strike out "twenty thousand" wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert "thirteen thousand three hundred and thirty-four."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And Senate Bill No. 159, contained in the above message, together with amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Massey moved that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 159.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 159, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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 refused to recede from its amendment to—

Senate Bill No. 282:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. A. McRae, H. H. Lewis, Minnie E. Kehoe, John D. Watson, C. G. Hartsfield, A. M. Lewis, Annanias Long, Joe Cowan, M. A. Parrish, J. H. King, John H. Parker, C. J. Butler, S. M. Dunwoody, Dave Tyson, A. L. Gramling, M. R. May, Lum Whiddon, R. Wardlaw, E. F. Davis, W. B. Pickett, J. C. VanPelt, J. L. Alexander, Charley Hopkins, H. E. Hickman, C. G. Allen, W. G. Love, W. R. Herriott, H. E. Wilson, Ed. Wohlwender, W. Cecil Neill, and making appropriation therefor, and providing for manner of payment of same.

Which amendment reads as follows:

Add at the end of Section 1: "Provided, That Jackson County shall reimburse the State of Florida for the entire sum named herein from the first money received by the State from the hire of State convicts sentenced from Jackson County."

The House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference committee and the Speaker has appointed as

such committee Messrs. Williams, Willis of Levy, Kirkland and MacWilliams.

Very respectfully,

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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 refused to recede from its amendment to

Senate Bill No. 281:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. A. Moore, H. H. Lewis, Minnie E. Kehoe, W. H. Taylor, Calvin Baker, Frank L. Mayes, Percy Hayes, Emmanuel Spires, John Capehart, John Ruge and Ellis Davis, and making appropriation therefor, and providing for manner of payment of same.

Which amendment reads as follows:

"Provided, That Jackson County shall reimburse the State of Florida for the entire sum named herein, from the first money received by the State from the hire of State convicts sentenced from Jackson County."

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference committee, and has appointed as such committee Messrs. Williams, Willis of Levy, Kirkland and MacWilliams.

Very respectfully,

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

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

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the creation of Palm Beach County, in the State of Florida, and for the organization and government thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

### ENROLLED,

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to authorize the City of St. Augustine to levy an additional tax for two years for street improvements.

Also—

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palmetto, in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and in full force and effect, and to permit the said town of Palmetto to issue bonds for the improvements of the streets of said town of Palmetto; to widen and extend the streets; to build and erect public works of the said town of Palmetto.

Also—

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.

Also—

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.

Also—

An act to fix the compensation of the State Auditor and the Assistant State Auditor of the State of Florida.

The acts were therupon 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. Buckman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1907.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 343:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties and the Town or City Councils of the State of Florida to adopt plats of land for assessment purposes, under certain circumstances; to authorize Assessors to assess lands according to such plats and to declare such assessments to be binding upon the owner.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 411:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix a docket fee to be charged by the several County Judges in the State of Florida in all civil cases instituted in said courts.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 419:

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt from suit or prosecution all persons, firms or corporations who have cut or boxed and turpented any timber on lands formerly owned by the State of Florida or the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, where such persons, firms or member thereof or corporations have afterward purchased and held deeds to the lands from the State of Florida or the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida for the lands upon which such timber was located.

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

Respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN.

Chairman.

And Senate Bills Nos. 343, 411 and 419, contained in above report, were placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. J. B. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate,*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 432:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the number and election of committeemen of executive or standing committees of political parties holding elections under the laws of this State; to define their powers in relation to the use of proxies and hearing contests before them.

Have had the same under consideration and report without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

J. B. JOHNSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 432, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

We, your committee appointed to visit and investigate the State Hospital for Indigent Insane, beg leave to report that we have visited the said institution, and investigated the same as carefully as circumstances would permit.

We find recent improvements of a substantial and satisfactory character, notably the new building provided for negro males, which is built on the most modern and approved plan, and the building for white males now in process of renovation. By the erection of a sawmill the management were enabled to utilize the timber on the asylum land, and thus secured lumber of the highest

quality at reduced cost. We are informed that the saving during the last two years has more than paid for the mill. The ice plant is proving an excellent investment. We consider that these improvements show a wise and practical use of the appropriation of forty thousand dollars for improvements by the last Legislature.

We urge a complete renovation of the older buildings, and in the introduction of modern appliances and improvements, along the same lines pursued in the improvements now in progress. A small expenditure for screens and electric fans would add much to the comfort and health of the institution. The expenditure of a reasonable amount for flowers, grass and fruit trees is earnestly recommended. Bare brick walls are enough to drive one insane if he is not so already, and every effort to beautify is so far a restorative.

There is also urgent need for two new buildings:

First. A general mess hall, to be divided into as many compartments as necessary, and a kitchen attached. This plan would avoid the present inconveniences, and to some extent unsanitary and wasteful methods of conveying food from the kitchen to the table on push carts.

Second. A general assembly hall and chapel, not connected with the other buildings. This would add to the comfort of the patients, who are now subjected to disturbance by every gathering in the assembly hall, and would materially aid the management in the solution of the serious problem of providing such conveniences and diversions for the attendants and other help as are best calculated to secure contentment, thus avoiding a condition, now prevailing, which renders frequent changes unavoidable,

We recommend the appropriation of an amount sufficient to allow the improvements above suggested, and such other improvements as may be necessary to fully equip the institution on modern lines, and we suggest that fifty thousand dollars will be necessary for these purposes.

Besides the difficulties incident to the imperfect equipment above mentioned it is a problem to procure and retain efficient attendants. The work is not alluring, and those who are thoroughly capable and efficient can usually procure better wages in other employment. The result

of these conditions is more apparent than elsewhere in the wards for white males.

An annual appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for that purpose to be used for the maintenance of seven hundred and fifty patients and over is a per capita allowance of \$133 (in round numbers) per patient per year. Out of that amount must be paid all salaries and wages and cost of clothing and food. As the result the amount available for supplying food is limited, and we would suggest that the appropriation for maintenance should be sufficient to insure some improvement in the food supply. The quantity furnished is apparently ample, but we are led to believe that the management are unable to supply food of the quality and in such variety as ought to be available in such an institution. In other respects additional funds for maintenance could be used to most excellent advantage. To adequately meet the requirements of this institution there should be an annual appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for maintenance alone.

To summarize, we wish to express our approbation of the liberal appropriation made by the last Legislature for improvements, and of the judicious manner in which the appropriation has been expended; but we desire in no uncertain terms to call attention to the fact that there is a crying need for further improvements, which the State cannot afford to ignore, and that the dictates of common humanity demand of us the utmost liberality to the helpless inmates of this institution.

We conclude that the present management of the institution are doing their utmost to give a just, honest and humane administration of its affairs. Such apparent shortcomings as we observed are traceable directly to lack of funds and lack of facilities, for which they are in no wise responsible. Some complaints were laid before us by inmates, and were in each case investigated by us as fully as possible. While none of these complaints appeared well founded, we were impressed with the obvious fact that the patient is in a large measure at the mercy of the attendant, and is liable to suffer at his hands if the attendant is cruel or even inexperienced. The attendant is not infrequently placed in difficult and perplexing situations, and only the knowledge which comes from experience is sufficient to enable him to avoid force and rig-

orous discipline. There is also the danger that contact with the insane may blunt our sensibilities as to their rights and needs. Therefore the utmost care should be exercised to secure attendants of high character, and to provide for close and complete supervision. We suggest the advisability of providing for the training of attendants in connection with the institution, in order that it may not be necessary to fill vacancies with persons inexperienced in such work.

We visited the patients in their wards, at meals, in the yard, and some of them in bed, finding conditions as satisfactory as could be expected, except as hereinbefore set out. The attendants seem to have the confidence and affection of the greater number of patients, and to be able to control them readily.

We suggest the following changes should be made in relation to the laws governing the institution and its affairs:

First. There should be provisions for the complete segregation and treatment of epileptics.

Second. Special provision should be made for the segregation, treatment and training of the feeble-minded and those suffering from congenital defects.

Third. The State should, at the earliest possible moment, make provision for the adequate and effective treatment of nervous and mental disorders. The medical staff of the hospital are rendering faithful services; but neither is the number of the staff nor the equipment of the institution sufficient to secure the best results on these lines.

Fourth. Unless provision is to be made for the segregation and treatment of the feeble-minded, certain patients in this class, who are now in the institution under commitment papers in due form, should be excluded. They are apparently there to relieve their families of the burden of caring for them.

Another class, whose presence there is of doubtful propriety, consists of "plain drunks," who are sent to be sobered up and take the "gold cure," which is administered in the institution.

These irregularities could probably be remedied in the main by greater strictness in the rules of commitment. At present the procedure in commitment cases is largely a perfunctory matter. Possibly it would be wise to re-

quire that in inquiry as to a person's sanity such person should be represented by counsel.

Fifth. The law should be changed to require attendants from the hospital, instead of Sheriffs, to accompany each patient the entire distance from home to the institution, and the costs (actual expenses) to be paid by the county. This plan would save money for the county, and prove advantageous to the patients. It is not seemly that a female patient in particular should be sent on this long and hopeless journey without the attention of a woman.

Sixth. We earnestly recommend that the control of this institution be given to a State Board of Charities, to be composed of citizens of Florida in no way connected with the Administrative Department of the State Government. This board should be required to meet at the hospital at least once each quarter.

Seventh. A permanent committee of visitation, to be designated by the Legislature, is also advised.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HUDSON,

C. L. LEGGETT,

On the part of the Senate.

J. H. WILLIS, M. D.,

W. H. McCLELLAN,

D. F. MORRISON,

On the part of the House.

Mr. Girardeau moved that the report be received, spread upon the Journal, and that 500 copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

And so ordered.

Mr. Canova moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Which was not agreed to.

#### SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate Bill No. 404:

A bill to be entitled an act to impose license taxes on railroad companies.

The time set for its special consideration having arrived.

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 404 the vote was:

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

Nays—Mr. President, Senator Buckman—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams gave notice that to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 404 passed.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

An act to authorize the city of St. Augustine to levy an additional tax for two years for street improvements.

Also—

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palmetto, in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and in full force and effect, and to permit the said town of Palmetto to issue bonds for the improvement of the the streets of said town of Palmetto; to widen and extend the streets; to build and erect public works of the said town of Palmetto.

Also—

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 26, 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.

Also—

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

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

An act to fix the compensation of the State Auditor and the Assistant State Auditor of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Clarke moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, May 25, 1907, at 9:30 o'clock a. m.