

mittee of the Whole, and allow an advocate of the measure to address the body.

The request was granted and the order made.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 522:

Strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Himes moved that the Senate do now adjourn to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., Friday, May 28, 1915.

Friday, May 28, 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, Blitch, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Willis, Zim—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of the Senate of May 27 was corrected.

The Journal of the Senate of May 27, as corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 352.)

An Act to supplement and amend Chapter 6746, Laws of Florida, known as the Commission Government Charter of the City of Pensacola, relative to political primary elections; to the tenures of municipal offices and employment; the issuance of certificates of indebtedness and negotiable notes; the issuance and payment of special improvement bonds and the establishment of a Free Employment and Publicity Bureau.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 530.)

An Act authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Osceola County to employ a County Agriculture Demonstration Agent, and providing for his compensation.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 556.)

An Act to authorize and empower the city of Palatka, a municipal corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, to purchase the physical property, real, personal and mixed, rights and privileges of Palatka Water Works, a corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, and to provide for the issuance of bonds in payment therefor, and to provide the manner in which such authority and power shall be exercised.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 504.)

An Act to abolish the present municipal corporation of the town of Hilliard, Nassau County, Florida, incorporated May 26, 1911; to provide for the protection of all creditors of the said town of Hilliard, Nassau County, Florida, and to provide that such Act shall take effect upon its ratification by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes within the limits of said town of Hilliard.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 456.)

An Act to validate and legalize the establishment and creation of the Punta Gorda Special Drainage District in DeSoto County, and to validate and legalize the assessment of the lands therein embraced and all future assessments to be made against said lands for drainage purposes, and to validate and legalize all taxes heretofore col-

lected under and in pursuance of said assessments, and to provide a manner of obtaining release from the levy for such drainage purposes, and to validate and legalize the Punta Gorda Special Drainage District bonds heretofore issued and sold by the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 527.)

An Act authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Nassau County to employ a County Agriculture Demonstration Agent, and providing for his compensation.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 526.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, to pay out of the Road and Bridge fund of said county certain amounts to members of the Board of County Commissioners of said county serving as such during the year 1914.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 523.)

An Act to provide for the size of bar and mesh and length of seines, fished or used in the salt waters of Franklin County, Florida, and to provide penalties for the violation of same.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 500.)

An Act to empower the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to make changes in roads and manner of improving same in the Punta Gorda Special Road and Bridge District.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 509.)

An Act to prohibit the carrying of intoxicating liquors to churches, school houses, picnics, or other public gatherings or the drinking of the same within one-quarter of a mile of such places in Bradford County, Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 577.)

An Act extending the powers of the Town of Pablo Beach, Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 469.)

An Act to amend Sections 10, 13, 18, 49, 53, 61, 75, 76

and 78 of Chapter 5844, of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Quincy, in the County of Gadsden, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Quincy, and to define its territorial boundaries, to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges."

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 459.)

An Act relating to the creation, organization and maintenance of Reclamation Districts for the purpose of reclaiming and protecting marsh, wet or overflowed lands, or lands subject to overflow by the tides, from the effects of water, in the County of Hillsborough, not within the corporate limits of any City or Town, for sanitary or agricultural purposes, or when the same may be conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, or of public utility or benefit, by the erection of sea walls, levees, and filling in, or otherwise; to define the privileges, powers, duties and liabilities of such Reclamation Districts, the officers and agents thereof; to provide for the assessment of the benefits accruing from said work upon the property in said Reclamation Districts, and giving to said Reclamation Districts full power to acquire such lands and property as may be necessary and proper for its purposes, and to vest the title to the lands filled in in the owners of the lands in said Reclamation Districts.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,

Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO

Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives, for the signatures of the Speaker and the Chief Clerk thereof.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

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

(House Bill No. 643.)

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 6985, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1909, being An Act entitled "An Act to provide the method and manner of building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Gadsden County, Florida; to provide a Road and Bridge Fund for said County, and for the assessment and collection of same."

Also—

(House Bill No. 864.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, to levy and collect a Special Tax of Twelve Mills on the Dollar on all property in said County for each year, for the years of 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and Six Mills on the Dollar on all property in said County for each year thereafter, for Road and Bridge Fund and for the assessment and collection of same, and to submit to the qualified voters of said County the question of said levy by election.

Also—

(House Bill No. 865.)

An Act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 5985 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to provide a method and manner of building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Gadsden County, Florida; to provide a road and bridge fund for said County, and for the assessment and collection of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 644.)

An Act extending and enlarging the powers of the Town of Orange City, a municipal corporation organized and existing in Volusia County, Florida, and providing for the exercise of such powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 809.)

An Act to organize a County Court in and for Liberty County, Florida; to prescribe the terms thereof; to provide for the appointment of a Prosecuting Attorney for said court; fixing the salary and fees of the Prosecuting Attorney and Judge of said court; and providing for

the transfer of cases from the Circuit Court and from Courts of Justices of the Peace to said County Court.

Also—

(House Bill No. 747.)

An Act to amend the Charter of the town of Dania, Florida, created under the General Laws of the State, and of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's office at Miami, Florida; to confirm said charter, and all acts done under it, and to empower the town to assess its property, fix the rate of taxation and license or occupation tax, independently of the General Laws of the State.

Also—

(House Bill No. 869.)

An Act to authorize and empower the city of Tallahassee to sell its public utility plants, or any of them, and to contract with the purchasers and owners thereof for service, and to provide how each sale or sales and contract or contracts may be made.

Also—

(House Bill No. 561.)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Article 2, Section 4 of Article 5, Section 13 of Article 8, and Section 3 of Article 9, of Chapter 6738 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Orange Park, Florida, and to organize a commission form of government for said town and to provide for its jurisdiction and powers," approved May 28, 1913.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 576.)

An Act to permit the taking or gathering of oysters from the public oyster bars in Franklin County, Florida, from April 20th to September 30th of each year, and to permit the sale of same in said county.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 532.)

An Act for the protection of the hard surfaced roads of Hernando County, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 721.)

An Act to repeal Sections 72 to 76 inclusive, of Chapter 4640 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled, An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of Day-

tona, Volusia County, Florida, and to organize a City Government for the same to provide for its jurisdiction and power.

Also—

(House Bill No. 720.)

An Act creating Special Tax School District No. 6 in the County of Volusia and State of Florida, and providing for its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 449.)

An Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Melbourne, Florida, to issue negotiable interest-bearing notes or obligations for the purpose of street, park or harbor improvements.

Also—

(House Bill No. 883.)

An Act to amend Section 2, of Article 2, of Chapter 6392, 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 to provide its jurisdiction and powers; to erect the same into an independent road district of Orange County, and to repeal Chapter 4312, Laws of Florida, approved May 24th, 1893, and all laws amendatory thereof."

Also—

(House Bill No. 600.)

An Act to repeal Chapter 6620, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, being An Act entitled "An Act relating to the drainage and reclamation of certain lands in Marion County, Florida; establishing a drainage district; creating a Board of Drainage Commissioners and prescribing its powers and duties; establishing a drainage system by the cutting of canals and constructing and maintaining canals and levees for the purpose of drainage; levying a drainage tax; relating to the assessment of lands to be drainage and benefited; the collection of necessary funds by assessment of benefits and taxation of lands within said drainage district for the drainage and improvement of said lands, and for the exercise of the right of eminent domain."

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 160.)

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. 131.)

An Act to require prompt payment into the treasury of public moneys collected by Tax Collectors and Sheriffs.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 182.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6241, Acts of 1911, Laws of Florida, relating to and prescribing the fees to be paid County Treasurers in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 154.)

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

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 554.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, State of Florida, to expend money to aid in the development of the agricultural and horticultural resources of the said county.

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 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 519:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to establish a hog cholera serum and virus plant, providing for its control and the distribution of its products.

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

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 519, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Himes, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 63:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and require that interest be paid on County Funds on deposit.

Also—

House Bill No. 92:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the adoption of the "Torrens Land Title System" by the several Counties of this State; for the Registration of Titles thereunder, and for other purposes.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return the said Bills without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. F. HIMES,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bills Nos. 63 and 92, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Himes, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 579:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1383 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to where suits may be begun.

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

Very respectfully,

W. F. HIMES,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 579, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Terrell, Chairman of Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1915.

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

Sir:

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

House Bill No. 98:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the ascertaining of the amount of the indebtedness of the county school funds of the several counties of the State of Florida, as of the 30th day of June, 1915, and to provide for the funding and payment of said indebtedness, and to regulate the finances of the county school funds.

Reported favorably with Substitute Bill, with title as follows:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 5390 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1905, the same being An Act to authorize the County Boards of Public Instruction to borrow money for the payment of school war-

rants when there are no funds in the treasury for such purpose, and to pay interest on such loans not exceeding eight (8%) per cent per annum.

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

Very respectfully,

GLENN TERRELL,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bill No. 98, contained in the above report, with Committee Substitute therefor, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Johnson offered the following Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That the hour for the adjournment of the Legislature of 1915 be and the same is hereby fixed, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, Friday, June 4, 1915.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rules, and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 be read the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The Resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 was adopted.

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

Mr. Jones moved that Senate Resolution No. 28 be referred to the Committee on Banking.

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution was so referred.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message from the Governor was read:

Executive Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1915.

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

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 28 of Article III of the Constitution, I have the honor to return with my objections thereto the following bill, which originated in the Senate:

"An Act to amend Sections 1, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of Chapter 6457, Acts of 1913, entitled An Act to amend Sections 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 958 and 960 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, providing for drains or canals, and their maintenance by counties, and to provide for the laying of assessments for construction and maintenance and the issuance of bonds to pay for the construction and incidental cost and the manner of obtaining release from the levy of such drains; also providing for the issue and sale of county drainage bonds and the validation and payment thereof; for liquidating script by the issue of bonds, and regulating the control of drains and making it a misdemeanor to interfere therewith."

The sections of the General Statutes, and of the Act of 1913 which this measure seeks to amend, deal with the formation of local drainage districts, taxation for the maintenance of such local drainage districts, and with the issuing of local drainage district bonds. The provisions of the present law, which this measure would amend, restricts the drainage tax and the bonded obligation to the territory within the district which is specially benefited, but does not entail any general obligation upon the county.

The bill under consideration retains all of the obligations imposed by the present law upon the territory comprising the drainage districts, and in addition thereto extends and enlarges the obligation for district drainage purposes to that of a county obligation, to the extent of pledging all of the land and other property in the county as security for drainage bonds which may be issued.

In Section 2 of this bill, amending Section 7 of Chapter 6457 of the Laws of Florida, following the provisions for issuing bonds for special drainage districts, is the following: "Provided, That the County Commissioners may, at their option, issue and sell County Drainage Bonds under the same conditions and provisions herein provided for the issue and sale of District Drainage Bonds, in which event the assessments levied and collected under the provisions of this Act shall be kept in a special fund known as the Drainage Fund (the fund of each drainage district to be kept separate and separately designated), and shall be used to pay the interest and principal of said County Drainage Bonds, it being the intent of this Act to enable the County Commissioners to sell County Drainage Bonds when in their opinion the same can be done to better advantage, and to empower the county to raise money against the property benefited for the purpose of liquidating such bonds, with interest; but in no case shall county bonds or districts bonds be issued or sold against any drainage district for a greater amount than the assessment imposed upon lands in such district," etc.

In Section 5 of this bill, amending Section 12 of Chapter 6457 of the Laws of Florida, is the following: "Provided, That in case County Drainage Bonds shall be issued, such land, as all other lands and other property in the county, shall stand as security for such bonds, but such bonds shall be liquidated by the money raised from special assessments, as provided in this Act."

The above provisions of this bill are objectionable from the standpoint of policy and of law. I do not deem it right and just that all of the property owners in a county shall have their property pledged as security for an indebtedness created for the special benefit of a limited territory located within a drainage district. Property situated outside of the drainage district and which does not enjoy any of the benefits to be derived from drainage within a drainage district should not have imposed upon it any obligations on account of the special benefits within such drainage district.

Considering the relative area of land in the counties respectively of this State that may be embraced within a drainage district or districts and that which it may not be practicable to include in such districts, unquestionably in a large number of the counties there would be a major

part of the land which should not be properly placed within a drainage district. Therefore, in its operation, this measure may burden a very extensive portion of the lands in the several counties with an obligation created primarily and directly for the improvement and benefit of a limited territory constituting a drainage district or districts.

I do not believe that property owners owning property beyond the bounds of such drainage districts should be required to assume any obligation whatever for an indebtedness incurred for the improvement of land within such districts, yet this bill would require at the option of the County Commissioners, and without a vote of the property owners, that the property of every taxpayer within a county should be security for the bonded indebtedness for any drainage districts which may be established in the County.

There is also a question as to the constitutionality of this measure, in that it seeks to impose an obligation upon one man's property for benefits to another man's property. The only valid ground upon which an obligation can be imposed upon property for special improvements is that the property obligated receives benefits.

For the foregoing reasons, I feel it my duty to return the said Bill to the Senate without my approval.

Very respectfully,

PARK TRAMMELL,
Governor.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

(House Bill No. 643.)

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 6985, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1909, being An Act entitled "An Act to provide the method and manner of building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Gadsden County, Florida; to provide a Road and Bridge Fund for said County, and for the assessment and collection of same."

Also—

(House Bill No. 864.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, to levy and collect a Special Tax of Twelve Mills on the Dollar on all property in said County for each year, for the years of 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and Six Mills on the Dollar on all property in said County for each year thereafter, for Road and Bridge Fund and for the assessment and collection of same, and to submit to the qualified voters of said County the question of said levy by election.

Also—

(House Bill No. 865.)

An Act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 5985 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to provide a method and manner of building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Gadsden County, Florida; to provide a road and bridge fund or said County, and for the assessment and collection of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 644.)

An Act extending and enlarging the powers of the Town of Orange City, a municipal corporation organized and existing in Volusia County, Florida, and providing for the exercise of such powers.

Also—

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An Act to organize a County Court in and for Liberty County, Florida; to prescribe the terms thereof; to provide for the appointment of a Prosecuting Attorney for said court; fixing the salary and fees of the Prosecuting Attorney and Judge of said court; and providing for the transfer of cases from the Circuit Court and from Courts of Justices of the Peace to said County Court.

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An Act to amend the Charter of the town of Dania, Florida, created under the General Laws of the State, and of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's office at Miami, Florida; to confirm said charter, and all acts done under it, and to empower the town to assess its property, fix the rate of taxation and license or occupation tax, independently of the General Laws of the State.

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Also—

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An Act to repeal Sections 72 to 76 inclusive, of Chapter 4640 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled, An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of Daytona, Volusia County, Florida, and to organize a City Government for the same to provide for its jurisdiction and power.

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An Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Melbourne, Florida, to issue negotiable interest-bearing notes or obligations for the purpose of street, park or harbor improvements.

Also—

(House Bill No. 883.)

An Act to amend Section 2, of Article 2, of Chapter 6392, 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 to provide its jurisdiction and powers; to erect the same into an independent road district of Orange County, and

to repeal Chapter 4312, Laws of Florida, approved May 24th, 1893, and all laws amendatory thereof."

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Also—

(Senate Bill No. 182.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6241, Acts of 1911, Laws of Florida, relating to and prescribing the fees to be paid County Treasurers in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 154.)

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

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 554.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, State of Florida, to expend money to aid in the development of the agricultural and horticultural resources of the said county.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 576.)

An Act to permit the taking or gathering of oysters from the public oyster bars in Franklin County, Florida, from April 20th to September 30th of each year, and to permit the same of same in said county.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 532.)

An Act for the protection of the hard-surfaced roads of Hernando County, Florida.

The Acts were therefore 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.

By permission—

Mr. Himes, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 829:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and requiring the City of Ocala, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, to purchase from any corporation, person or persons, electric current or power, for lighting, manufacturing or other purposes, and to sell and distribute the same, and providing for an election by the registered voters of said city to determine whether electric current or power shall be purchased by said city.

Also—

House Bill No. 830:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and require the City Council of Ocala, a municipal corporation, to submit to the registered voters of said city, at a regular or special election, all applications or propositions made to said city for a public franchise therein, upon presentation to said council of a petition signed by at least

twenty per cent of said registered voters, praying therefor, and to grant such franchise upon the approval of a majority of said registered voters at said election.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 540:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and requiring the City of Ocala, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Florida, to purchase from any corporation, person or persons, electric current or power, for lighting, manufacturing or other purposes, and to sell and distribute the same, and providing for an election, by the registered voters of said city to determine whether electric current or power shall be purchased by said city.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 541:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and requiring the City Council of Ocala, a Municipal Corporation, to submit to the registered voters of said city, at a regular or special election, all applications or propositions made to said city for a public franchise therein, upon presentation to said Council of a petition signed by at least twenty per cent of said registered voters, praying therefor, and to grant such franchise upon the approval of a majority of said registered voters of said election.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. F. HIMES,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bills Nos. 829 and 830, and Senate Bills Nos. 540 and 541, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Cooper moved that the consideration of the message of the Governor be temporarily passed over.

Which was agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

1852

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed, with amendments—

Senate Bill No. 190:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 3, 10, 20, 27 and 28, of Chapter 6532, Laws of Florida, entitled An Act to protect, regulate and develop the shell fish industry of the State of Florida.

Which amendment is as follows:

In Section 3, line 7, strike out the words "and shall receive as full compensation out of any funds not otherwise appropriated in the office of the State Treasurer \$3,000.00 per annum and actual traveling expenses while engaged in the discharge of his official duties, not to exceed \$1,200.00 per annum, which salary and expenses for the previous month shall be payable on the 15th of each and every succeeding month" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "and shall receive the compensation provided in Section 21 of Senate Bill No. 447, which salary shall be his full compensation for all services and expenses rendered under the provisions of this Act or as Shell Fish Commissioner under any other law.

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. 190, with the amendment of the House of Representatives contained in the above message, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Blich moved that the Senate refuse to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives, as contained in the message, and that the House of Representatives be requested to recede therefrom.

Which was agreed to.

And the action of the Senate was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Also—

1853

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed with amendments—

Senate Bill No. 201:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the creation of a State Road Department; providing for the appointment of the members of such department; prescribing their duties and powers; providing for the employment of a State Road Commissioner, and creating a fund for the maintenance thereof.

Which is as follows:

In Section 10, line 1, strike out the word "twenty" and insert in lieu thereof the following, "fifteen."

In Section 10, lines 8, 9, 10 and 11, strike out the words "and all automobile registration fees collected by the State shall also be placed by the Treasurer in the special fund for the maintenance of the State Road Department."

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. 201, with the amendments of the House of Representatives, contained in the above message, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Himes moved that the Senate do concur in the amendments offered by the House of Representatives as contained in the message.

Which was agreed to.

And the amendments of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 201 were concurred in.

The action of the Senate was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 201, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 has passed—

Senate Bill No. 432:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to aid the Florida Division of United Confederate Veterans in erecting in this State a monument or memorial in honor of the women of the Southern Confederacy in memory of their heroism, devotion and self-sacrifice during the Civil War, 1861-1865, and making an appropriation therefor in addition to and supplementary of the appropriation made by Chapter 6437, Acts of 1913.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 432, contained in the above message, was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed—

House Bill No. 897:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the draining or lowering the level of any lake of greater area than two square miles, except such lakes as may lie within a drainage district, and to provide for suits to enjoin such drainage or lowering of level of such lake in the State of Florida.

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

Mr. Igou moved to waive the rules and that House Bill No. 897, as contained in the message, be read the second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 897 was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Igou offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 897:

In Section 1, line 3, insert "area" after the word "greater."

Mr. Igou moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Igou moved to further waive the rules and that House Bill No. 897, with the Senate amendment thereto, be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 897, together with the Senate amendment thereto, was read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 897, as amended by the Senate, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blicht, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Gornto, Greene, Igou, Johnson, Jones, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Stringer, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—24.

Nays—Senator Roland—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed—

House Bill No. 918:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 581 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled "Procedure where land sold for taxes, the taxes having been paid, or not subject to taxation."

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. 918, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed—

House Bill No. 917:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the manner of catching and taking food fish from the fresh water lakes in Jefferson County belonging to the State of Florida, and all rivers and streams in Jefferson County, Florida,

and providing for a license tax for non-residents of the State of Florida to fish in the same; and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

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

Mr. McEachern moved that House Bill No. 917 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 917 was indefinitely postponed.

The action of the Senate was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Gornto moved that all House Bills that have companion measures in the Senate be hereafter placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

Mr. Johnson moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Gornto that all bills having companion measures in the Senate, having favorable reports, be placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Second Reading without reference, and when unfavorably reported that they shall take the usual course.

Mr. Zim moved to amend the substitute motion to include all bills reported with recommendation.

The amendment for the substitute motion was not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the substitute motion of Mr. Johnson.

Which was agreed to.

And it was so ordered.

Mr. Calkins moved that hereafter when any messenger from the House of Representatives, or from the Governor, bearing a written message directed to the Senate arrives before the Senate bar, the Sergeant at Arms shall meet such messenger, and without formal announcement con-

duct him to the Secretary of the Senate, who is hereby directed to receive any and all written messages from the House of Representatives or from the Governor.

Which was agreed to.

And it was so ordered.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed—

House Bill No. 910:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create and incorporate, a special taxing district in Palm Beach County, State of Florida, to be known as Lake Worth Inlet District, embracing all of the land within the following boundaries, to-wit: "Beginning at the point of intersection of the Atlantic Ocean with the township line between Townships 41 and 42 South; thence run west along said township line and continuing west to the western boundary of Palm Beach County, Florida; thence run south along the western boundary of said Palm Beach County to a point where the township line between townships 45 and 46 south, according to the United States government survey, if extended west, would intersect said west line of said Palm Beach County; thence run east to the township line between Townships 45 and 46 south, and continuing east along said township line to its intersection with the range line between Ranges 41 and 42 east; thence north along the range line between Ranges 41 and 42 east to the point of intersection of said range line with the township line between Townships 43 and 44 south; thence run east along the township line between Townships 43 and 44 south, to the Atlantic Ocean; thence run north along

the west shore of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning; all being in Palm Beach County, Florida; and to prescribe the boundaries of said district, and to provide for the government and administration of the same, and to define the powers and purposes of said district and of the Board of Commissioners thereof, and to authorize said board to construct an inlet in said district to connect the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean, and all other works necessary or proper in connection therewith, and to empower said board to levy and collect taxes upon all the taxable property in said district for said purposes authorized by this Act, and to authorize said board to borrow money and to issue and sell bonds and procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and generally to provide for the erection and provide the powers of such district for the construction and maintenance of an inlet in said district connecting the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean."

Also—

House Bill No. 399:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create and incorporate a special taxing district in Palm Beach County, Florida, to be known as South Lake Worth Inlet District, embracing all of Townships Forty-four (44) and Forty-five (45) South, Range Forty-three (43) East, and all of Townships Forty-four (44) and Forty-five (45) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, and to prescribe the boundaries of said district, and to provide for the government and administration of the same, and to prescribe and define the powers and purposes of said district and of the Board of Commissioners thereof, and to authorize said Board to construct an inlet in said district to connect the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean, and all other works necessary or proper in connection therewith, and to empower said Board to levy and provide for the collection of taxes upon all the taxable property in said district for said purposes and other purposes authorized by this Act, and to authorize said Board to borrow money and to issue and sell bonds and procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and generally to provide for the creation and provide the powers of such

district for the construction and maintenance of an inlet in said district connecting the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 910 and 399, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles.

And House Bill No. 910 was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the second reading without reference to a Committee.

And House Bill No. 399 was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills without reference.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 has passed—

House Bill No. 697:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Osceola County to levy a special road tax for the purpose of building hard surface roads.

Also—

House Bill No. 200:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting to courts of chancery in this State jurisdiction to enjoin and suppress all nuisances which tend to annoy the community or injure the health of the citizens in general, or to corrupt public morals, or is manifestly injurious to the public health,

safety and morals of the community; to enjoin and suppress all nuisances mentioned in Section 3680 of the General Statutes of Florida and all places frequented by persons described in and mentioned in Section 3570 of the General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 5720 of the Acts of 1907, and to enjoin all places, houses, tents, booths, in which the laws of the State of Florida are violated, and all houses of lewdness, assignation and prostitution, and places where games of chance are engaged in violation of law and declaring all such places to be nuisances; to enjoin the person or persons who conduct or maintain the same and the owner and agent of any building used for such purpose and to provide for the payment of costs of such proceedings and declaring a lien for such costs.

Also—

House Bill No. 545:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 5 and 8 of Chapter 6525 of the Laws of Florida, providing for the regulation of telegraph and telephone companies doing business in the State of Florida.

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. 545, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs.

And House Bills Nos. 697 and 200, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles.

And House Bill No. 697 was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills without reference to a Committee.

And House Bill No. 200, contained in the above message, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading without reference to a Committee.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 has passed—

House Bill No. 920:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, under certain terms and conditions to grant authority for the construction, maintenance and operation of a toll bridge over Clearwater Harbor.

Also—

House Bill No. 921:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Aucilla, in Jefferson County, Florida, and to repeal Chapter 6325, Acts of 1911, Laws of Florida, the same being "An Act to provide a municipal government for the Town of Aucilla, in Jefferson County, Florida."

Also—

Substitute for House Bill No. 797:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the Shell Fish Commissioners from leasing certain oyster bed territory in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 892:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing the mesh of haul seines and drag nets to be used in St. Lucie County, and repealing Chapter 5973 of the Acts of 1909, Laws of Florida, as said Act relates to St. Lucie County, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 139:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the carrying of intoxicating liquors to churches, schoolhouses, picnics or other public gatherings, or the drinking of same within one-quarter of a mile of such places, in Walton County, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 920, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

And House Bill No. 921, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And Substitute for House Bill No. 797, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wells moved that House Bill No. 797 be referred to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Which was agreed to.

And it was so referred.

And House Bill No. 892, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on Second Reading without reference.

And House Bill No. 139, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 has concurred in Senate Amendment to—

House Bill No. 280:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the creating of Bloxam County in the State of Florida, and for the organization and government thereof.

With amendment, which amendment is as follows:

In Section 1, on page 2, in lines 1, 2 and 3 of the said page 2, strike out the words "middle of the channel of the Big Withlachochee River, thence westwardly down the center of the channel of the said Big Withlachochee River," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Northern boundary line of Citrus County, thence running west-

wardly along the said northern boundry line of Citrus County."

Very respectfully,

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

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 has passed—

Senate Bill No. 585:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, to transfer moneys in the Fine and Forfeiture Fund of said county to the General Revenue Fund.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 588:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the manner of catching and taking food fish from the fresh water lakes in Jefferson County belonging to the State of Florida, and all rivers and streams in Jefferson County, Florida, and providing for a license tax for nonresidents of the State of Florida to fish in the same, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bills Nos. 585 and 588, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 524:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to enable Alachua County to make an annual appropriation to aid the Alachua County Fair Association to provide a County Fair.

Very respectfully,

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

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 has passed—

Senate Bill No. 67:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the method and means of opening, establishing, building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Santa Rosa County, Florida; to provide a road and bridge fund for said county, and for the collection and assessment of same.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 511:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County to issue time warrants in payment of amounts due the City of Pensacola for road and bridge taxes, collected or recovered by said county, which said county has failed to pay to said city as provided by the law authorizing the levy and collection of such taxes.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bills Nos. 67 and 511, contained in the above message, were referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

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

(House Bill No. 643.)

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 6985, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1909, being An Act entitled "An Act to provide the method and manner of building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Gadsden County, Florida; to provide a Road and Bridge Fund for said County, and for the assessment and collection of same."

Also—

(House Bill No. 864.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, to levy and collect a Special Tax of Twelve Mills on the Dollar on all property in said County for each year, for the years of 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and Six Mills on the Dollar on all property in said County for each year thereafter, for Road and Bridge Fund and for the assessment and collection of same, and to submit to the qualified voters of said County the question of said levy by election.

Also—

(House Bill No. 865.)

An Act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 5985 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to provide a method and manner of building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in Gadsden County, Florida; to provide a road and bridge fund for said County, and for the assessment and collection of same."

Also—

(House Bill No. 644.)

An Act extending and enlarging the powers of the Town of Orange City, a municipal corporation organized

and existing in Volusia County, Florida, and providing for the exercise of such powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 809.)

An Act to organize a County Court in and for Liberty County, Florida; to prescribe the terms thereof; to provide for the appointment of a Prosecuting Attorney for said court; fixing the salary and fees of the Prosecuting Attorney and Judge of said court; and providing for the transfer of cases from the Circuit Court and from Courts of Justices of the Peace to said County Court.

Also—

(House Bill No. 747.)

An Act to amend the Charter of the town of Danua, Florida, created under the General Laws of the State, and of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's office at Miami, Florida; to confirm said charter, and all acts done under it, and to empower the town to assess its property, fix the rate of taxation and license or occupation tax, independently of the General Laws of the State.

Also—

(House Bill No. 869.)

An Act to authorize and empower the city of Tallahassee to sell its public utility plants, or any of them, and to contract with the purchasers and owners thereof for service, and to provide how each sale or sales and contract or contracts may be made.

Also—

(House Bill No. 561.)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Article 2, Section 4 of Article 5, Section 13 of Article 8, and Section 3 of Article 9, of Chapter 6738 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Orange Park, Florida, and to organize a commission form of government for said town and to provide for its jurisdiction and powers," approved May 28, 1913.

Also—

(House Bill No. 721.)

An Act to repeal Sections 72 to 76 inclusive, of Chapter 4640 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled, An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of Daytona, Volusia County, Florida, and to organize a City

Government for the same to provide for its jurisdiction and power.

Also—

(House Bill No. 720.)

An Act creating Special Tax School District No. 6 in the County of Volusia and State of Florida, and providing for its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 449.)

An Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Melbourne, Florida, to issue negotiable interest-bearing notes or obligations for the purpose of street, park or harbor improvements.

Also—

(House Bill No. 883.)

An Act to amend Section 2, of Article 2, of Chapter 6392, 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 to provide its jurisdiction and powers; to erect the same into an independent road district of Orange County, and to repeal Chapter 4312, Laws of Florida, approved May 24th, 1893, and all laws amendatory thereof."

Also—

(House Bill No. 600.)

An Act to repeal Chapter 6620, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, being An Act entitled "An Act relating to the drainage and reclamation of certain lands in Marion County, Florida; establishing a drainage district; creating a Board of Drainage Commissioners and prescribing its powers and duties; establishing a drainage system by the cutting of canals and constructing and maintaining canals and levees for the purpose of drainage; levying a drainage tax; relating to the assessment of lands to be drained and benefited; the collection of necessary funds by assessment of benefits and taxation of lands within said drainage district for the drainage and improvement of said lands, and for the exercise of the right of eminent domain."

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 160.)

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. 131.)

An Act to require prompt payment into the treasury of public moneys collected by Tax Collectors and Sheriffs.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 182.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6241, Acts of 1911, Laws of Florida, relating to and prescribing the fees to be paid County Treasurers in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 154.)

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

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 554.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, State of Florida, to expend money to aid in the development of the agricultural and horticultural resources of the said county.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 576.)

An Act to permit the taking or gathering of oysters from the public oyster bars in Franklin County, Florida, from April 20th to September 30th of each year, and to permit the sale of same in said county.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 532.)

An Act for the protection of the hard-surfaced roads of Hernando County, Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,
Chairman of Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion of Mr. Lindsey to reconsider the vote by which the following amendment to House Bill No. 667 was adopted, which amendment reads as follows:

In Section 1, line 4, strike out all the words after the word "territory," also strike out the words and figures in lines 5 and 6.

Was taken up in its order.

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, the consideration of the same was informally passed over.

Senate Bills Nos. 51, 32, 31 and 53, were taken up and were informally passed over.

House Bill No. 98:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the ascertaining of the amount of the indebtedness of the County School Funds of the several counties of the State of Florida, as of the 30th day of June, 1915, and to provide for funding and payment of said indebtedness, and to regulate the finances of the County School Fund.

Was taken up.

Mr. Terrell moved to waive the rules and that House Bill No. 98 be read the second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 98 was read the second time by its title.

The Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 98 was read with a title as follows:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 5390 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 1st, 1905, the same being An Act to authorize the County Boards of Public Instruction to borrow money for the payment of school warrants when there are no funds in the treasury for such purpose, and to pay interest on such loans not exceeding eight (8%) per cent per annum.

Mr. Terrell moved to adopt the committee substitute. Which was agreed to.

And the Senate committee substitute for House Bill No. 98 was adopted in lieu of the original bill.

Mr. Terrell moved to waive the rules and that Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 98 be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 98 was read the third time in full.

Pending the consideration of the passage of Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 98—

Mr. Johnson moved that the further consideration of the Bill be temporarily deferred.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cooper called up the Message of the Governor returning—

"An Act to amend Sections 1, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of Chapter 6457, Acts of 1913, entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956 958 and 960 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, providing for Drains or Canals, and their maintenance by Counties, and to provide for the laying of Assessments for construction and maintenance and the issuance of Bonds to pay for the construction and incidental cost, and the manner of obtaining release from the levy of such Drains; also providing for the issue and sale of County Drainage Bonds and the validation and payment thereof; for liquidating script by the issue of Bonds, and regulating the control of Drains, and making it a misdemeanor to interfere therewith.'"

Which was again read.

Upon the question "shall the Act pass, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?"

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Brown, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Willis, Zim—27.

So the objection of the Governor was sustained.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Cooper introduced—

Senate Bill No. 590:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1, 7,

9, 10, 12 and 13 of Chapter 6457, Acts of 1913, entitled "An Act to amend Sections 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 958 and 960 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, providing for drains or canals, and their maintenance by counties, and to provide for the laying of assessments for construction and maintenance, and the issuance of bonds to pay for the construction and incidental cost and the manner of obtaining release from the levy for such drains," also providing for the validation of such bonds, and for liquidating script by the issue of bonds, and regulating the control of drains and making it a misdemeanor to interfere therewith.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Cooper moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 590 be read the second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 590 was read the second time by its title only.

Mr. Cooper moved to further waive the rules and that Senate Bill No. 590 be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 590 was read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 590 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, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Watson, 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 immediately.

Substitute for House Bill No. 103 was taken up and read the second time in full and the further consideration of the same was informally passed over.

Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rules and take up the

special order for consideration in advance of the hour set.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 567, and Senate Bills Nos. 12 and 103

Were taken up.

House Bill No. 567:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the abolishing of office of County Treasurer; providing for the creation and establishment of county depositories in and for the several counties of the State of Florida; providing for the receiving, keeping, care or custody and paying out of all county school funds and all funds under care and control of Boards of County Commissioners and for the security of such funds.

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 6, last line, strike out the word "now" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "shall be."

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Gornto moved that Senate Bill No. 12 be now taken up on its second reading.

Which was agreed to.

And—

Senate Bill No. 12:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the abolishment of the office of County Treasurer; providing for the creation and establishment of a County Treasury and a County School Treasury in and for the several counties of the State of Florida; providing for the receiving, care, custody and paying out of all county and county school funds of the respective counties and for security for such funds.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Himes moved that the Senate do now proceed to consider House Bill No. 567:

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 567 was again taken up.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 6, last line, between the words "Now" and "Provided," add the following: "or as may hereafter be."

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

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 9, line 5, at the end of line 5, add the following: "or persons designated by him."

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

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 9, line 4, immediately preceding the words "county auditor," insert the following, "and examination."

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

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 8, line 7, after the word "make," insert the following, "and publish."

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

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 8, line 3, strike out the word "shall" and insert in lieu thereof the following, "a."

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

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 11, line 2, add at end of line the following, "provided that the designation of depositories under the provision of this act shall be made between the first and fifteenth day of December, 1916, and during the same time annually thereafter."

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

Mr. Jones moved that the further consideration of the Bill be informally passed over.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Himes offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 8, line 8, after the word "required" insert the following: "or at such other times as may be required by the Comptroller, the Board of County Commissioners or the County Board of Public Instruction."

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

Mr. Gornto moved that committee amendment for House Bill No. 567 be now considered.

Which was agreed to.

The committee amendment to House Bill No. 567 was read as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That from and after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1917, the office of the County Treasurer shall be, and the same is from that date, hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. There shall be, and hereby are created in and for the respective counties of the State, a County Treasury and a County School Treasury, to become operative and effective on and from the first Monday in January, A. D. 1917, the same to be established as herein provided.

Sec. 3. The County Treasury shall be the depository for all funds belonging or payable to the county, except school funds, and the County School Treasury shall be the depository for all school funds belonging or payable to the County.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Public Instruction, at their first meeting to be held in the month of November, A. D. 1916, and every two years thereafter, or oftener, if necessary under the provisions of this Act, to each select and designate some good safe bank or banks, as the depository of the funds coming under their control, making with such bank or banks, such terms and arrangements as shall be equitable to the Boards and such designated depositories. Each Board may select and design-

nate a bank other than the one selected by the other Board, or both may select and designate the same bank. The depository selected by the Board of County Commissioners shall be known and designated "The County Treasury" and the one selected by the County Board of Public Instruction shall be known and designated, "The County School Treasury."

Sec. 5. Each bank selected as a depository under the provisions of this Act shall within thirty days after having been served with notice of such election, procure and enter into a bond made by any surety company qualified and authorized to do business in this State, and which has complied with Section 2792, General Statutes of the State of Florida, in a sum equal to not less than double the highest amount of money on hand at any time in the year preceeding, conditioned for the faithful care, receiving and paying out of the funds to it entrusted, and to indemnify the county against any loss of funds in its care or custody, such bond to be approved by the same authorities as are the bonds of county officers, and in case of default, forfeiture or loss, like proceedings shall prevail for recovery thereunder as is now, or may hereafter be provided for recovery upon the bond of a county officer. If at any time the money on hand shall exceed or there is good and sufficient reason to believe it will exceed the amount of the said bond, the Board having control of such fund may call for and require additional security to fully protect the interests of the County.

Sec. 6. If any bank selected as depository under the provisions of this Act shall neglect or fail to procure the bond herein provided for in the required time, or the additional security, if such should be required at any time, the Board making the selection may extend the time for not exceeding twenty days, or may declare the selection revoked and immediately make another selection, and all provisions of this Act applicable to first selection shall apply with like force and effect to second or subsequent selections. Should any bank selected as a depository under the provisions of this Act fail or refuse for any cause to comply fully with the requirements of this Act, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Public Instruction, respectively, shall have full power to revoke the selection of such bank and proceed to select another bank as such depository. In the event that such agreement shall be terminated, the bank serving as a de-

pository shall pay over the full amount of money belonging to the County and the County School Funds in accordance with the directions of the Board of County Commissioners and County Board of Public Instruction, and in the event of failure to do so, the surety company giving the bond shall make good the full amount due by such depository immediately upon the default of the bank.

Sec. 7. In the selection of depositories under the provisions of this Act preferences shall be given to a bank or banks located and doing business in the county, and in the event there is no bank meeting the requirements of this Act located in the county, then the next nearest and most accessible bank or banks meeting the requirements of this Act shall be selected.

Sec. 8. It is hereby made the duty of the respective Boards, upon making a selection of a bank as a depository under the provisions of this Act, to immediately notify the Comptroller of the State when such bank or banks has qualified as depositories.

Sec. 9. On the first Monday in January, A. D. 1917, the several and respective County Treasurers in the State of Florida shall pay over the bank or banks having been selected and qualified as depositories in and for their respective counties, all funds in their hands as such treasurer belonging to the County, taking receipt in duplicate for the same, showing the amount to the credit of the respective funds of the county and the original receipts shall be by him delivered, with his final report and statement to the Board having the control of the particular funds.

Sec. 10. From and after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1917, the Tax Collector of the several counties of the State and all other officers or persons into whose hands shall come any monies belonging to the county, shall within ten days after the close of the month in which such monies are received, pay the same into the proper depository of the county, taking receipt for the same and filing such receipt with his report or statement with the Board having control of such monies at its next regular meeting.

Sec. 11. The banks selected and qualifying as depositories of county funds under the provisions of this Act shall receive and be the custodian of the funds for which selected as a depository and shall pay out the same only upon drawn and signed warrants issued by the

Board having the control of such funds. They shall keep accurate accounts in the manner and form prescribed by law, or by the Comptroller, of all the funds received and warrants cashed and shall make report on the first day of each month of all such transactions during the previous month to the Board having control of the funds in their custody, and shall with such report surrender all paid warrants of each separate fund listing same, showing date of warrant, number, to whom issued, amount paid, date of payment and the word "Paid" perforated in them, and shall make such other reports as may be required by law.

Sec. 12. All Warrants issued by the Board of County Commissioners shall be drawn upon and payable by "The County Treasury" and all warrants issued by the County Board of Public Instruction shall be drawn upon and payable by "The County School Treasury" and all warrants shall specify the particular fund upon which drawn and out of which it shall be payable, and no warrants shall be paid from or out of any fund other than named in the face thereof.

Sec. 13. Any bank or banks selected as a depository under the provisions of this Act shall pay two per cent on daily balances on said funds.

Sec. 14. All accounts now and heretofore required to be kept against County Treasurers shall, from and after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1917, be kept against the respective depositories of county funds, and all laws or parts of laws relative to such accounts and to the keeping of the proper record of the county finances, not inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby retained in full force and effect and shall be construed as a part of and in connection with this Act.

Sec. 15. All laws or parts of laws conflicting and inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed upon this Act becoming fully operative.

Mr. Gornto moved to adopt the Committee amendment to House Bill No. 567.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Himes offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 8, at the end thereof, add: "If at any time

the security furnished by any county depository become insufficient or inadequate; the Comptroller shall have authority on such terms; conditions and penalties as he may prescribe to require such other or additional security to be provided."

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

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 8, last line, between the words "now" and "required," insert "as may hereafter be."

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

Pending the further consideration of the Bill—

Senate Bill No. 12:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the abolishment of the office of County Treasurer; providing for the creation and establishment of a County Treasury and a County School Treasury in and for the several counties of the State of Florida; providing for the receiving, care, custody and paying out of all county and county school funds of the respective counties and for security for such funds.

Was taken up.

Mr. Watson offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute Bill No. 12:

In Section 13, at the end of the said Section, add the following: "And four per cent on time deposits."

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

Mr. Watson offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute Bill No. 12:

In Section 5, line 8 (printed Bill), between the words "Florida" and "in," insert the following: "Or in lieu thereof may deposit with the State Treasurer, United States, State, County or Municipal Bonds.

Which was withdrawn.

The consideration of the committee amendment to House Bill No. 567 was resumed.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to the amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 5, at the end of section, add:

Provided, however, that any banks becoming depositories under this Act, may secure such county funds by depositing with the Board of County Commissioners or the Board of Public Instruction, as the case might be, bonds of the United States, and bonds of the several States, and county and municipal bonds issued by any one of the counties or cities of this State, which said bonds must be in an amount and of an actual market value sufficient to fully secure such deposits. The amount and value of such bonds to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Public Instruction, respectively. In case of default of any depository created under this Act, then any securities deposited may be sold by said board to reimburse such funds.

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

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Gornto to adopt the amendment.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Calkins, Gornto, Roland, Watson, Willis—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Fogarty, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Stringer, Terrell, Wells, Zim—24.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Himes offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 3, line 23, strike out the words "of other counties" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "in some other county."

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

Mr. Himes moved that the further consideration of

House Bill No. 567 be informally passed over and that its consideration be made a Special Order for 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Johnson moved as a substitute for the motion that the bill be made a special order for 4 o'clock P. M. to-day, and that all Senators have their amendments prepared by the hour of special consideration.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Himes moved that the Senate request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate, House Bill No. 748, for the purpose of having an amendment attached to the bill.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris moved that the consideration of Senate Bill No. 205 be informally passed over.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Himes moved as a substitute for the motion that the Bill be made a Special Order for 4 o'clock P. M., on Monday next.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bills Nos. 12, 605 and 589 were informally passed over.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M. to-day.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 O'CLOCK.

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, Blitch, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, Mc-

Eachern, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—29.

A quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By permission, the following reports were submitted:

Mr. A. Z. Adkins, Chairman of Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

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

House Bill No. 523:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 170, 194, 205 and 227 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, governing electors and elections.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

A. Z. ADKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bill No. 523, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. W. H. Green, Chairman of Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Pensions to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 479:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Mrs. Mollie S. Pender, widow of D. W. Pender, of Jackson county, Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 557:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Mrs. Lucius A. Hardee, of Duval county, Florida, and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 242:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to allow a pension to W. C. C. Branning, Sr., of Palm Beach County, Florida, and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 277:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant a pension to William J. Hall, of Clay County, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 402:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant a pension to George W. Drawdy of Suwannee County, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 493:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to L. E. Causey of Volusia County, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. H. GREEN,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bills Nos. 479 and 557 and House Bills Nos. 242, 277, 402, 493, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. W. H. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 601—

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Wesley Clark of Hillsborough County.

Also—

House Bill No. 602:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Hiram Sears of Hillsborough County.

Also—

House Bill No. 656:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Thomas Henderson of Putnam County, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. H. GREENE,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bills Nos. 601, 602 and 656, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. W. H. Greene, Chairman of Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 495:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to S. S. Proctor of Bradford County.

Also—

House Bill No. 549:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant a pension to Mrs. Celia Worth of Manatee County, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 544:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to A. J. Holt and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 540:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant a pension to Emeline Kennedy of Calhoun County, Florida, and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 503:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant a pension to Emily Sistrunk of Columbia County, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 584:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to W. J. Robinson, and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 656:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Thomas Henderson of Putnam county, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. H. GREENE,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bills Nos. 495, 549, 544, 540, 503, 584 and 656, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 201:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the creation of a State Road Department; providing for the appointment of the members of such department; prescribing

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their duties and powers; providing for the employment of a State Road Commissioner, and creating a fund for the maintenance thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 201, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 589:

A Bill to be Entitled An Act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1915, and certain expenses of the Legislature.

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

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 589, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

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House Bill No. 567:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the abolishing of offices of County Treasurer; providing for the creation and establishment of county depositories in and for the several counties of the State of Florida; providing for the receiving, keeping, care or custody and paying out of all county school funds and of all funds under care and control of Board of County Commissioners and for the security of such funds.

Have had the same under consideration and engrossed House amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bill No. 567, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Zim, Chairman of Committee on Organized Labor, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Organized Labor, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 573:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create a Board of Arbitration to hear and determine controversies between laborers and the employers of labor, prescribing the procedure in such cases, and authorizing such Board to make rules and regulations for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

L. W. ZIM,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 573, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 98:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 5390 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 1st, 1905, the same being An Act to authorize the County Boards of Public Instruction to borrow money for the payment of school warrants when there are no funds in the treasury for such purpose, and to pay interest on such loans not exceeding eight (8) per cent per annum.

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

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 98, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 589:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1915, and certain expenses of the Legislature.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Roland offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 589:

In Section 2, line 32, strike out the word "two" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "three."

Mr. Roland moved the adoption of the amendment.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Gornto, McEachern, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Willis—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Brown, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Himes, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McGeachy, Roddenberry—17.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 589:

In Section 2 strike out lines 83, 84 and 85.

Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gornto offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 589:

In Section 2, line 95, after the word "representatives" add the following: "and each assistant."

Mr. Gornto moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 589:

In Section 2, line 28, strike out the words "and overtime."

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 589:

In Section 2, strike out lines 97, 98, 99 and 100.

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

By consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

And Senate Bill No. 589 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Lindsey called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the amendment offered by Mr. McGeachy, the consideration of which motion was informally passed over at the morning session.

The question was put upon the motion of Mr. Lindsey to reconsider the vote by which the following amendment was adopted to House Bill No. 667:

In Section 1, line 4, strike out all the words after the

word "territory," also strike out the words and figures in lines 5 and 6.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Cooper, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Johnson, Lindsey, McEachern, Middleton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Wells, Willis, Zim—15.

Nays—Senators Adkins, Brown, Donegan, Drane, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Jones, McClellan, McGeachy, Plympton, Terrell, Watson—13.

Mr. Blich announced that he was paired with Mr. Igou on this bill and that if Mr. Igou were present and voting he (Mr. Igou) would vote nay and that he (Mr. Blich) would vote yea.

So the motion to reconsider prevailed.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. McGeachy to House Bill No. 667.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Adkins, Brown, Donegan, Drane, Greene, Jones, McClellan, McGeachy, Terrell—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Cooper, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Himes, Hudson, Johnson, Lindsey, McEachern, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—20.

Mr. Blich announced that he was paired with Mr. Igou upon this question and that if Mr. Igou were present and voting, he (Mr. Igou) would vote yea, and that he (Mr. Blich) would vote nay.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Lindsey offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 667:

Strike out Section 24 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"The foregoing sections of this Act shall take effect upon their ratification by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes of the respective territories affected in Walton and Santa Rosa Counties, cast by the qualified electors at

an election to be held in the territory hereinbefore set forth as the County of Okaloosa."

Mr. Lindsey moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Himes moved that the further consideration of the amendment and the Bill be informally passed over.

Mr. McGeachy moved as a substitute for the motion that the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurred upon the motion of Mr. Himes.

The motion of Mr. Himes was agreed to and the consideration of the amendment and the Bill was informally passed over.

The consideration of—
House Bill No. 567:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the abolishing of office of County Treasurer; providing for the creation and establishment of county depositories in and for the several counties of the State of Florida, providing for the receiving, keep, care or custody and paying out of all county school funds and of all funds under care and control of County Board of Commissioners and for the security of such funds.

Was resumed.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the amendment of Mr. Jones to House Bill 567 and which amendment reads as follows:

In Section 8, line 3, strike out the word "shall" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "a."

Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rules and that the Senate now take up and consider the motion to reconsider.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The question upon the reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment was adopted was put; and the Senate reconsidered its vote by which the amendment was adopted.

By unanimous consent Mr. Jones withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Watson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 567:

In Section 2, line 3, strike out the words "when such funds exceed two thousand dollars."

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

There being no further amendment, House Bill No. 567 was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Substitute for House Bill No. 98:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the ascertaining of the amount of the indebtedness of the County School Funds of the several counties of the State of Florida, as of the 30th day of June, 1915, and to provide for funding and payment of said indebtedness, and to regulate the finances of the County School Fund.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Terrell offered the following amendment to Substitute to House Bill No. 98:

Insert at end of Section 1: "And provided further, that no school board shall, after July 1, 1915, incur debt of any nature in excess of the estimated amount except as herein provided."

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

And Substitute for House Bill No. 98 was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Gornto introduced—
Senate Bill No. 591:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of State Institutions of the State of Florida under certain conditions to grant permits to any person, firm or corporation to make use of the waters of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Gornto moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 591 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 591 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Gornto moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 591 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. 591 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 Adkins, Blich, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Johnson, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Terrell, Willis, Zim—23.

Nays—Senators Brown, Calkins, Jones, Middleton, Stringer—5.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Gornto, by consent, withdrew Senate Bill No. 283.

Mr. Calkins moved that the Senate do reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 897 passed the Senate.

Which motion was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Calkins moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return House Bill No. 897 to the Senate.

Which was not agreed to.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE THIRD READING.

Senate Bills Nos. 163, 278, 186 and 184 were taken up and were informally passed over.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 341:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to census and apportionment.

Was taken up.

Mr. Stringer moved to waive the rules and to place Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 back on its second reading for the purpose of amending same, and that the Senate take up the Bill at once for consideration.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Stringer offered a substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 with a title as follows:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 341:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to census and apportionment.

Which was read.

The substitute was read the second time.

Mr. Stringer moved to adopt the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 341.

Which was agreed to and the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 was adopted.

Mr. Stringer moved to informally pass over the further consideration of the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 and that it be made a Special Order for 10 o'clock A. M. Monday, May 31, 1915; and that it be made an order of the first dignity.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stringer moved that 200 copies of Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 be printed.

Which was agreed to.

House Joint Resolution No. 82 and House Bill No. 69 were taken up and were informally passed over.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate now take a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M. to-day.

EVENING SESSION—8 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to recess order.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blicht, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—27.

A quorum present.

Mr. Gornto moved that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of executive business.

Which was agreed to.

The doors were closed at 8:10 o'clock P. M.

The doors were opened at 9:35 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blicht, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, Middleton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—25.

A quorum present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORDERED TO BE SPREAD ON THE JOURNAL.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Florida, on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1915, made an executive order, effective April 26th, 1915, removing W. C. Spencer from the office of Sheriff of Hillsborough County, Florida, for neglect of duty in office; and

Whereas, such order of removal has been regularly communicated by the Governor to the Senate, under Section 15, Article 4, of the Constitution of the State of Florida; and

Whereas, the governor has recommended to the Senate that the said W. C. Spencer be removed from the office of Sheriff of Hillsborough County, Florida; and

Whereas, The Senate finds from an examination of all the evidence taken and reported to the Senate that the

charges made against the said W. C. Spencer, as Sheriff of Hillsborough County, Florida, upon which the said order of the Governor removing said officer is based, have not been sustained; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate do not consent to the removal of said W. C. Spencer from the office of Sheriff of Hillsborough County, Florida, and that the said officer is not removed from said office.

Mr. Fogarty moved that the Senate do now adjourn. Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Saturday, May 29, 1915.

Saturday, May 29, 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, Blitch, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—28.

A quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of the Senate of May 28 was corrected.

The Journal of the Senate of May 28, as corrected, was approved.

Messrs. Igou and Plympton were excused from attendance upon the Senate until Monday next.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 588.)

An Act regulating the manner of catching and taking

food fish from the fresh water lakes in Jefferson County, belonging to the State of Florida, and all rivers and streams in Jefferson County, Florida, and providing for a license tax for non-residents of the State of Florida to fish in the same, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 585.)

An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, to transfer moneys in the fine and forfeiture fund of said county to the General Revenue Fund.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 453.)

An Act granting certain privileges to Trustees of Subroad Districts and County Commissioners in Alachua County, and prescribing certain duties of Trustees and Commissioners.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 394.)

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 5987, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1909, being An Act to organize a County Court in the County of Hillsborough; to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers and to fix the compensation of its Judge.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 416.)

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.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 371.)

An Act amending Chapter 5864, Acts of 1907, and amending the city charter of the city of Wauchula, Florida, and making the office of City Marshal appointed by the City Council instead of elected as heretofore.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 499.)

An Act to authorize the city of Orlando to levy a special tax for publicity purposes.