

**Saturday, April 14, 1917.**

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornito, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Journal of April 12 was corrected and approved.

The Journal of April 13 was corrected and approved.

Messrs. Moore and Plympton were excused from attendance upon the body for the day.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 127:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the retirement of and the payment of pensions to public school teachers.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend it be referred to the Committee on Education.

Very respectfully,

G. W. CRAWFORD,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Crawford moved to adopt the report.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 127, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Hughlett, Chairman of the Committee on County Organizations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on County Organizations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 48:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 6937 of the Laws of Florida as concerns Okaloosa County.

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

Very respectfully,

W. L. HUGHELETT,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 48, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

Senate Bill No. 109:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 6421 of the Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, relating to license and other taxes upon various occupations carried on in this State.

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

Very respectfully,  
JNO. B. JONES,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 109, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

Senate Bill No. 3:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to restore to the tax books of Bradford County certain lands withdrawn from the list taxable property of said county by reason of the purchase by the State of lands in said county, known as the State Prison Farm, and to provide for the assessment and collection and payment of taxes thereon for county purposes; prescribing certain duties in relation thereto of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

Very respectfully,  
JNO. B. JONES,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 3, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rules.

Mr. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 168:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to J. O. Green.

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

Very respectfully,  
G. W. CRAWFORD,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 168, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1917.

*Hon. John B. Johnson,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 106:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3342 of General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to "Offering for sale slaughtered beef or hogs without exhibiting same for inspection."

Have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage, with the following Amendment:

In Section 1, line 9, strike out the word "without" and insert in lieu thereof the following, "with."

Very respectfully,  
C. E. DAVIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 106, with the Committee Amendment, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Chas. E. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 160:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1512 of the General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 5649, Acts of 1907, as amended by Chapter 5905, Acts of 1915, relating to the pay of witnesses.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 67:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the amount of bond and kind of bond to be given by County Tax Collectors.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 87:

A Bill to be entitled An Act requiring attorneys at law or agents retained or employed, for compensation, by any person, firm or corporation or association to aid in or oppose the enactment of a Bill or Bills, or resolution, to file with the Secretary of State a statement in writing signed by such attorney at law or agent stating the name of the person, firm or corporation or association, by whom, or in whose behalf he is employed, and for what purpose employed, requiring itemized statement of expenditures to be filed, prohibiting attorneys and agents employed from going upon the floor of the Legislature, while same is in session, and privately speaking to them concerning legislation then pending, and providing penalties for the violation of the Acts prohibited, and for other purposes.

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

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 160, 67 and 87, contained in the above report, were placed on the table under the rule.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1917.

*Hon. John B. Johnson,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 117:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for and to authorize leaves of absence to State and County officials for service in the Army of the United States.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass, with the following Amendments:

In Section 1, line 6, after the word "Army" insert "or Navy."

In Section 3, line 8, strike out the words "their principal," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The officer appointing him as such deputy."

In Section 3, line . . , strike out the word "proviso."

In Section 5, line 4, strike out the word "thereof," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "for which he was elected."

Add as Section 5, making old Section 5 read Section 6, and Section 6 as Section 7:

"Section 5. That any Deputy qualifying under the provisions of this Act shall perform all of the duties that may devolve upon the officer appointing him, and he shall sign all official papers and documents in the name of the officer so appointing him as such Deputy, and his said acts as such Deputy shall in all respects be as bind-

ing as if performed by the officer appointing such Deputy."

Very respectfully,  
C. E. DAVIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 117, with the Committee Amendments, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

Hon. John B. Johnson,  
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 173:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for proceedings supplementary to an execution.

Also—

House Bill No. 240:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the procuring and the display of the flag of the United States of America over the Capitol, each State institution, County Court House and County school building in this State.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 78:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the issuing by anyone of checks or orders upon banks or other persons, when the makers of such orders or checks have not sufficient funds on deposit with the drawee to pay such order, to prescribe a rule of evidence therein and to provide punishment therefor.

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

Very respectfully,  
C. E. DAVIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 173, 240 and 78, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

#### INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Farris offered the following Resolution:  
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Whereas, The Drainage of the nearly five million acres of overflowed lands in the Everglades, which constitutes the largest reclamation project in the world, is of the widest interest and greatest importance of any matters upon which this Legislature will be called to act; and

Whereas, The honor and credit of the State of Florida are involved in the carrying to a successful conclusion of the drainage undertaking begun ten years ago, and in the fulfillment of the promises and assurances made by State officials for many years past with reference to drainage; and

Whereas, There is lack of accurate information on the part of members of the Legislature concerning the history and present status of the Everglades lands and drainage operations, and many differences of opinion concerning the action that should be taken; and

Whereas, It is a matter of the highest importance that the members of the Legislature should be in possession of the fullest possible information in connection with this subject, to the end that they may vote intelligently on any Everglades drainage bills that have been or may be introduced; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Committee on Public Lands and the House Committee on Canals and Drainage be directed to hold a joint meeting and public hearing in the Assembly Chamber, beginning on Tuesday evening, April 17, and continuing so long as in the judgment of the Joint Committee may be advisable, and that all per-

sons and organizations having an interest in the proposed legislation or in drainage matters in the Everglades, including the Governor and other members of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, be requested to appear at such hearings and to present such facts and data on any and all phases of the subject as may be calculated to add to the information of the members of the Legislature, and to aid in bringing about a practicable and satisfactory solution of the drainage problem, and that for this purpose the Joint Committee aforesaid be empowered to summon and secure the attendance of witnesses and to compel the production of such books, records and other papers, whether public or private, as in their discretion may be necessary or desirable to the purpose of the hearing.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 be taken up and considered at once.

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

And—

The Concurrent Resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Farris moved to adopt the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Resolved Further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the said Trustees by the Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris moved to adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 as amended.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills and ordered the same to be certified to the House of Representatives after being engrossed under the rules.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Eaton—  
Senate Bill No. 195:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Davenport, in the County of Polk, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the town of Davenport; to define its territorial boundaries; to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges and for the exercise of same.

Which was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

By Mr. Eaton—  
Senate Bill No. 196:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the proceedings of the town of Davenport in relation to the issuing of bonds in the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for building sidewalks and other municipal improvements.

Which was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on Second Reading.

By Mr. MacWilliams—  
Senate Bill No. 197:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the determination of cases by the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Carlton—  
Senate Bill No. 198:

A Bill to be entitled An Act assenting to and accepting the provisions of An Act of Congress approved February 23, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for co-operation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for co-operation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects, and to appropriate money and regu-

late its expenditures," and creating a State Board of Vocational Education, making appropriation for the same and defining its duties and powers.

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

By Mr. Mathis—  
Senate Bill No. 199:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections Two, Three, Eight, and Eleven, Chapter 6932, entitled "An Act providing for the abolishing of County Treasurer; providing for the creation and establishment of County Depositories in and for the several counties of the State of Florida; providing for the receiving, keeping, care of and custody, and paying out of all county school funds; and of all funds under care and control of Boards of County Commissioners, and for the security of such funds," being Chapter 6932 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 3rd, 1915.

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

By Mr. Alexander—  
Senate Bill No. 200:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prohibiting any State or county official from being interested in, employed by, or in any way connected with any corporation, land syndicate or trust company, during his term of office, and providing for the removal from office for violations of this Act.

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

By Mr. Alexander—  
Senate Bill No. 201:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the division of counties into Commissioners' Districts.

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

By Mr. Hughlett—  
Senate Bill No. 202:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to define riparian rights in relation to lands on Biscayne Bay and to declare the

rights of owners of riparian lands on Biscayne Bay, said lands possessed of riparian rights.

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

By Mr. Davis—  
Senate Bill No. 203:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the sale, service or dispensing of intoxicating liquors, wines or beer by clubs or other associations of persons whether incorporated or not incorporated.

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

By Mr. Davis—  
Senate Bill No. 204:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prescribe the return days of writs of garnishment, and when defaults for failure to answer may be entered, and scire facias on defaults be issued, and when returnable.

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

By Mr. Davis—  
Senate Bill No. 205:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating writs of garnishment by providing for the payment of costs of garnishee before answering, the manner of depositing such costs and prescribing the form of the writ relating thereto.

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

By Mr. Davis—  
Senate Bill No. 206:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1454 of the General Statutes of Florida, relating to swearing to pleas.

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

By Mr. Gornito (by request.)  
Senate Bill No. 207:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1831 and 1832 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Hughlett—  
Senate Bill No. 208:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the employment of detectives by the Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Dade County, Florida; and to provide for funds to pay such detectives.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 208 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 208 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 208 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. 208 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 Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fогarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Oliver, Sheppard, Turner, Willis—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Jones—  
Senate Bill No. 209:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to require persons or corporations engaged in constructing or repairing railroad cars, trucks and other railroad equipments, to erect and maintain buildings or sheds to shelter and protect employees from inclement weather, and to provide a penalty for a violation hereof.

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

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Directing a joint meeting and public hearing before committees to which Everglades Drainage Bill has been referred; providing for the appearance of witnesses and all parties interested, and authorizing said committee to compel production of such matters of public record as may have a bearing on Everglades Legislation.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, contained in the above report, was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Calkins offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 11:

That all bills carrying an appropriation, and necessitating the expenditure of public funds, now pending before the Senate or to be introduced in the Senate prior to May 1, 1917, be referred to the Appropriation Committee.

Mr. Farris moved to adopt the resolution.

Which was not agreed to.

#### CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, which went over under the rule from yesterday, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Crawford moved to adopt the Resolution.

Which was not agreed to.

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1917.

*Hon. John B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

A Concurrent Resolution relative to calling attention to the Florida delegation in Congress to the waste of tomatoes in shipment and suggesting remedies therefor.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, contained in the above message, was read the first time and was laid over under the rule.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Amendment by Mr. Baker to amend Senate Bill No. 35, pending, and which was temporarily passed over April 12 and April 13.

Was taken up and its consideration was again temporarily passed over.

#### BILLS ON THE THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 16:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prohibiting the manufacture of alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, malt and intoxicating liquors and beverages, and certain non-intoxicating liquors and beverages, traffic therein and keeping on hand in public places or for illegal sale in counties or election precincts that have or may hereafter vote against the sale of liquor.

Was taken up and its consideration was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 55:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2919 of General Statutes of State of Florida as amended by Chapter 5895 of Acts of 1909, the same relating to the allowance of free or reduced rates of transportation by common carriers.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 55, the vote was:  
Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Gornto, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill No. 125:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the killing of sheep by hogs.

Was taken up, and its consideration was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 66:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for monthly payments of pensions; to make regulations therefor, and prescribe penalties in connection therewith.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 66, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—26.

Nays—Mr. Gornto—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill No. 129:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section One Hundred and Seven (107) of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to warrants paid.

Was taken up, and its consideration temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 132:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1762 of the General Statutes of Florida, requiring the Clerk of the Supreme Court to furnish the Attorney General copies of head notes, opinions, statements of cases made by the Justices and briefs of opposition Counsel, together with certified copies of, or extracts from any other paper or records appertaining to any case decided by the Courts.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 132, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, McEachern, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—25.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill No. 131:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Section One Hundred and Six (106) of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the keeping of certain record books and details of all claims filed.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 131, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Jones, King, McEachern, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—25.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Terrell moved that the vote by which the Senate passed Senate Bill No. 66 be reconsidered.

The motion was laid over under the rule.

Senate Bill No. 8:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the "Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, all guardians, administrators and executors, and all others occupying a fiduciary relation having funds in its or their possession for investment to invest same in Farm Loan Bonds in case security for same has been approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board under the Act of Congress approved July 17, 1916, known as the Federal Farm Loan Act."

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 119, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Jones, King, McEachern, MacWilliams, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Wilson—24.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill No. 130:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section One Hundred and Thirteen (113), of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the keeping of certain record books and making of reports by the Comptroller of this State.

Was taken up and its consideration temporarily passed over.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON THE SECOND  
READING.

Senate Bill No. 92:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1524, of the General Statutes of Florida, relating to certificates by the Commissioner of Agriculture in respect to the ownership of public lands, and to authorize said Commissioner of Agriculture to make certificates, under his official seal, of the conveyances of and other facts in connection with lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement fund of the State Board of Education, or other officers of the State of Florida, and to render all such certificates admissible in evidence and entitled to record, and prescribing force and effect of the same.

There being no Amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 92 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 49:

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

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no Amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 4 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 51:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing guardians to give, dedicate or grant rights of way over lands of their wards for public roads or street purposes.

Was taken up and was read the second time in full.

There being no Amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 51 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

By Mr. Jones—

Senate Bill No. 72:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 4100, of the General Statutes of Florida, relating to coroners' fees.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no Amendment offered, Senate Bill No.

72 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 85:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the resignation of Executors and Administrators.

The Committee on Judiciary B reported favorable.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no amendment offered Senate Bill No. 85 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 135:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 950 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, pertaining to drains by counties, as amended by Chapter 6457, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913.

Was taken up, and its consideration was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 35:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating an additional Judicial Circuit in the State of Florida, to be designated as the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and to be composed of the counties of St. Johns, Clay and Putnam, and providing for the appointment of a Circuit Judge and State Attorney therefor, and prescribing when said Circuit Court shall take jurisdiction and effect on pending cases.

Was taken up, its consideration was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 137:

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

Was taken up, and was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Jones—

Senate Bill No. 75:

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

Was taken up, and was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Gornto—

Senate Bill No. 33:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of the several counties in the State of Florida, in their discretion, to employ an attorney at law to prosecute those charged with the commission of crime and offenses against the laws of the State, before the County Judge's Court, and to fix and prescribe the compensation of such attorney.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

The following Amendment of the Committee on Judiciary B was read, as follows:

In Section 2 strike out the words "Four Hundred Dollars," and insert in lieu thereof, "Six Hundred Dollars."

Mr. Gornto moved to adopt the Amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Also the following Committee Amendment was read:

In Section 2 strike out the following words: "and such conviction fees and expenses of such attorney as may be mutually agreed upon for such service."

Mr. Gornto moved to adopt the Amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 33, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 135:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 950 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, pertaining to drains by counties, as amended by Chapter 6457, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913.

Was called up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no Amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 135 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 52:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the liability of municipalities for personal injuries, and injuries to and destruction of property, and limiting time for filing claims for damage in such cases.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full, together with the Substitute offered by the Committee on Judiciary B.

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 52 in lieu of the original Bill.

Which was agreed to.

There being no Amendment offered, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 52 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

By Mr. Alexander—

Senate Bill No. 99:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2193 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to liens for materials furnished.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no Amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 99 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 129:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section One Hundred and Seven (107) of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to warrants paid.

Was taken up, and its consideration was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 106:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3342 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to "Offering for sale slaughtered beef or hogs without exhibiting same for inspection."

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

The following Amendment of the Committee on Judiciary A was read, as follows:

In Section 1, line 9, strike out the word "without" and insert in lieu thereof the following "with."

Mr. Terrell moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And—

Senate Bill No. 106, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 30:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the appearance of the defendants in all suits brought in the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida in Chancery, whether defendants are served personally or by publication, and providing for the entry of decrees pro confesso upon failure of the defendant to appear.

Was taken up, and its consideration was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 153:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to co-operative associations and to authorize their incorporation, and to declare an emergency.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full, together with the Committee Substitute therefor.

Mr. Sheppard moved to adopt the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 153 in lieu of the original Bill.

Which was agreed to.

And—

There being no Amendment, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 153 was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 53:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for the eradication and control of citrus canker and other dangerous plant diseases and insects which have been, or may be, introduced into the State of Florida, and to be used and expended under the direction of the State Plant Board according to the provisions of Chapter 6885 of the Laws of the State of Florida, approved April 30, 1915.

Was taken up and its consideration temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 112:

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

Was taken up and its consideration was temporarily passed over.

By request of Mr. Andrews, Senate Bill No. 2, reported adversely, was restored to the Calendar of Bills on the Second Reading.

By permission—

Mr. Farris offered the following Resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 12:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, That the Chairmen of all Committees of the Senate be, and they are hereby, required to promptly report to the Committee on Appropriations the amount and character of all appropriations called for by Bills favorably reported by each Committee; and

Be it further Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be and it is hereby required to report to the Senate from time to time, or upon the request of the Senate, such information as said Committee may have touching the matter of appropriations; and

Be it further Resolved, That Senate Resolution No. 6 be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Farris moved to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Johnson offered the following Amendment to the Resolution:

"Strike out last Resolve."

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the Amendment.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following Substitute for the Amendment and the Resolution:

Whereas, The Senate on the 12th day of April A. D. 1917, adopted Resolution No. 6, the apparent intention of which was to have referred to the Appropriation Committee all bills pending before the Senate which may or could be termed "Appropriation Bills; and

Whereas, The language of said Resolution as expressing above mentioned intention is considered ambiguous; therefore be it

Resolved, That wherever in the opinion of the President, any bill hereafter introduced which may or could be termed "Appropriation Bills," such bills only shall be referred to the Appropriation Committee.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to adopt the Substitute.

Pending the consideration of which—

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate do now adjourn to 4 o'clock P. M. Monday next.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M. Monday, April 16, 1917.

### Monday, April 16, 1917.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1917.

*Hon. John B. Johnson,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4:

A Joint Resolution to amend Article 19 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,

Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained therein were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

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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 signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Mathis, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1917.

*Hon. John B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 127:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the retire-