Wednesday, June 2, 1915.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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


A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of the Senate of June 1 was corrected.

The Journal of the Senate of June 1, as corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1915.

Hon. Cha’s. E. Davis,
President of the Senate, and

Hon. Cary A. Hardee,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Your Joint Select Committee, appointed under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, being a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of five, three to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and two by the President of the Senate, to investigate into the operations and management of the State Board of Health since its organization in 1889; to inquire into and report upon the appointment and salary paid; the nature of services performed; the expendi-
ture of the State Board and for what purpose; the necessity for such expenditures, and to inquire into other matters of management or operation of said State Board of Health, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Joint Select Committee has met and carefully considered the nature and the amount of work required of it under the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 24, and the members of your committee are of the opinion that it is impossible for them to make a thorough examination and investigation into the operations and management of the State Board of Health since its organization in 1887, etc., as directed in House Joint Resolution No. 24, within the time remaining of the regular session of 1915.

Therefore, your committee recommend that they be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. CALKINS,
ARTHUR E. DONEGAN,
J. H. CADE,
THEO. T. TURNBULL.

Mr. Calkins moved to adopt the report and asked that the Senate members of the committee be discharged.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate members of the committee were discharged.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 303.)
An Act to amend Sections 11 and 15, of Chapter 6542, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, An Act entitled "An Act to authorize Special Tax School Districts to issue bonds for the exclusive use of public free schools within such Special Tax Districts whenever a majority of the qualified electors thereof who are freeholders shall vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds; to provide for the sale of such bonds, for the levy, assessment and collection of a tax to pay the interest on, and for the redemption of said bonds, and for the disbursement of the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds, and the validation of said bonds.”

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 29.)
An Act relating to the regulation, supervision and control of fraternal benefit societies in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 261.)
An Act to require the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to further carry out the purposes and intent of Chapter 3474, of the Laws of Florida, entitled An Act for the relief of the City of Jacksonville, and the Counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 196.)
An Act ratifying, validating and confirming the creation and organization of certain drainage districts in the State of Florida, created and organized under the provisions of Chapter 16, Title 9, First Division of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, and being Sections 950 to 960, inclusive, of the General Statutes, and the amendments thereto contained in Chapter 6457, Laws of Florida, Acts of the Legislature for the year 1913, and validating and confirming the assessments made and bonds issued by said Drainage Districts, and declaring said assessments and bonds to be valid and binding liens upon the real estate in said Drainage Districts.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 225.)
An Act for the protection of hotels, inn-keepers, lodging houses, boarding houses and eating houses.
Also—

(Senate Bill No. 295.)
An Act relating to the punishment of derogatory statements affecting banking institutions.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 319.)
An Act relating to cases where the law has not been complied with in establishing public ditches, drains or canals, in the several counties of the State, and to provide that lands specially benefited by the establishment of such public ditches, drains or canals may be reassessed at any time within three years from the completion of work, in case a former assessment shall be discovered to be, or be declared to be, void, and to provide the course of proceedings in such cases, and the effect of such reassessments.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORTNO, Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 303.)
An Act to amend Sections 11 and 15, of Chapter 6542, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, An Act entitled "An Act to authorize Special Tax School Districts to issue bonds for the exclusive use of public free schools within such Special Tax Districts whenever a majority of the qualified electors thereof who are freeholders shall vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds; to provide for the sale of such bonds, for the levy, assessment and collection of a tax to pay the interest on, and for the redemption of said bonds, and for the disbursement of the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds, and the validation of such bonds."

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950 to 960, inclusive, of the General Statutes, and the
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of work, in case a former assessment shall be discovered to
be, or be declared to be, void, and to provide the course
of proceedings in such cases, and the effect of such reas-
sessments.

Have carefully examined the same and find them cor-
rectly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,
Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained in the above report were or-
dered 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. McClellan, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed
Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

SIR:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was re-
ferred—

Senate Bill No. 315:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the misbrand-
ing of perfumes, and to regulate the manufacture of per-
fumes, and to require all who manufacture or compound
perfumes, or who increase the bulk quantity of a per-
fume by adding liquids to a compound base, to declare
themselves under oath.

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

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 315, contained in the above report, was
ordered to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Gornto, Chairman of the Joint Committee on En-
rolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

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

(Senate Bill No. 33.)

An Act to amend Sections 2781, 2782, 2783, 2784, 2785, and 2786, of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to surety companies, their supervisions and authority to transact business in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 395.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6585 of the Laws of 1913, being An Act providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Marks and Brands for the County of Escambia, State of Florida, prescribing his duties, providing for his compensation, regulating the inspection, killing, driving and shipping of cattle, goats, sheep and swine, in through and from said county and making a violation of any of the provisions of this Act a misdemeanor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 567.)

An Act for the protection and preservation of the mud or marsh hens of St. Johns County, Florida, and designating the time they can be hunted and killed, and when they cannot be hunted, killed or molested, and limiting the number that may be killed by any one person or party in any one day, and declaring violations thereof to be a misdemeanor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 55.)

An Act to amend Sections 2757, 2758, 2759, 2760, 2761, 2762, 2771 and 2772 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the organization, management, control and operation of life and fire insurance companies and their agents in the State of Florida, and making appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 570.)

An Act authorizing and regulating certain classes of indemnity contracts, empowering corporations to make such contracts and fixing certain fees and the penalty for violation thereof.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.)

Fixing the hour of adjournment of the 1915 session of the Legislature.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.)

Allowing the sum of $150.00 to the Secretary of State for the employment of a proofreader.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 346.)

An Act to amend Section two (2), Chapter 5650, Laws of Florida, prescribing and regulating the procedure for the admission of attorneys to practice law in the courts of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 201.)

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.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 30.)

An Act forbidding any insurance company organized and chartered under the Laws of this State, and any person for and on its behalf to sell any stock of said insurance company at a greater discount than ten per cent of its face or par value within two years from the date of filing its charter with the Secretary of this State, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 533.)

An Act to authorize the payment of the Bond Trustees of Hernando County, Florida, having bond funds in their possession, their lawful fees out of the Bond Funds in their hands.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 570.)

An Act to grant to the Cove Company, a Florida Corporation, the privilege of constructing a dam across the Withlacoochee River, at or near Stoke's Ferry, Florida.
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., June 1, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 615:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to remove under certain terms and conditions, the invalidity created by Chapter 5717, Laws of Florida, 1907, as to certain classes of contracts heretofore made to by or in behalf of any foreign corporation.

Have had the same under consideration and have properly engrossed Senate amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

House Bill No. 615 was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:

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

(House Bill No. 856.)
An Act requiring the owners of land in the city of Miami, Dade County, Florida, and owners of land within one mile of said city, who sub-divide or plat such land for sale, to cause maps or plats of such land to be made; to prohibit the dedication of any streets, highways, alleys, parks, parkways, commons or other public uses shown on such plats until the same is accepted and confirmed by the City Council of the city of Miami; to regulate the recording of such map or plat in the Circuit Court Clerk's office until the same shall have the written approval of the City Council of the city of Miami, and providing that the fee of the streets, highways, alleys, parks, parkways, commons or other public uses recorded in such plats shall vest in the city of Miami to be held in trust for the uses designated on the plat.

Also—

(House Bill No. 885.)
An Act amending Section 37, of Chapter 6389, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1911, approved May 13, 1911, relative to the incorporation, boundaries, jurisdiction, powers, immunities, privileges and duties of the City of Plant City, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 902.)
An Act to relieve Taylor County, Florida, from the operation of Chapter 6178 of the Laws of Florida, and to provide that said County may continue to use and prescribe for use in the Public Schools of said County, Text Books not in conformity with the Uniform Series of Text Books adopted by the State Text Book Commission, having the regular County Adoptions until the said State Text Book Commission shall re-advertise for new bids,
as required by said Act, and enter into other contracts as therein provided.

Also—

(House Bill No. 534.)
An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of Trilby, in Pasco County, Florida; to legalize and validate the Ordinances of said Town of Trilby and official acts thereunder; to create and establish a New Munici-

pality to be known as the Town of Trilby, in Pasco County, Florida; and to fix its territorial limits, jurisdiction and powers, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 542.)
An Act to create a Municipality to be known and designated as the City of Inverness, in the County of Citrus, State of Florida, to provide a Commission Form of Gov-

ernment therefor, designate the boundaries thereof, and define its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 76.)
An Act providing for Compulsory School Attendance, the appointment of Attendance Officers, prescribing their duties and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 235.)
An Act to add to the Internal Improvement Fund lands of the State of Florida, certain islands and accretions of sand bars and banks in the tidal waters of Mon-

roe County, to provide for the disposition of same by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and to regulate the use and improvement of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 796.)
An Act to provide a municipal government for the Town of Hawk's Park, in Volusia County, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 898.)
An Act regulating the manner of catching fish on the fresh water lakes, streams and other waters of Orange County; providing for a closed season; prohibiting shipment of same out of said county during said closed sea-

son, and providing punishment for violations of this Act.

Also—

(House Bill No. 886.)
An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissi-

ers of Seminole County, State of Florida, to expend money to aid in the development of the agricultural and horticultural resources of the said county.

Also—

(House Bill No. 820.)
An Act to amend Section One of Chapter 6637 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1913, the same be-

ing An Act empowering the County Commissioners of Pinellas County to pave county roads in said county with vitrified brick, concrete or other equally durable ma-

terial and assess two-thirds of the costs of said paving against the abutting property, and issue paving certifi-
cates against said property, for a period of six years with interest not exceeding seven (7%) per cent. per annum.

Also—

(House Bill No. 697.)
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. 905.)
An Act to empower and authorize the City of Palatka, a municipal corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, to lay mains and supply water for commercial and domestic use and fire protection to the Town of Pa-

latka Heights, and any of the inhabitants thereof, and prescribing the conditions upon which such powers shall be executed, and providing for the charges to be made for such service.

Also—

(House Bill No. 895.)
An Act authorizing the organization and maintenance of a Battalion of Naval Militia, in the County of Duval, State of Florida, in addition to the now existing force of Naval Militia.

Also—

(House Bill No. 913.)
An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Sem-
inole County to levy a special tax for publicity purposes.

Also—

(House Bill No. 875.)
An Act to legalize and validate all proceedings relat-
ing to the issue and sale by the Board of Public Instruction for the County of St. Lucie, State of Florida, of public high school warrants of the aggregate par value of $75,000, dated January 1, 1914, and which warrants were issued and sold under authority of Chapter 6647, of the Laws of the State of Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 800.)

An Act to legalize and validate the assessment of lands in the Davenport Drainage District, in Polk County, Florida, for drainage purposes, and to legalize and make valid the bonds of said district to be issued by the Board of Supervisors of said district, as proposed by and pursuant to resolutions of said Board of Supervisors, to validate and legalize assessments for preliminary expenses and to authorize the retirement of all warrants now outstanding or which may hereafter be legally issued.

Also—

(House Bill No. 884.)

An Act to establish a reservation for the protection and propagation of and to regulate the means and methods of capturing fish in the waters of New Smyrna Inlet, Hillsboro (Indian River North), Halifax River, Spruce, Tomoka, Bulow and Smith Creeks and the bays and tributary waters thereof, lying north of the town of Hawks Park, Florida, or the 29th Parallel of North Latitude, in the County of Volusia, State of Florida: to forbid the use of any nets whatsoever, except the ordinary cast net, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act.

Also—

(House Bill No. 794.)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 5791 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to establish, organize and constitute a municipality in DeSoto County, Florida, to be known and designated as the town of Bowling Green, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges," approved May 7, 1907.

Also—

(House Bill No. 784.)

An Act to grant to the city of Fort Myers all lands belonging to the State of Florida, lying in the corporate limits of the city of Fort Myers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 937.)

An Act to legalize and validate the Elections held in Special Tax School Districts numbered 4, 6, 7, 10, 34 and 31, of DeSoto County, Florida, on the 15th day of May, 1915, the 1st day of July, 1915, the 11th day of July, 1914 respectively; and to legalize and validate the issues of Special Tax School District Bonds voted at said elections respectively, under authority and in pursuance of said Elections; and to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to levy and assess a Special Tax upon the property in said respective districts, for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds voted in each such Districts respectively; and to validate the establishment of said Districts.

Also—

(House Bill No. 748.)

An Act to grant the water front, riparian rights and submerged lands in Biscayne Bay in the City of Miami, in front of that property in the City of Miami between the south line of Bay street and the center line of Second Street, extended east, to which the State may have any title or right of possession, to the City of Miami.

Also—

(House Bill No. 193.)

An Act to amend Sections 30 and 35 of An Act imposing Licenses and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license, or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof, approved June 5, 1913, and to remove, abrogate and terminate all liabilities, penalties, prosecutions and punishments under or because of any portions of said Section 35 repealed or omitted by such amendment.

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.
INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Zim offered the following resolution—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13:

Whereas, an Inland Waterway paralleling the Atlantic Ocean is recognized as of national concern; and,
Whereas, Directness of route, cheapness of construction and general adaptability to the intent and purpose of the canal, both as relates to national defense and the conservation of the best interests of the country being naturally considered; and,
Whereas, A part of the great plan having been put into operation by the State of Florida along the East Coast of this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State be earnestly requested to use their best endeavors to incite the carrying out of the great schemes as outlined by the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association at the earliest practical moment.

Which was read.

Mr. Zim moved to waive the rules and that the resolution be read the second time.

Pending the consideration of which motion, Mr. Zim requested that a communication be read and be spread on the Journal.

Which request was granted.

And the following communication was read:

St. Augustine, Fla., June 1, 1915.

Hon. L. W. Zim, Senator,
Tallahassee, Fla.

This morning’s press reports show passage of Memorial to Congress by Legislature urging taking over of section of East Coast Canal and development of waterway via St. Johns River route to point near Titusville. While it is true that government engineers have surveyed the route suggested no action has been taken which contemplated the abandonment of the canal as already constructed at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars and along the true course for the inland waterway. We protest against this hasty action without a hearing as to the practica-

bility of the route already established and ask that this message be submitted our representatives in the House and that it be laid before the Legislature.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The motion of Mr. Zim to waive the rules, and to read the resolution the second time, was agreed to.

The resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Zim moved to adopt the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13 was adopted.

The resolution was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Middleton—

Senate Bill No. 611:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 6640, Laws of Florida, entitled “An Act relating to the drainage and reclamation of certain lands in Putnam 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,” and to provide for the issue and sale of bonds to procure money to carry out the provisions of said Chapter 6640.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 611 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 611 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 611 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. 611 was read a third time in full. Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yea—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gorneto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Willis, Zim—30.

Nay—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Terrell—

Senate Bill No. 612:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1915 and 1916.

Which was the first time by its title.

Mr. Terrell moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 612 be read a second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 612 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Terrell moved that the further consideration of the Bill be temporarily passed over.

By Mr. Farris—

Senate Bill No. 613:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create and establish a Juvenile Court in and for Duval County, Florida; to confer its powers and define its jurisdiction; to provide for the judge of said court, and to define his powers and duties, and to provide for the expense of said court and compensation of said judge.

Was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 613 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 613 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 613 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. 613 was read a third time in full.

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

Yea—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Cooper, Farris, Gorneto, Greene, Hudson, Lindsey, McClellan McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Wells, Willis, Zim—21.

Nay—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Drane moved to waive the rules and that the Senate proceed to take up and consider House Bill No. 279. Which was not agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Executive Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1915.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved the following Acts which originated in your Honorable Body and have caused the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

(Senate Bill No. 218.)


Also—

(Senate Bill No. 45.)

An Act forbidding foreign insurance companies doing business in this State without a license, and providing a penalty therefor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 35.)

An Act to amend Sections One and Four of Chapter 5889, Acts of 1909, Laws of Florida, being An Act to re-
quire Fire Insurance Companies to deposit a certain amount in cash or securities with the Treasurer of the State of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 50.)
An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 6517, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 41.)
An Act prohibiting payment of dividends by insurance companies organized in this State under certain conditions, and providing for liability of directors voting for such dividends.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 240.)
An Act to amend Section 1739 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to legal time.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 67.)
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. 28.)
An Act to provide for the organization and management of Mutual Fire Associations.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 52.)
An Act concerning insurance companies, associations and their agents and other persons, firms and corporations, prohibiting discrimination and rebating, misrepresentation and twisting.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 512.)
An Act to authorize the City of Pensacola, Florida, to issue negotiable bonds for certain municipal purposes.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 44.)
An Act requiring all policies or contracts of indemnity against loss by explosion, burglary, liability contracts, steam boiler and all other forms of Casualty Insurance business and on Surety Bonds, to be issued and counter-signed by a Local Agent, regularly commissioned and licensed, and requiring such agent to receive the full commission thereon.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 39.)
An Act prohibiting any person from making a false claim or false statement to any Insurance Company licensed to do business in this State, and providing a penalty therefor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 49.)
An Act providing punishment for willfully or wantonly setting fire to or attempting to burn any building or structure or any personal property in which such person has an interest as mortgagee, insurer or otherwise, or aiding or assisting therein, and thereafter making claim or demand for the insurance thereon.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 43.)
An Act for the reduction of the capital of any Insurance Company organized in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 432.)
An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, to issue time warrants in payment of amounts due the City of Pensacola for the road and bridge taxes collected or received 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.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 432.)
An Act to authorizing to 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.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 571.)
An Act amending Chapter 5864, Acts of 1907, and amending the city charter of the city of Wauchula, Flor-
ida, 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
tax special for publicity purposes.

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 con-
stitute an open season for hunting deer in said county.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 453.)
An Act granting certain privileges to Trustees of Sub-
road Districts and County Commissioners in Alachua
County, and prescribing certain duties of Trustees and
Commissioners.

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. 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 viola-
tion of this Act.

Very respectfully,
PARK TRAMMELL,
Governor.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

(Senate Bill No. 33.)

An Act to amend Sections 2781, 2782, 2783, 2784, 2785,
and 2786, of the General Statutes of the State of Florida,
relating to surety companies, their supervisions and
authority to transact business in this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 395.)
An Act to amend Chapter 6585 of the Laws of 1913,
being An Act providing for the appointment of an In-
spector of Marks and Brands for the County of Escan-
bba, State of Florida, prescribing his duties, providing for
his compensation, regulating the inspection, killing, driv-
ing and shipping of cattle, goats, sheep and swine, in
through and from said county and making a violation of
any of the provisions of this Act a misdemeanor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 567.)
An Act for the protection and preservation of the mud
marsh hens of St. Johns County, Florida, and designat-
ing the time they can be hunted, killed, and when
they cannot be hunted, killed or molested, and limiting
the number that may be killed by any one person or
party in any one day, and declaring violations thereof
and making a violation of

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 567.)
An Act authorizing and regulating certain classes of
indemnity contracts, empowering corporations to make
such contracts and fixing certain fees and the penalty
for violation thereof.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 345.)
An Act authorizing and regulating certain classes of
indemnity contracts, empowering corporations to make
such contracts and fixing certain fees and the penalty
for violation thereof.

Also—

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(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.)
Fixing the hour of adjournment of the 1915 session of the Legislature.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.)
Allowing the sum of $150.00 to the Secretary of State for the employment of a proofreader.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 346.)
An Act to amend Section two (2), Chapter 5650, Laws of Florida, prescribing and regulating the procedure for the admission of attorneys to practice law in the courts of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 201.)
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.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 30.)
An Act forbidding any insurance company organized and chartered under the Laws of this State, and any person for and on its behalf to sell any stock of said insurance company at a greater discount than ten per cent of its face or par value within two years from the date of filing its charter with the Secretary of this State, and providing a penalty for the violation of this act.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 533.)
An Act to authorize the payment of the Bond Trustees of Hernando County, Florida, having bond funds in their possession, their lawful fees out of the Bond Funds in their hands.

Also—

(House Bill No. 906.)
An Act to define the territorial jurisdiction of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida; to create an additional Judicial Circuit to be known as the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and to create the Circuit Court thereof, and to define the territorial jurisdiction thereof, and to provide the time for holding terms of the Circuit Court in each such Judicial Circuits, and to provide for a Circuit Judge and State's Attorney in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Also—

(House Bill No. 856.)
An Act requiring the owners of land in the city of Miami, Dade County, Florida, and owners of land within one mile of said city, who subdivide or plat such land for sale, to cause maps or plats of such land to be made; to prohibit the dedication of any streets, highways, alleys, parks, parkways, commons or other public uses shown on such plats until the same is accepted and confirmed by the City Council of the city of Miami; to regulate the recording of such map or plat in the Circuit Court Clerk's office until the same shall have the written approval of the City Council of the city of Miami, and providing that the fee of the streets, highways, alleys, parks, parkways, commons or other public uses recorded in such plats shall vest in the city of Miami to be held in trust for the uses designated on the plat.

Also—

(House Bill No. 855.)
An Act amending Section 37, of Chapter 6389, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1911, approved May 13, 1911, relative to the incorporation, boundaries, jurisdiction, powers, immunities, privileges and duties of the City of Plant City, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 902.)
An Act to relieve Taylor County, Florida, from the operation of Chapter 6178 of the Laws of Florida, and to provide that said County may continue to use and prescribe for use in the Public Schools of said County, Text Books not in conformity with the Uniform Series of Text Books adopted by the State Text Book Commission, having the regular County Adoptions until the said State Text Book Commission shall readvertise for new bids, as required by said Act, and enter into other contracts as therein provided.

Also—

(House Bill No. 534.)
An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of Trilby, in Pasco County, Florida; to legalize and validate the Ordinances of said Town of Trilby and official
acts thereunder; to create and establish a New Munici-
pality to be known as the Town of Trilby, in Pasco
County, Florida; and to fix its territorial limits, jurisdic-
tion and powers, and the jurisdiction and powers of its
officers.

Also—
(House Bill No. 542.)
An Act to create a Municipality to be known and des-
ignated as the City of Inverness, in the County of Citrus,
State of Florida, to provide a Commission Form of Gov-
ernment therefor, designate the boundaries thereof, and
define its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—
(House Bill No. 76.)
An Act providing for Compulsory School Attendance,
the appointment of Attendance Officers, prescribing their
duties and powers.

Also—
(House Bill No. 235.)
An Act to add to the Internal Improvement Fund
lands of the State of Florida, certain islands and accre-
tions of sand bars and banks in the tidal waters of Mon-
roe County, to provide for the disposition of same by
the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and to
regulate the use and improvement of same.

Also—
(House Bill No. 796.)
An Act to provide a municipal government for the
Town of Hawks Park, in Volusia County, Florida.

Also—
(House Bill No. 898.)
An Act regulating the manner of catching fish on the
fresh water lakes, streams and other waters of Orange
County; providing for a closed season; prohibiting ship-
ment of same out of said county during said closed sea-
son, and providing punishment for violations of this Act.

Also—
(House Bill No. 886.)
An Act authorizing the Board of County Commis-
ers of Seminole County, State of Florida, to expend
money to aid in the development of the agricultural and
horticultural resources of the said county.

Also—

An Act to amend Section One of Chapter 6637 of the
Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1913, the same be-
ing An Act empowering the County Commissioners of
Pinellas County to pave county roads in said county with
vitrified brick, concrete or other equally durable ma-
terial and assess two-thirds of the costs of said paving
against the abutting property, and issue paving certifi-
cates against said property, for a period of six years with
interest not exceeding seven (7%) per cent. per annum.

Also—

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Os-
coe County to levy a special road tax for the purpose
of building hard surface roads.

Also—

An Act authorizing the organization and maintenance
of a Battalion of Naval Militia, in the County of Duval,
State of Florida, in addition to the now existing force
of Naval Militia.

Also—

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Sem-
inole County to levy a special tax for publicity purposes.

Also—

An Act to legalize and validate all proceedings relat-
ing to the issue and sale by the Board of Public Instruc-
tion for the County of St. Lucie, State of Florida, of
public high school warrants of the aggregate par value
of $75,000, dated January 1, 1914, and which warrants
were issued and sold under authority of Chapter 6647,
of the Laws of the State of Florida.
An Act to legalize and validate the assessment of lands in the Davenport Drainage District, in Polk County, Florida, for drainage purposes, and to legalize and make valid the bonds of said district to be issued by the Board of Supervisors of said district, as proposed by and pursuant to resolutions of said Board of Supervisors, to validate and legalize assessments for preliminary expenses and to authorize the retirement of all warrants now outstanding or which may hereafter be legally issued.

Also—

An Act to establish a reservation for the protection and propagation of and to regulate the means and methods of capturing fish in the waters of New Smyrna Inlet, Hillsboro (Indian River North), Halifax River, Spruce, Tomoka, Bulow and Smith Creeks and the bays and tributary waters thereof, lying north of the town of Hawks Park, Florida, or the 29th Parallel of North Latitude, in the County of Volusia, State of Florida; to forbid the use of any nets whatsoever, except the ordinary cast net, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act.

Also—

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 5791 of the Laws of Florida, entitled “An Act to establish, organize and constitute a municipality in DeSoto County, Florida, to be known and designated as the town of Bowling Green, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges,” approved May 7, 1907.

Also—

An Act to grant to the city of Fort Myers all lands belonging to the State of Florida, lying in the corporate limits of the city of Fort Myers.

Also—

An Act to legalize and validate the elections held in Special Tax School Districts numbered 4, 6, 7, 10, 34 and 37, of DeSoto County, Florida, on the 13th day of March, 1915, the 13th day of June, 1914, the 1st day of May, 1915, the 15th day of May, 1915, the 11th day of July, 1914 respectively; and to legalize and validate the issues of Special Tax School District Bonds voted at said elections respectively, under authority and in pursuance of said elections; and to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to levy and assess a Special Tax upon the property in said respective Districts for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds voted in each such Districts respectively; and to validate the establishment of said Districts.

Also—

An Act to grant the water front, riparian rights and submerged lands in Biscayne Bay in the City of Miami, in front of that property in the City of Miami between the south line of Bay street and the center line of Second Street, extended east, to which the State may have any title or right of possession, to the City of Miami.

Also—

An Act to amend Sections 30 and 35 of An Act imposing Licenses and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license, or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof, approved June 5, 1913, and to remove, abrogate and terminate all liabilities, penalties, prosecutions and punishments under or because of any portions of said Section 35 repealed or omitted by such amendment.

Also—

An Act to grant to the Cove Company, a Florida Corporation, the privilege of constructing a dam across the Withlachochee River, at or near Stoke’s Ferry, 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The hour having arrived for the special consideration of substitute for substitute to Senate Bill No. 341—

Substitute to Substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341:
A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Sections 2, 3, and 4, of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to census and apportionment.

Was taken up and read the first time.

Mr. Stringer moved the rules be waived and that substitute for substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 be read the second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to.

And the substitute for the substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 was read the second time by its title.

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

Which was agreed to.

And the substitute for the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Stringer moved that the rules be further waived, and that substitute for substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And substitute for substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 was read a third time in full as follows:

Substitute for Substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Sections 2, 3 and 4, of Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to census and apportionment.

Be it Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the following amendments to the Constitution be, and the same are hereby agreed to, and the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State at the general election in 1916, for ratification or rejection:

Section 2 of Article VII is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "The Legislatures that shall convene in the year of 1919 and thereafter shall consist of one member of the Senate from each county in the State, and of one member of the House of Representatives from each county in the State for every ten thousand of population therein, or the major fraction thereof where there may be a major fraction left over after dividing the whole number of population of the county by the number ten thousand; provided, that each county shall have at least one representative, and that no county shall have more than three representatives in the House of Representatives. The members of the House of Representatives shall be elected for a term of two years, and the members of the Senate shall be elected for a term of four years, except as hereinafter provided. The election for members for each branch shall be at the same time and places. The term of office of Senators elected in 1916 shall expire on the first Monday in April, 1919. The term of office of Senators elected 1918 from the following counties, to-wit: Escambia, Gadsden, Jackson, Leon, Madison, Lafayette, Taylor, Columbia, Nassau, Duval, Marion, Sumter, Jefferson, Lee, Monroe, Putnam, Volusia, Hamilton, Alachua, Broward, Liberty, Hernando, Pinellas, Brevard, Palm Beach and Levy, shall expire on the first Monday in April, 1921; all other Senators to be elected in the year 1918, their term of office shall expire on the first Monday in April, 1923. All members of the House of Representatives elected at the general election in 1918, their term of office shall expire on the first Monday in April, 1921, and thereafter the term of office of all members of the House of Representatives shall commence on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April next succeeding the election. At the general election in 1920, and thereafter, all Senators to be elected shall be elected for a term of four years, the term to begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of the following year, except that when a new county is created the Legislature shall at that time fix the length of the term of the first Senator to be elected therefrom at two or four years, with the end in view of keeping the number of old Senators in a balance with the number of the new."

Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"The regular session of the Legislature that shall meet in 1917 shall apportion the representation in the House of Representatives, as in this Article provided, which apportionment shall be based upon the last census taken by the State of Florida or by the United States, whichever is the last taken, in the several counties of the State, and that those that shall meet every ten years thereafter shall apportion the representation in the House of Representatives in the manner in this Article provided, which apportionment shall be based upon the last census enumeration taken by the State of Florida, or by the United States, whichever is the last taken next before the Legislature so apportioning the representation shall convene."
Section 4 or Article VII of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"When any new county is created by the Legislature it shall be entitled to one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives until the next enumeration provided for in Section 5 of this Article, that shall be taken after the creation of said new county, or until the next census enumeration that shall be taken by the United States of America after the creation of the said new county, whichever shall be the sooner be taken after the creation of said new county, when it shall be entitled to one member of the House of Representatives for every ten thousand of population, or the major fraction thereof, the same as other counties."

Upon the passage of Substitute for Substitute to Senate Joint Resolution No. 341 the roll was called and the vote was:


Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Greene, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McGeechey, Middleton, Watson, Willis—10.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 341, having received the constitutional vote of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed.

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

Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rules and to take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 612.

Which was agreed to.

And—

Senate Bill No. 612:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1915 and 1916.

Was taken up.

Mr. Terrell moved to waive the rules and that Senate Bill No. 612 be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 612 was read the third time in full.

Pending the passage of the Bill—

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 612:

In Section 12, lines 19 and 20, strike out the words "for publicity purposes and."

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

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 612:

In Section 2, lines 20 and 21, strike out the words "and immigration and like purposes."

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

Mr. Johnson moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills and that the further consideration of the passage of the bill be made a special order for four o'clock P. M. today.

Which was agreed to.

And it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

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

(Senate Bill No. 33.)

An Act to amend Sections 2781, 2782, 2783, 2784, 2785, and 2786, of the General Statutes of the State of Florida,
relating to surety companies, their supervisions and authority to transact business in this State.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 395.)
An Act to amend Chapter 6525 of the Laws of 1913, being an Act providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Marks and Brands for the County of Escambia, State of Florida, prescribing his duties, providing for his compensation, regulating the inspection, killing, driving and shipping of cattle, goats, sheep and swine, in through and from said county and making a violation of any of the provisions of this Act a misdemeanor.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 567.)
An Act for the protection and preservation of the mud or marsh hens of St. Johns County, Florida, and designating the time they can be hunted, and killed, and when they cannot be hunted, killed or molested, and limiting the number that may be killed by any one person or party in any one day, and declaring violations thereof to be a misdemeanor.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 55.)
An Act to amend Sections 2757, 2758, 2759, 2760, 2761, 2762, 2771 and 2772 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the organization, management, control and operation of life and fire insurance companies and their agents in the State of Florida, and making appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 345.)
An Act authorizing and regulating certain classes of indemnity contracts, empowering corporations to make such contracts and fixing certain fees and the penalty for violation thereof.

Also—
(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.)
Fixing the hour of adjournment of the 1915 session of the Legislature.

Also—
(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.)
Allowing the sum of $150.00 to the Secretary of State for the employment of a proofreader.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 346.)
An Act to amend Section two (2), Chapter 5650, Laws of Florida, prescribing and regulating the procedure for the admission of attorneys to practice law in the courts of Florida.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 201.)
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.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 30.)
An Act forbidding any insurance company organized and chartered under the Laws of this State, and any person for and on its behalf to sell any stock of said insurance company at a greater discount than ten per cent of its face or par value within two years from the date of filing its charter with the Secretary of this State, and providing a penalty for the violation of this act.

Also—
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An Act to authorize the payment of the Bond Trustees of Hernando County, Florida, having bond funds in their possession, their lawful fees out of the Bond Funds in their hands.

( Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.)
Fixing the hour of adjournment of the 1915 session of the Legislature.

Also—
(Senate Bill No. 346.)
An Act requiring the owners of land in the city of Miami, Dade County, Florida, and owners of land within one mile of said city, who sub-divide or plat such land for sale, to cause maps or plats of such land to be made; to prohibit the dedication of any streets, highways, alt...
leys, parks, parkways, commons or other public uses shown on such plats until the same is accepted and confirmed by the City Council of the city of Miami; to regulate the recording of such map or plat in the Circuit Court Clerk's office until the same shall have the written approval of the City Council of the city of Miami, and providing that the fee of the streets, highways, alleys, parks, parkways, commons or other public uses recorded in such plats shall vest in the city of Miami to be held in trust for the uses designated on the plat.

Also—
(House Bill No. 885.)
An Act amending Section 37, of Chapter 6389, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1911, approved May 13, 1911, relative to the incorporation, boundaries, jurisdiction, powers, immunities, privileges and duties of the City of Plant City, Florida.

Also—
(House Bill No. 902.)
An Act to relieve Taylor County, Florida, from the operation of Chapter 6178 of the Laws of Florida, and to provide that said County may continue to use and prescribe for use in the Public Schools of said County, Text Books not in conformity with the Uniform Series of Text Books adopted by the State Text Book Commission, having the regular County Adoptions until the said State Text Book Commission shall re-advertise for new bids, as required by said Act, and enter into other contracts as therein provided.

Also—
(House Bill No. 534.)
An Act to abolish the present Municipal Government of Trilby, in Pasco County, Florida; to legalize and validate the Ordinances of said Town of Trilby and official acts thereunder; to create and establish a New Municipality to be known as the Town of Trilby, in Pasco County, Florida; and to fix its territorial limits, jurisdiction and powers, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers.

Also—
(House Bill No. 542.)
An Act to create a Municipality to be known and designated as the City of Inverness, in the County of Citrus, State of Florida, to provide a Commission Form of Gov-
(House Bill No. 697.)
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. 905.)
An Act to empower and authorize the City of Palatka, a municipal corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, to lay mains and supply water for commercial and domestic use and fire protection to the Town of Palatka Heights, and any of the inhabitants thereof; and prescribing the conditions upon which such powers shall be executed, and providing for the charges to be made for such service.

Also—
(House Bill No. 895.)
An Act authorizing the organization and maintenance of a Battalion of Naval Militia, in the County of Duval, State of Florida, in addition to the now existing force of Naval Militia.

Also—
(House Bill No. 913.)
An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Seminole County to levy a special tax for publicity purposes.

Also—
(House Bill No. 875.)
An Act to legalize and validate all proceedings relating to the issue and sale by the Board of Public Instruction for the County of St. Lucie, State of Florida, of public high school warrants of the aggregate par value of $75,000, dated January 1, 1914, and which warrants were issued and sold under authority of Chapter 6647 of the Laws of the State of Florida.

Also—
(House Bill No. 800.)
An Act to legalize and validate the assessment of lands in the Davenport Drainage District, in Polk County, Florida, for drainage purposes, and to legalize and make valid the bonds of said district to be issued by the Board of Supervisors of said district, as proposed by and pursuant to resolutions of said Board of Supervisors, to validate and legalize assessments for preliminary expenses and to authorize the retirement of all warrants now outstanding or which may hereafter be legally issued.

Also—
(House Bill No. 884.)
An Act to establish a reservation for the protection and propagation of and to regulate the means and methods of capturing fish in the waters of New Smyrna Inlet, Hillsboro (Indian River North), Halifax River, Spruce Tomoka, Bulow and Smith Creeks and the bays and tributary waters thereof, lying north of the town of Hawks Park, Florida, or the 29th Parallel of North Latitude, in the County of Volusia, State of Florida; to forbid the use of any nets whatsoever, except the ordinary cast net, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act.

Also—
(House Bill No. 794.)
An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 5791 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to establish, organize and constitute a municipality in DeSoto County, Florida, to be known and designated as the town of Bowling Green, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges," approved May 7, 1907.

Also—
(House Bill No. 784.)
An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Seminole County to levy a special tax for the purpose of building hard surface roads.

Also—
(House Bill No. 937.)
An Act to legalize and validate the Elections held in Special School Districts numbered 4, 6, 7, 10, 34 and 37, of DeSoto County, Florida, on the 13th day of March, 1915, the 13th day of June, 1914, the 1st day of May, 1915, the 15th day of May, 1915, the 1st day of May, 1915, the 11th day of July, 1914 respectively; and to legalize and validate the issues of Special Tax School District Bonds voted at said elections respectively, under authority and in pursuance of said Elections; and to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to levy and assess a Special Tax upon the property in said respective Districts for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds voted in each such Districts respectively; and to validate the establishment of said Districts.

Also—
139—8.
(House Bill No. 748.)

An Act to grant the water front, riparian rights and submerged lands in Biscayne Bay in the City of Miami, in front of that property in the City of Miami between the south line of Bay street and the center line of Second Street, extended east, to which the State may have any title or right of possession, to the City of Miami.

Also—

(House Bill No. 193.)

An Act to amend Sections 30 and 35 of An Act imposing Licenses and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license, or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof, approved June 5, 1913, and to remove, abrogate and terminate all liabilities, penalties, prosecutions and punishments under or because of any portions of said Section 35 repealed or omitted by such amendment.

By Permission—

Senate Bill No. 570.

An Act to grant to the Cove Company, a Florida Corporation, the privilege of constructing a dam across the Withlacoochee River, at or near Stoke's Ferry, Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,
Chairman of Committee.

By Permission—

Mr. Fogarty, Chairman of Committee on Public Health, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 437:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1127 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida relating to the Compensation of members of the State Board of Health and Health Officers.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. FOGARTY,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 437, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

By permission—

Mr. Fogarty, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 382:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the inspection of theaters, opera houses, hospitals and other public buildings.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. FOGARTY,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 382, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

By Permission—

Mr. Fogarty, Chairman of Committee on Public Health, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 495:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to protect and conserve
the health and lives of school children in the State of Florida, and promote their efficiency by providing for their medical inspection and treatment.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. FOGARTY,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Bill No. 495, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

BIllS ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Zim moved to waive the rules and take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 228. Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 228:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6488, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, to regulate the employment of minor children in the State of Florida, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof; creating the office of State Labor Inspector and defining the duties and compensation of such officer."

Was taken up.

Mr. Zim moved to waive the rules and that Senate Bill No. 228 be read the second time by its title only. Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 228 was read the second time by its title.

The Committee substitute for the Bill was read with the title as follows:

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 228:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 10, 20, and 22 of Chapter 6488, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, being "An Act to regulate the employment of minor children in the State of Florida, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof; creating the office of State Labor Inspector and defining the duties and compensation of such officer."

Mr. Zim moved to waive the rule and that Substitute for Senate Bill No. 228 be read the second time in full. Which was agreed to. And the Substitute for the Bill was read a second time in full.

Mr. Zim moved to adopt the substitute. Which was agreed to. And the substitute for the Bill was adopted.

Mr. Wells offered the following amendment to substitute for Senate Bill No. 228:

In Section 3, add after the word "inspectors," Section 3, "not to exceed $800.00."

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

There being no further amendment, substitute for Senate Bill No. 228 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By permission—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,

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 amendments to—

House Bill No. 193:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 35 of An Act imposing license and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof, and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license, or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof, approved June 5, 1913, and to remove, abrogate and terminate all liabilities, penalties, prosecutions and punishment under or because of
any portions of said Section 35 repealed or omitted by such amendment.

Which are as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause of House Bill No. 193 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

Section 1. That Section 30 of Chapter 6421, Acts of 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 30. Junk, dealers in, shall pay a license tax of fifty ($50.00) dollars, and shall keep a full and complete record of each transaction of their business, showing from whom and when each article of their stock was purchased or acquired, and to whom sold and date of such sale, and such record shall at all times be subject to the inspection of all police or peace officers. Any violation hereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months.

"Job Printing. Owners or managers of job printing offices, running by power, in cities and towns of ten thousand inhabitants or over, shall pay a license tax of ten ($10.00) dollars."

Section 2. That Section 35 of Chapter 6421, Acts of 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 35. Merchants, Druggists and Storekeepers, shall pay a license tax as follows: For the first one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars or fraction of one thousand dollars of stock of merchandise, three ($3.00) dollars in each county and for each place of business, and one and one half ($1.50) dollars for each additional thousand or fraction thereof; but dealers in merchandise at wholesale only, shall pay a license tax of one and one-half ($1.50) dollars for each one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars of their stock of merchandise. Provided, That the words 'stock of merchandise' shall be held to mean the cash value of merchandise or goods on hand and not the amount of capital stock invested in the business; Provided, further, That any merchant keeping sewing machines in stock for sale in the same manner as other merchandise shall not be taxed as a sewing machine agent or dealer.

Mercurial agencies shall pay a license tax of fifty ($50.00) dollars in each county in which an office is established.

Merchants using trading stamps shall pay a license tax of two hundred and fifty ($250.00) dollars for each place of business where they use such stamps.

Merchant tailors shall pay a license tax of ten ($10.00) dollars for each place of business."

Section 3. This Act shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor.

Also—

Amend the title by adding after the word Section, in first line of title, the following: "30 and."

Very respectfully,

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

Mr. Igou moved to waive the rules and that the Senate take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 551.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 551:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 6312 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1911, same being entitled "An Act to license automobiles and other motor driven vehicles using the public roads or highways in the State of Florida, either for hire or otherwise."

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 551 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 551 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 551 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. 551 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, Blitch, Brown, Cooper, Crane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Himes, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McGeechay, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Willis, Zim—22.

Nays—Senator Greene—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately.
Mr. Farris moved to waive the rules and that House Bill No. 53 be now taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

House Bill No. 53:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prohibiting the drawing and uttering of checks or orders upon banks or other persons when the makers thereof have not sufficient funds on deposit with the drawee to pay such checks or orders; to provide punishment therefor.

Was taken up.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 53 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 53 was read a second time by its title only.

By unanimous consent Mr. Farris withdrew the following amendment offered by him on May 18, to wit:

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

Section 1. That from and after the date upon which this Act becomes a law, any person, acting in his or her own behalf, or as agent for any person, persons, firm or corporation, who draws and utters, or causes to be drawn and uttered, any check, draft, or order, for a present consideration, upon any bank, banking house, person, firm or corporation when there shall not be at the time of either drawing and uttering, or causing to be drawn and uttered, such check, draft, or order, or at the time of presentment of such check, draft or order to the drawee thereof, for payment or acceptance, provided that the same be presented in due course, sufficient funds on deposit with such bank, banking house, person, firm or corporation, in the name of or to the credit of such drawer, to pay such check, draft or order, and who shall not within ten days after the giving and receipt of the notice of the dishonor hereinafter provided for, pay or cause to be paid the amount of such check, draft, or order in current funds to the lawful holder thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the State prison for a period not greater than one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. The notice of dishonor mentioned in Section 1 of this Act, shall be in writing and must state that the check, draft, or order has been duly presented for payment or acceptance and has been dishonored, because of insufficient funds, and that such check, draft or order must be paid to the holder within ten days from the date of the receipt of such notice.

A receipt from the Registry Department of any United States Post Office shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the actual delivery of such notice.

Section 3. The introduction of such unpaid check, draft or order, with the suppletory oath of the payee, or drawee, or his agent, that such check, draft or order was entered for collection in due course of business, and that the same was returned unpaid shall be deemed prima facie evidence of insufficient funds for the payment thereof.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 53:

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

Section 1. That from and after the date upon which this Act becomes a law, any person, acting in his or her own behalf, or as agent for any person, persons, firm or corporation, who draws and utters, or causes to be drawn and uttered, such check, draft or order, or at the time of presentment of such check, draft or order to the drawee thereof, for payment or acceptance, provided that the same be presented in due course, sufficient funds on deposit with such bank, banking house, person, firm or corporation, in the name of or to the credit of such drawer, to pay such check, draft or order, and who shall not within ten days after the giving and receipt of the notice of the dishonor hereinafter provided for, pay or cause to be paid the amount of such check, draft, or order in current funds to the lawful holder thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the State
order in current funds to the lawful holder thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison for a period not greater than one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. The notice of dishonor mentioned in Section 1 of this Act shall be in writing and must state that the check, draft, or order has been duly presented for payment or acceptance and has been dishonored, because of insufficient funds, and that such check, draft or order must be paid to the holder within ten days from the date of the receipt of such notice.

A receipt from the Registry Department of any United States Post Office shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the actual delivery of such notice.

Section 3. The introduction of such unpaid check, draft, or order, with the supplementary oath of the payee, or drawee, or his agent, that such check, draft or order was entered for collection in due course of business, and that the same was returned unpaid shall be deemed prima facie evidence of insufficient funds for the payment thereof.

Section 4. All laws, or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment. Pending the consideration of the motion to adopt the amendment—

Mr. Farris moved that the further consideration of the Bill be temporarily passed over.

Which was agreed to.

The hour having arrived for the special consideration of Senate Bill No. 373—

Senate Bill No. 373:
A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of M. N. Owens and the estate of H. E. Hickman, deceased.

Was taken up.

Mr. Lindsey moved to substitute House Bill No. 783 for Senate Bill No. 373 on the Calendar.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Watson, as required by the rule, moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 783.

Which was not agreed to.

And—

House Bill No. 783:
A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of M. N. Owens and the estate of H. E. Hickman, deceased.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Lindsey moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 783 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 783 was read a third time in full.

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


Nay—Mr. President, Senators Hudson, McGeachy, Middleton—4.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Wells moved that House Bill No. 189 be made a special order for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Adkins moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Wells that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 189 be made a special order for consideration immediately following other orders of the day.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question recurred upon the motion of Mr. Wells, Which was agreed to.

And it was so ordered.

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 653:
A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the care, maintenance and hiring of State convicts and making appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Was taken up and read a second time, together with the following amendments:

Amend House Bill No. 653, by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following, to-wit:

Section 1. That hereafter all State Convicts graded or classed as grade two, consisting of women, infirm male convicts, all convicts classed as hospital subjects, and all white convicts, shall be used and maintained on the State
Prison Farm in Bradford County, Florida, and on the State Prison Farm in Marion County, Florida.

Section 2. That on or before September 1st, 1915, the County Commissioners of Counties desiring to use and work State Convicts upon the public roads of said Counties shall apply to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions for any number of Statet Convicts the said County may desire to use for working its public roads; and said Board of Commissioners of State Institutions shall set apart from the colored male prisoners graded by the prison physician as able to do road work from either grade one or two, the number of Statet Convicts required by such County or Counties, and such County or Counties using and working State Convicts on the public roads shall guard, clothe, feed, maintain and give medical attention to all convicts in the County's care at the expense of said County; and shall at all times be under the supervision of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and shall comply with all rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and said Board. All prisoners so used by a County shall be paid for at the rate of ten dollars per month.

Sec. 3. That all State Convicts of Class or Grade One that are not set apart to Counties, as herein provided, and that cannot be used and maintained to an advantage at the State Prison Farms, shall be leased by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, if a satisfactory price can be procured, to private lessees on or before January 1st, 1916, approximately one half the number of such prisoners may be leased for a period of not exceeding two years, and the remaining one half may be leased for a period of not exceeding four years. No convicts so leased shall be sub-leased.

Sec. 4. That the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions hereby authorized to prescribe such conditions and require such bonds as in the discretion of said Board, may be necessary in the leasing of said convicts.

Sec. 5. That in the event the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions find it impracticable to lease any part or all of the grade one convicts to private lessees as herein provided, the Board may lease such prisoners or any number thereof to the counties for road work.

Sec. 6. That it shall be unlawful for any State convict to be required to work more than ten hours a day.

Sec. 7. That should satisfactory leases not be made either with private lessees or the counties for all of the grade one convicts, those not leased shall be used and maintained at the State Prison Farms.

Sec. 8. That the expense for maintenance of the State convicts, used at the Prison Farms, for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and for the maintenance and improvement of said farms shall be paid from the proceeds of the hire of State convicts and the receipts from said farms, and an appropriation of said funds, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby made for such purposes. Provided, that should such fund become exhausted or insufficient to meet said expenses then such expenses, as far as necessary, shall be paid and is hereby appropriation from the General Revenue Fund.

Sec. 9. That all of the provisions of Chapter 6530, of the Laws of Florida, not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. That the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions be and it is hereby authorized to purchase for the State the Prison Farm and the improvements thereon located near Ocala, Florida, upon which the said Board now has an option, and the sum of fourteen thousand dollars or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from the fund arising from the hire of State convicts, for the purchase of said property. The said farm shall hereafter be maintained as one of the prison farms.

Sec. 11. That this Act shall become operative from and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

Mr. Lindsey moved to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment to the amendment to House Bill No. 653:

Strike out all Section Ten (10).

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the consideration of which—Mr. Igou moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M. to-day.
AFTERNOON SESSION—3 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, Blitch, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGauchy, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—30.

A quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1915.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 5.)

An Act to appoint naval stores inspectors, to prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation; to prevent and prohibit adulteration of spirits of turpentine and naval stores, and to provide for the appointment and duties and compensation of a supervising inspector of naval stores, and to prescribe forfeitures and penalties for violating, and methods for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 606.)

An Act to amend Section 11 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 3rd, 1911, entitled “An Act to prescribe the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in and for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Judicial Circuits of the State of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 607.)

An Act to declare valid a proposed issue of municipal bonds of the city of Lakeland, Polk County, authorized to be issued under Chapters 6363 and 6711 of the Laws of Florida; to cure all irregularities and defects existing in said bonds or in the election in which said bonds were authorized to be issued; to authorize the Board of Commissioners of said city of Lakeland to sell and deliver said bonds and to carry out any contract existing for the sale and delivery of said bonds; to define the purposes for which the proceeds shall be used and the manner of disposing of said proceeds; and to require a levy of taxes for the payment of interest and for providing a sinking fund for the payment of principal of said bonds, and validating the levy and collection of taxes for interest and sinking fund.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 609.)

An Act affecting the government of the City of Jacksonville, a municipal corporation in Duval County, State of Florida; abolishing certain offices and boards; creating a Board of Commissioners and a City Council for said city, and prescribing their powers and duties; conferring additional jurisdiction, powers and duties on said city, and providing for the election of certain officers by the electors of said city, and providing for the submission of this Act to the qualified electors of said city for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held for that purpose.

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.

By permission—

Mr. McClellan, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:
Hon. Chas. E. Davis,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 612:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1915 and 1916.

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

Very respectfully,
A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Senator Bill No. 612, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 228:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 11, 12, and 22 of Chapter 6488, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, being "An Act to regulate the employment of minor children in the State of Florida, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof; creating the office of State Labor Inspector and defining the duties and compensation of such officer."

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

Very respectfully,
A. J. McCLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

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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. Donegan moved to waive the rules and that the House of Representatives be requested to return to the Senate House Bill No. 935.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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

By consent—
Mr. Johnson offered the following resolution:

By Mr. Johnson—
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14:

Whereas, The Attorney General has, in accordance with Chapter 6436 of the Laws of Florida, recommended to each branch of the present session of the legislature, the appointment of an experienced indexer to supervise the work of indexing the House and Senate Journals, and each House has made the appointment as recommended; and

Whereas, Said Act provides that the experienced indexer so recommended and appointed shall be compensated by the Legislature as other attaches, and shall have as many days as the Legislature may designate by resolution, after the close of each session for completion and presentation of the work to the Attorney General for approval; and

Whereas, No appropriation has been provided for in the Bill before the present session for the payment of said experienced indexer out of the fund for legislative expenses, and that said indexer was employed as shown by the journals on the 8th day of April, 1915; and

Whereas, The work of indexing said Journals, after being completed by number, must be re-written in alphabetical order after adjournment of the session, and finished after the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives have made their final corrections, and then proofed for the State Printer; and

Whereas, The time allowed by the Legislature for the session of 1913 for the completion of said work after the adjournment of that session was twenty-five days, which was sufficient in point of time by lack of nine days; therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives Concurring:

That said indexer be allowed twenty-five days after the close of the session to finish and present for approval of the Attorney General the indexes of each branch of the Legislature for the session of 1915, and that upon approval of the work by the Attorney General as provided in said Act, the Attorney General shall issue a certificate of such approval to be presented to the Comptroller as his authority for issuing his warrant to cover the extra days provided for in this resolution. The per diem of said indexer shall be six dollars per day, that the sum of $348.00 be hereby appropriated out of the fund of legislative expenses for the payment of said indexer during the session, and the further amount of $150.00 be hereby appropriated out of said fund for the extra twenty-five days for the completion of said work.

Which was read the first time.
Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rule and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14 be read the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14 was read the second time.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14 was adopted and it was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives at once.

The Senate resumed the consideration of House Bill No. 653; the amendment offered by Mr. Brown to the amendment offered by Mr. Lindsey which was pending at the hour of recess. Which amendment to the amendment reads as follows:

Strike out all of Section Ten (10).

The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Adkins offered the following amendment to Substitute to House Bill No. 653:

In Section 3, line 6, strike out all after “1916” of said Section and insert in lieu thereof the following: “Such prisoners may be leased for a period of not exceeding two years, no convict so leased shall be subleased.”

Mr. Adkins moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The original Senate Committee on Prisons and Convicts amendment to House Bill No. 653 was again read for information, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following, to-wit:

Section 1. That hereafter all State convicts graded or classed as grade two, consisting of women, invalid male convicts, all convicts classed as hospital subjects, and all white convicts, shall be used and maintained on the State Prison Farm in Bradford County, Florida, and on the State Prison Farm in Marion County, Florida.

Section 2. That on or before September 1st, 1915, the County Commissioners of counties desiring to use and work State convicts upon the public roads of said counties shall apply to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions for any number of State Convicts the said county may desire to use for working its public roads; and said Board of Commissioners of State Institutions shall set apart from the colored male prisoners graded by the prison physician as able to do road work from either grade one or two, the number of State convicts required by such county or counties, and such county or counties using and working State convicts on the public roads shall guard, clothe, feed, maintain and give medical attention to all convicts in the County’s care at the expense of said County; and shall at all times be under the supervision of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and shall comply with all rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and said Board. All prisoners so used by a County shall be paid for at the rate of Ten Dollars per month.

Sec. 3. That all State convicts of Class or Grade One that are not set apart to counties, as herein provided, and that can not be used and maintained to an advantage at the State Prison Farms, shall be leased by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, if a satisfactory price can be procured, to private lessees on or before January 1st, 1916, approximately one-half the number of such prisoners may be leased for a period of not exceeding two years, and the remaining one-half may be leased for a period of not exceeding four years. No convicts so leased shall be subleased.

Sec. 4. That the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions is hereby authorized to prescribe such conditions and require such bonds as in the discretion of said Board may be necessary in the leasing of said convicts.

Sec. 5. That in the event the Board of Commissioners of State institutions find it impracticable to lease any part or all of the Grade One convicts to private lessees as herein provided, the Board may lease such prisoners or any number thereof to the counties for road work.

Sec. 6. That it shall be unlawful for any State convict to be required to work more than ten hours a day.

Sec. 7. That should satisfactory leases not be made either with private lessees or the counties for all of the Grade One convicts, those not leased shall be used and maintained at the State Prison Farms.

Sec. 8. That the expense for maintenance of the State convicts used at the prison farms, for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and for the maintenance and improvement of said farms, shall be paid from the proceeds of the hire of State convicts and the receipts from said farms, and an appropriation of said funds, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby made for such purposes; provided, that should such fund become exhausted or in-
sufficient to meet said expenses, then such expenses, as far as necessary, shall be paid and is hereby appropriated from the General Revenue Fund.

Sec. 9. That all of the provisions of Chapter 6530 of the Laws of Florida not in conflict with the provisions of this Act shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. That the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions be and it is hereby authorized to purchase for the State the Prison Farm and improvements thereon located near Ocala, Florida, upon which the said Board now has an option, and the sum of fourteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated from the fund arising from the hire of State convicts for the purchase of said property. The said farm shall hereafter be maintained as one of the prison farms.

Sec. 11. That this Act shall become operative from and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

Mr. Gornto moved to adopt the Committee amendment. Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gornto offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 653:

Add at the end of Section 6 the following: "Which shall include the time used in going from and returning from stockade."

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

Mr. Adkins moved to waive the rules and that House Bill No. 653 be read the third time and put on its passage.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

House Bill No. 653:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the care, maintenance and hiring of State convicts and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Was read.

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

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

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

The hour having arrived for the special consideration of the passage of Senate Bill No. 612.

Senate Bill No. 612:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1915 and 1916.

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

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 612, the roll was called and the vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Zim moved to waive the rules and to take up Senate Bill No. 228 for consideration.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 228:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6488, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, to regulate the employment of minor children in the State of Florida, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, creating the office of State Labor Inspector and defining the duties and compensation of such officer."

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

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 228 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Brown, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, Mc-
Eachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, 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.

Mr. Brown moved to waive the rules and that the Senate take up and consider House Bill No. 536.

Mr. Farris moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Brown that the Senate take up House Bill No. 195 for consideration.

The substitute motion did not prevail.

Mr. Brown withdrew his motion.

House Bill No. 69:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the taking of the census of the State of Florida in the year 1915 and making an appropriation therefor.

Was taken up upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 69 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Cooper, Donegan, Drum, Gomto, Himes, Hudson, Igu, Jones, McClellan, Plympton, Roddenberry, Stringer, Zim—16.


So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

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

House Bill No. 195:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to define trust, provide for penalties and punishment of corporations, persons, firms and associations or persons connected with them and to promote free competition in the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195, printed bill:

In Section 1, line 21, strike out the word “the” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “this.”

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195, printed bill:

In Section 1, line 37, strike out the word “poll” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “pool.”

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195 Printed Bill.

In Section 6 line 3, strike out the word “facts,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “effects.”

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195 printed bill.

In Section 5, line 45, after the word “combinations,” insert the following word: “He.”

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195:

In Section 7, line 8, printed Bill, strike out the word “Evidence,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “evidenced.”

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195:

Strike out Section 11.

Mr. Wells moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195:

Rearrange Section numbers to read consecutively.

Mr. Wells moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gomto offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195:

In Section 7, printed bill, strike out all of Section after the word “it” at end of line 5.

Mr. Gomto moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.
Mr. Himes offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 195:

Strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Himes moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the consideration of which—

Mr. Lindsey moved to waive the rules and consider House Bill No. 664 immediately after it has disposed of House Bill No. 195.

Mr. Wells moved as a substitute to the motion that the Senate continue the regular order of business.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Calkins offered the following explanation:

When Senate Bill No. 490 was voted on yesterday I changed my vote from “yea” to “nay” for the purpose of moving a reconsideration of said Bill today. I believe the principle embodied in the Bill is sound and will eventually be enacted into law in Florida; however, after consulting with other Senators, I am convinced that a reconsideration of this Bill would avail nothing at this time, as enough Senators appear to be against the Bill to accomplish its defeat on reconsideration; therefore, I will not ask the Senate to take up any more of its valuable time on this measure, in these the closing hours of the Legislature of 1915, when other important Bills are pending for consideration. I will not make the intended motion to reconsider this Bill.

Which was read.

Mr. Zim mover that all Bills passed and not certified be certified to the House of Representatives immediately.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McClellan moved that the Senate do take a recess until 8 o’clock P. M.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate took a recess until 8 o’clock P. M.
Mr. Wells moved to waive the rules and that the Amendments to House Bill No. 195 be not engrossed.
Which was agreed to.
Mr. Wells moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 195 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 195 with Senate Amendments thereto, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:
Yea—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Riddenberry, Roland, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim—24.

And the substitute for House Bill No. 221, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Johnson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 221 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 221 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:
Yea—Senators Adkins, Blitch, Calkins, Cooper, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McGeachy, Middleton, Roland, Terrell, Willis, Zim—21.
Nay—Mr. President, Senators Brown, Greene, McEachern, Riddenberry, Wells—6.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 58:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 6537, relating to opening, establishing, building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in this State, and providing a road and bridge fund for the several counties in the State of Florida, and for the assessment and collection of the same.
Was taken up.

The amendment of Mr. Wells to House Bill No. 221, which was pending, was read as follows:
Strike out the enacting clause.
Mr. Wells moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Johnson offered the following substitute to the amendment to House Bill No. 221:
Strike out the words and figures "one hundred dollars ($100)" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "one thousand dollars ($1000)."
Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Johnson offered the following substitute to the amendment to House Bill No. 221:
In Section 1, strike out the words and figures "one hundred ($100.00) dollars."

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

The question recurred upon the adoption of the substitute to House Bill No. 221 as amended.

The substitute for House Bill No. 221, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Johnson moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 221 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 221 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:
Yea—Senators Adkins, Blitch, Calkins, Cooper, Drane, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Himes, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McGeachy, Middleton, Roland, Terrell, Willis, Zim—21.
Nay—Mr. President, Senators Brown, Greene, McEachern, Riddenberry, Wells—6.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 58:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the assignment of mortgages.
Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 58:
Strike out the last Section.
Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 58:
Strike out Section 2.
Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to committee substitute for House Bill No. 58:
Strike out Section 3.
Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was agreed to.
Mr. Johnson moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 58 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.
And House Bill No. 58 was read a third time in full.
Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:
Yea—Mr. President, Senators Adkins, Blitch, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drake, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hines, Hudson, Igou, Johnson, Lindsey, McEachern, McGeechey, Middleton, Roddenberry, Terrell, Watson, Zim—23.
Nays—Senators Brown, Willis—2.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.
And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately.

Mr. Fogarty moved to waive the rules and that no amendments to House Bills be returned for engrossing.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.
Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate do now proceed to consider executive business.
Which was agreed to.
The doors were closed at 10:05 o'clock P. M.
The doors were opened at 11:05 o'clock P. M.
Mr. Gornto moved to waive the rules and that the Senate proceed to consider House Messages.
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 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 recedes from the amendment to—

Senate Bill No. 551: 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.

Which amendment is as follows:
In Section 2, line 14, printed Bill, strike out all of lines
14, 15, 16, 17, except latter part of word "dollars" in line 14.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 589, 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., June 2, 1916.

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 thereto—

Senate Bill No. 586:
A Bill to be entitled An Act making appropriation for salaries and expenses of the State government for six months of the year 1915 and for the year 1916 and for six months of the year 1917.

Which amendments are as follows:
In Section 1, under the head of "National Guard of Florida," add after the last line under this head the following:
Cost of sidewalk and pro rata share of pavement for Armory at Key West. .......... $342.07
Amendment No. 2: In Section 1, under the head of "Secretary of State," add after the last line under this head the following:
For building stair to cupola of Capitol. .......... $250.00
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. 586, with the House amendments thereto, contained in the above message, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do concur in the following House amendment to Senate Bill No. 586:

Amendment No. 1: In Section 1, under the head of "National Guard of Florida," add after the last line under this head, the following:
"Cost of sidewalk and pro rata share of pavement for armory at Key West, $342.07."
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do concur in the following House amendment to Senate Bill No. 586:

Amendment No. 2: In Section 1, under the head of "Secretary of State," add after the last line under this head, the following:
"For building stair to cupola of Capitol, $250.00."
Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 586, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 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. 314:
A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing cities and towns to amend their charters and to adopt charters for their government.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 314, contained in the above message, was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 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. 612:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1915 and 1916.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 612, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 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 failed to pass—Senate Bill No. 210:
A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the assessment of public lands in the State of Florida for drainage purposes.

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., June 2, 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 failed to pass—Senate Bill No. 195:
A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the certification and examination of Teachers; prescribing the requirements for the different Teachers' Certificates; creating a State Board of Examiners, prescribing their duties and providing for their compensation and expenses.

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., June 2, 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, by a constitutional vote of three-fifths of all the
members elected to the House of Representatives—

Substitute for Substitute to Senate Joint Resolution
No. 341:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Sec-
tions 2, 3 and 4, of Article VII, of the Constitution of
the State of Florida, relating to census and appor-

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendments to the Constitution of
the State of Florida be, and the same are hereby agreed
to, and the same shall be submitted to the electors of the
State at the general election in 1916, for ratification or
rejection.

Section 2 of Article VII is hereby amended so as to
read as follows:

"The legislatures that shall convene in the year of 1919
and thereafter shall consist of one member of the Senate
from each county in the State, and of one member of the
House of Representatives from each county in the State
for every ten thousand of population therein, or the major
fraction thereof where there may be a major fraction left
over after dividing the whole number of population of the
county by the number ten thousand; provided, that each
county shall have at least one representative, and that no
county shall have more than three representatives in the
House of Representatives. The members of the House of
Representatives shall be elected for a term of two years
and the members of the Senate shall be elected for a term
of four years, except as hereininafter provided. The election
for members for each branch shall be at the same time
and place. The term of office of Senators elected in 1918
shall expire on the first Monday in April, 1919. The term
of office of Senators elected 1918 from the following coun-
ties, to-wit: Escambia, Gadsden, Jackson, Leon, Madison,
Lafayette, Taylor, Columbia, Nassau, Duval, Marion,
Sumter, Jefferson, Lee, Monroe, Putnam, Volusia, Hamil-
ton, Alachua, Broward, Liberty, Hernando, Pinellas, Brev-
vard, Palm Beach and Levy, shall expire on the first Mon-
day in April, 1921; all other Senators to be elected in the
year 1918, their term of office shall expire on the first Mon-
day in April, 1923. All members of the House of Represent-
atives elected at the general election in 1918, their
term of office shall expire on the first Monday in April,
1921, and thereafter the term of office of all members of

the House of Representatives shall commence on the first
Tuesday after the first Monday in April next succeeding
the election. At the general election in 1920, and there-
fore, all Senators to be elected shall be elected for a term
of four years, the term to begin on the first Tuesday after
the first Monday in April of the following year, except that
when a new county is created the Legislature shall at that
time fix the length of the term of the first Senator to be
elected therefrom at two or four years, with the end in
view of keeping the number of old Senators in a balance
with the number of the new.”

Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution is hereby
amended so as to read as follows:

“The regular session of the Legislature that shall meet
in 1917 shall apportion the representation in the House of
Representatives as in this Article provided, which ap-
portionment shall be based upon the last census taken
by the State of Florida or by the United States, which-
ever is the last taken, in the several counties of the State,
and those that shall meet every ten years thereafter shall
apportion the representation in the House of Represent-
atives in the manner in this Article provided, which
apportionment shall be based upon the last census enu-
meration taken by the State of Florida, or by the United
States, whichever is the last taken next before the Legis-
lature so apportioning the representation shall convene.”

Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution is hereby
amended so as to read as follows:

“When any new county is created by the Legislature
it shall be entitled to one Senator and one member of the
House of Representatives until the next enumeration
provided for in Section 5 of this Article, that shall be
taken after the creation of said new county, or until the
next census enumeration that shall be taken by the
United States of America after the creation of the said
new county, whichever shall the sooner be taken after the
creation of said new county, when it shall be entitled to
one member of the House of Representatives for every
ten thousand of population, or the major fraction there-
of, the same as other counties.”

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., June 2, 1915.

Hon. Chas. E. Davis,
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted a three-fifths vote of all the members elected to the House of Representatives with amendments thereto—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 140:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article IX of the State Constitution, relating to Taxation and Finance.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment of Section 9 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State, relating to Taxation and Finance, is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the next general election hereafter; that is to say, that Section 9 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State be amended to read as follows:

“Section 9. There shall be exempt from taxation property to the value of five hundred dollars to every widow, who is a bona fide resident of the State of Florida, and to every person who is a bona fide resident of the State and has lost a limb or been disabled in war or by misfortune.”

Which amendments are as follows:

House Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 140:

In Section 9, line 3, strike out the words “Who is a bona fide resident of the State of Florida, and insert in lieu thereof the following: “That has a family dependent on her for support.”

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 140, with the amendments of the House of Representatives, contained in the above message, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Gornto moved that the amendments of the House of Representatives to Senate Joint Resolution No. 140, contained in above message, be concurred in.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 140, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Davis moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M., Thursday, June 3, 1915.

Thursday, June 3, 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, Calkins, Cooper, Donegan, Drane, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Himes, Hudson, Igo, Johnson, Jones, Lindsey, McClellan, McEachern, McGeachy, Middleton, Plympton, Roddenberry, Roland, Stringer, Terrell, Watson, Wells, Willis, Zim —29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of the Senate of June 2 was corrected.

The Journal of the Senate of June 2, as corrected, was approved.

The daily printed Journal of Monday, May 31, 1915, is hereby corrected as follows:

Add to the bottom of page 47 and before the top of page 48 of said Journal the following:

The following amendments of the Senate to House Joint.