

By unanimous consent—

By Mr. Jones—

Senate Bill No. 414:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the assignment of mortgages.

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

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, May 6, 1915.

### Thursday, May 6, 1915.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blich, Brown, Calkins, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of the Senate of May 4 was corrected.

The Journal of the Senate of May 4, as corrected, was approved.

The Journal of the Senate of May 5 was corrected.

The Journal of the Senate of May 5, as corrected, was approved.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1915.

*Hon. Chas. E. Davis,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

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

An Act validating and confirming two contracts, dated

December 28th, 1914, between the County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, and the Virginia Bridge & Iron Company, for the construction of bridges over and across Escambia and Blackwater Rivers; to declare same valid and binding obligations upon Santa Rosa County; and to authorize the construction of said bridges, the issuance of time warrants in payment therefor, and the payment of interest upon said warrants, all as provided in said contracts.

Also—

An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Institutions for Higher Education created and required to be maintained by Chapter 5384, of the Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1905, now known as the University of Florida, the Florida State College for Women, The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes; and for the support and maintenance of Summer Schools created by Chapter 6498, Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1913.

Also—

An Act to amend Section Thirty-seven of Chapter 5080, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of the Town of Arcadia, in the County of DeSoto, and State of Florida, and to establish, Organize and constitute a Municipality to be known and designated as the City of Arcadia, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges," approved May 29, 1901.

Beg leave to report that the same has 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,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1915.

*Hon. Chas. E. Davis,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

An Act annexing certain territory heretofore a part of Jackson County to Washington County, and annexing certain territory heretofore a part of Washington County to Holmes County and defining the boundaries thereof, and providing for the assumption by Washington County of its pro rata share of Washington County's liabilities; and for an election in Jackson County to determine whether the territory proposed to be annexed to Washington County shall be so annexed; and for other purposes incidental to the carrying out of said annexation.

Also—

An Act providing a pension for the members of the Fire Department of the City of Jacksonville, who shall become permanently incapacitated to perform their duties in said department, or who have served for a number of years, and for other relief, and certain persons dependent upon them for support, and providing a fund for said purposes.

Also—

An Act to legalize and validate a call for an election and an election held in pursuance of such call, in Special Tax School District No. 5, Baker, Santa Rosa County, Florida, on the 30th day of May, A. D., 1914, for the purpose of determining whether or not said Special Tax School District should issue certain bonds, and to legalize and validate the bonds issued, or to be issued in pursuance of said election.

Also—

An Act to legalize and validate a call for an election, and an election held in pursuance of such call within Special Tax School District No. 1, Milton, in Santa Rosa County, Florida, on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1915, for the purpose of determining whether or not said Special Tax School District No. 1, Milton, in said county, should

issue certain bonds, and to legalize and validate the bonds issued in pursuance of said election.

Also—

An Act to legalize and validate the proceedings of the Town of Fort Meade, Florida, in relation to the issuing and sale of the bonds of said town to the amount of Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of constructing or purchasing an electric lighting plant, improving and extending the present system of water works and sewerage and paving the streets, and providing for the payment thereof, and to authorize the making of said improvements.

Beg leave to report that the 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,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1915.

*Hon. Chas. E. Davis,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

An Act to amend Sections 15, 16 and 47 of Chapter 6344, Laws of Florida, approved May 29, 1911, entitled An Act to incorporate the town of Fort Meade, in Polk County, Florida, and to provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Manatee, being Chapter 6722, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, by amending Sections 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38, and adding two additional sections to said charter, to be known as Sections 38 (a) and 51 (a).

Also—

An Act to validate and confirm an election held on the 8th of June, 1901, for the purpose of creating a Special Tax School District in all of that territory in Marion County, Florida, bounded as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 11, Township 13, South, Range 22 East, running North to the North boundary of Marion County, thence West to Range Line dividing Ranges 21 and 22, thence South to Southwest Corner of Section 7, Township 13, South, Range 22 East, thence East to point of beginning.

Also—

An Act to incorporate the City of Panama City, in Bay County, Florida, and to provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers and to abolish the present corporation of the Town of Panama City.

Beg leave to report that the 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,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 3, 1915.

Hon. Chas. E. Davis,  
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 218:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1292 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6493, Laws of Florida, relating to the ap-

pointment and qualification of Pilot Commissioners in the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and find same properly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,  
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 218, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

#### SENATE RESOLUTIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF THE SAME.

Mr. Blicht offered the following Resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 22:

Whereas, Hon. T. R. Hodges, State Shell Fish Commissioner, has tendered the members of the Florida Legislature an invitation to be present at the presentation of motion pictures, on Tuesday evening, May 11th, of the Shell Fish Industry of the State, together with pictures of manufacture of Naval Stores, Sponging on Coast of Florida, Palmetto Brush Manufacture and Pound Net Fishing; therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Senate, That no night session be held Tuesday, May 11th, and that the members attend the presentation of these important industries of the State.

Mr. Blicht moved to adopt the Resolution.  
Which was agreed to.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Adkins—  
Senate Bill No. 415:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 570 and 573 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida relative to the sale of land for taxes and the issuing of certificates therefor.

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

By Mr. Zim—  
Senate Bill No. 416:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the protection of deer in St. Johns County, State of Florida, and prescribing what months shall constitute an open season for hunting deer in said county.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Zim moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 416 be placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the second reading without reference.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the second reading without reference.

#### CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13:

Be It Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Attorney General is hereby directed, in the preparation of the Acts of this session of the Legislature, to insert in the margin of each page the chapter number of the Act or Acts, or portions of Acts printed on such page.

Which was laid over under the rule on yesterday was taken up.

The question was put and House Concurrent Resolution No. 13 was adopted.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 5, 1915.

*Hon. Chas. E. Davis,*  
*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

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

House Bill No. 481:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, to employ an attorney-at-law to prosecute those charged with crime before the county judge's court of said county.

Also—

House Bill No. 145:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the practice of Pharmacy in the State of Florida, affixing penalties for the violation of its provisions and providing for the prosecution thereof, and to repeal Chapter 5964 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled An Act to amend Sections 1173, 1174 and 1176 of the General Statutes of Florida, relating to the practice of pharmacy in Florida, and to repeal Sections 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1179, 2009, 3612, 3613, 3614, 3615, 3616 and 3617 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the practice of Pharmacy in the State of Florida, creating offenses and providing penalties for violation.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. K. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 481, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McGeachy moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 481 be placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading Without reference.

And House Bill No. 145, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wells moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 145 be placed on the Calendar of Bills on the second reading without reference.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Bill was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the second reading without reference.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion of Mr. Farris to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed Senate Bill No. 289 was taken up and was informally passed over and made a continuing order.

Mr. Johnson, by unanimous consent, withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Cooper to Senate Bill No. 213 was not agreed to.

By Mr. Himes—  
Senate Bill No. 303:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 11 and 15 of Chapter 6542, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, "An Act entitled An Act to authorize Special Tax School Districts to issue bonds for the exclusive use of public free schools within such Special Tax Districts whenever a majority of the qualified electors thereof, who are freeholders, shall vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds; to provide for the sale of such bonds, for the levy, assessment and collection of a tax to pay the interest on, and for the redemption of said bonds, and for the disbursement of the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds, and the validation of such bonds."

Was taken up in its order.

The following pending amendment offered by Mr. Himes was also read:

Amend Senate Bill No. 303 in Section 1 by substituting for Paragraph First of Section 11 the following:

First. The Board of Public Instruction shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, the proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, together with the interest in sinking fund collected for said bonds in any bank or banks of the district issuing bonds that will agree to pay said board two (2%) per cent on daily balances of all funds so deposited, and four (4%) per cent on all said funds deposited in the savings fund for a period of three months or longer, and give the said board a surety bond for protection of said deposits, provided that the board shall divide the deposits herein mentioned equitably among the banks of the district that will meet the above conditions, or, in case no bank in the district will so qualify, then the board shall deposit the money in the banks of the county that will qualify as above provided, or, in case no bank in the county will qualify, then the board will deposit same in any bank in the State that will so qualify; and any bank or banks before receiving any moneys as herein provided shall file a written offer with the said board guaranteeing to pay two (2%) per cent on daily balances and four (4%) per cent on time balances, and shall make surety bond in some fidelity company duly authorized to do business in this State, which surety bond shall be approved by the Comptroller of the State and shall be for not less than one hundred (100%) per cent of deposits at any time. Said bond shall be to the Governor of the State of Florida, and shall insure that the said bank shall faithfully discharge duties imposed upon it on account of its acting as depository, and shall further insure the safe-keeping, accounting for and paying over upon demand by the proper authorities all money that may come into its hands by virtue of its acting as depository, and each bank acting as depository as herein provided shall make a monthly statement to the Board of Public Instruction, showing amount of money on hand to the credit of each fund at the beginning of month, the amount received for each fund, the amount expended from each fund, the amount earned on daily balances and time deposits in accordance with the terms of contract; which amounts so earned shall be credited by the Board of Public Instruction to the interest and sinking fund of the district on whose deposit the said interest was earned; provided, that the money in time deposits accounts shall not be subject to check until transferred to daily balance account; and provided, further, that the Board shall have

power at all times to transfer money from either account to the other.

Mr. Himes offered the following substitute for the foregoing amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 303, in Section 1, by substituting for the amendment heretofore offered, the following:

In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 303, substitute for paragraph first of Section 11, the following:

First. The Board of Public Instruction shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, the proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, together with the interest in sinking fund collected for said bonds in any bank or banks of the district issuing bonds that will agree to pay said board two (2%) per cent on daily balances of all funds so deposited, and four (4%) per cent on all said funds deposited for a period of three months or longer, and give the said board a surety bond, as hereinafter prescribed, for protection of said deposits, provided that the board shall divide the deposits herein mentioned equitably among the banks of the district that will meet the above conditions, or in case no bank in the district will so qualify, then the board shall deposit the money in the banks of the county that will qualify as above provided, or, in case no bank in the county will qualify, then the board will deposit same in any bank in the State that will so qualify; and any bank or banks before receiving any moneys as herein provided shall file a written offer with the said board guaranteeing to pay two (2%) per cent on daily balances and four (4%) per cent on time balances, and shall make surety bond in some fidelity company duly authorized to do business in this State, to be approved and in an amount to be fixed by the Comptroller of the State. Said bond shall be to the Governor of the State of Florida, and shall insure that the said bank shall faithfully discharge duties imposed upon it on account of its acting as depository, and shall further insure the safe-keeping, accounting for and paying over by said bank upon demand all money that may come into its hands by virtue of its acting as depository, and each bank acting as depository as herein provided shall make a monthly statement to the Board of Public Instruction, showing amount of money on hand to the credit of each fund at the be-

ginning of month, the amount received for each fund, the amount expended from each fund, the amount earned on daily balances and time deposits in accordance with the terms of contract; which amounts so earned shall be credited by the Board of Public Instruction to the interest and sinking fund of the district on whose deposit the said interest was earned; provided, that the money in time deposits account shall not be subject to check until transferred to daily balance account; and provided, further, that the Board shall have power at all times to transfer money from either account to the other.

Mr. Himes moved to adopt the substitute for the amendment.

Which was agreed to, and the substitute for the amendment was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 303 as amended was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

#### BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE THIRD READING.

Mr. Farris moved to waive the rules and to take up out of its order Senate Bill No. 249 on the third reading on the Local Calendar.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 249:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the pensioning and relief of members of the police department of the City of Jacksonville, and certain persons dependent on them for support, and providing a fund for said purposes, and repealing Chapter 5500 and Section 12 of Chapter 6357, of the Laws of Florida.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 249 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones,

Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately.

Senate Bill Nos. 163 and 278 were taken up and were informally passed over.

Senate Bill No. 319:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to cases where the law has not been complied with in establishing public ditches, drains or canals, in the several counties of the State, and to provide that lands specially benefited by the establishment of such public ditches, drains or canals may be reassessed at any time within three years from the completion of work, in case a former assessment shall be discovered to be, or be declared to be, void, and to provide the course of proceedings in such cases, and the effect of such reassessments.

Was taken up in its order and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 319, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blich, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—26.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 245:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 6422, being An Act entitled "An Act to define domestic and foreign investment companies; to provide for the regulation and supervision of same; to provide conditions and terms under which corporations, foreign and domestic,

can sell to persons in Florida stock and other securities; to place such investment companies under the jurisdiction of the Comptroller and Attorney General, and to prescribe for the Comptroller and Attorney General certain duties and powers; to provide for the service of process thereon; to provide for the registration of agents selling securities of such investment companies, and to provide penalties for the violations of the terms of this Act, and for other purposes."

Was taken up in its order and read the third time in full.

Mr. Wells moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 245 be temporarily passed over.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 148 was taken up and was informally passed over.

Senate Bill No. 120:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 3394, General Statutes of this State, relative to stock killed or injured at phosphate plants.

Was taken up in its order.

And was informally passed over and to retain its position on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 196:

A Bill to be entitled An Act ratifying, validating and confirming the creation and organization of certain Drainage Districts in the State of Florida, created and organized under the provisions of Chapter 16, Title 9, First Division of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, and being Sections 950 to 960, inclusive, of the General Statutes, and the amendments thereto contained in Chapter 6457, Laws of Florida, Acts of the Legislature for the year 1913, and validating and confirming the assessments made and bonds issued by said Drainage Districts and declaring said assessments and bonds to be valid and binding liens upon the real estate in said Drainage Districts.

Was taken up in its order and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 196, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blich, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Terrell, Watson, Zim—24.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Gornto moved to waive the rules and to place back on its Second Reading Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 245.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The Bill was placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Johnson moved that Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 245 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Which was agreed to.

And the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 245 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 148:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the creation and establishment of a Florida State Board of Architecture, granting certain powers to, and prescribing the duties of said board; providing for the examination and registration of architects, regulating the practice of architecture in the State of Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Was called for and, by consent, was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 148 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Himes, Hudson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McGeachy, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Zim—19.

Nays—Senators Adkins, Brown, Greene, Igou, McEachern, Middleton, Stringer, Willis—8.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bills Nos. 196 and 115 were taken up and were informally passed over.

Senate Bill No. 295:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the punishment of derogatory statements affecting banking institutions. Was taken up in its order and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 295 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

By consent, Mr. Fogarty called up—  
Senate Bill No. 115:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to establish a State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the regulation and control of the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in the State of Florida and to provide penalties for the violation of this Act.

Which was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 115, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—19.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Drane, Igou, McGeachy—8.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 186 was called up and was informally passed over.

By consent, Mr. Farris called up Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 229.

Senate Bill No. 229:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the appointment of Commission to study the needs of the State of Florida for a Mothers' Pension law, money appropriations of the same and other purposes pertaining thereto.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 229 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Adkins, Brown, Calkins, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Jones, McClellan, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Wells, Zim—19.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Cooper, Johnson, Lindsey, McEachern, McGeachy, Watson, Willis—8.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 156:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating a Bureau of Vital Statistics and providing for the registration of births and deaths; granting of burial and removal permits; providing for certificates and statements of fact connected therewith and conditions relating thereto, and imposing certain duties upon physicians, undertakers, midwives, sextons, retail casket dealers, superintendents, managers or persons in charge of hospitals, almshouses, lying-in or other institutions, public or private, in connection with such registration, and the granting of such burial and removal permits; providing for reports by the classes of persons mentioned and other persons charged with like duties; providing for the preparation, printing and supplying to all Registrars blanks and forms to be used in connection with the registration and granting of permits provided for in this Act; appointing a State Registrar, with local Registrars and Deputies, and fixing their powers, duties and compensation; providing that certified

copies of the records required by this act of births or deaths shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts stated therein; prescribing penalties for the refusal or neglect of any person to perform any of the duties required by this Act, and designating the officers by whom prosecutions for such violations shall be made; and providing that the State Board of Health shall have power to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations relating to the notification of sickness and the statistics of marriages and divorces.

Was taken up in its order and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 156 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Adkins, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—28.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Watson, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 5, 1915.

Hon. Chas. E. Davis,  
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 116:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled "An Act to define and prohibit usury and usurious contracts in this State, and to require that mortgages shall state separately and distinctly the principal, interest and fees secured by such mortgages, and to require creditors

to give the debtors receipts for money paid, and prescribing penalties for violation of this Act."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 103:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to require the Boards of County Commissioners and the Boards of Public Instruction of the several counties of Florida to record vote in certain cases.

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

Very respectfully,

Y. L. WATSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bills Nos. 116 and 103, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

By permission—

Mr. Watson, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1915.

Hon. Chas. E. Davis,  
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 373:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of M. M. Owens and the estate of H. E. Hickman, deceased.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 388:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prescribe the county officers shall be paid salaries, and providing how all fees received shall be disposed of.

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

Very respectfully,

Y. L. WATSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bills Nos. 373 and 388, contained in the above report, were placed on the table under the rules.

By permission—

Mr. Watson, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1915.

Hon. Chas. E. Davis,  
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 305:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making it unlawful for any person to forcibly, clandestinely or in the absence of a purchaser under contract of sale of personal property to take and carry away said personal property.

With the following amendment:

Strike out all of Section 1, beginning with the word "that" and insert thereof the following: "That whenever any personal property has been delivered to any person or persons under a contract of sale in which the title thereto shall remain in the seller, it shall be unlawful for such seller, his agent, employee or employees or any person acting on behalf of said seller to forcibly or clandestinely take possession of such personal property without the written consent of such purchaser, or, in his absence, the written consent of such purchaser's wife or the written consent of such purchaser's duly authorized agent."

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

Very respectfully,

Y. L. WATSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 305, contained in the above report, with the Committee Amendment, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

By permission—

Mr. Watson, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1915.

*Hon. Chas. E. Davis,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 396.

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing the terms and conditions upon which private carriers and other persons, firms or corporations operating steam locomotives, tram roads or private railroads, for private use, may cross tracks or lines of railroads in this State, with tram or private railroad tracks, and extending to such private carriers the right of eminent domain.

With the following amendment thereto:

In Section 4, at the end of line 3, strike out the words "within fifty" and insert in lieu thereof "at a point not less than fifty."

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

Very respectfully,

Y. L. WATSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 396, contained in the above report, with committee amendment, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 3, 1915.

*Hon. Chas. E. Davis,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 180:

A Bill to be entitled An Act establishing a State Library, providing for a State Librarian and a Board of Trustees for the State Library; prescribing the duties, powers and responsibilities of said Librarian and Board of Trustees, and providing an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 160:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3145, General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to claims for death caused by negligence.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 351:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to exempt Confederate Veterans of the Civil War from the payment of a license to hunt game or to fish.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 154:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to require railroad companies to allow dredges in the work of constructing canals in the Everglades free passage through railroad right-of-way and to maintain draw bridges across certain canals.

Have had the same under consideration and find same properly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,  
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bills Nos. 180, 160, 351 and 154, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate do now adjourn to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., Friday, May 7, 1915.

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