

A quorum present.

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, April 24, 1917.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate confirmed the following appointments made by the Governor in Executive Session, April 20, 1917:

Hon. J. T. Wills, to be Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for a term of six years from April 26, 1917.

Hon. Fred Pine, to be Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Dade County for a term of four years from April 29, 1917.

Hon. James T. Sanders to be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Dade County for a term of four years from May 11, 1917.

Also confirmed in Executive Session, April 23, the following appointments made by the Governor:

Hon. J. E. Peacock, to be Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Volusia County for a term of four years from May 18, 1917.

Hon. Morino Jones, to be Judge of the Court of Record for Escambia County, Fla., for a term of four years from May 18, 1917.

**Tuesday, April 24, 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plymp-

ton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson.—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of April 23 was approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 89:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of George Lewis, trustee for the estates of B. C. Lewis, William Bailey, John McDougall and P. B. Brokaw.

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

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 89, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 202:

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

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

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 202, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Amendment to—

House Bill No. 244:

A Bill to be entitled An Act requiring immigrant agents doing business in this State to procure a county license, fixing the amount thereof, and prescribing a penalty for doing business without such license.

Have examined Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 244, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 244, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Turner, Chairman of Committee on Game and Fisheries—

Senate Bill No. 309:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to protect and regulate the game wild animals and birds of the State of Florida, and to provide for the enforcement of this Act.

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

By Mr. Moore—

Senate Bill No. 310:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the owners or persons in charge of toll bridges and ferries from granting free or reduced rates and making discrimination in rates, and to prohibit any person from receiving free or reduced service over toll bridges or ferries, except as herein provided, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs.

By Mr. Willis (by request)—

Senate Bill No. 311:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 6239, Acts of 1911, relating to elections to change county sites, by providing a method of contest of such elections.

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

By Mr. Oliver—

Senate Bill No. 312:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, to employ an attorney-at-law to prosecute those charged with crime before the County Judge's and Justice Courts of said county.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 312 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 312 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 312 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. 312 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 Andrews, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—28.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Oliver—

Senate Bill No. 313:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend section five of article two and section fifty-one of article six of chapter 7128 of the Laws of Florida of A. D. 1915, same being An Act entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Apalachicola, in the County of Franklin and State of Florida; and to organize and establish a commission form of government for the same; to prescribe its jurisdiction and power; and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances," approved May 20, A. D. 1915; which amendments relate to boundaries of said city of Apalachicola and to the assessment of property for taxation; the manner of collecting delinquent taxes; prescribing a procedure for foreclosing the city's liens for taxes on real estate, the interest, penalties, costs, solicitor's fees and assessments of former years; the validation of previous assessments, the validity of title obtained through court proceedings; and the validation of the adoption by the people of said city of the commission form of government provided by said chapter 7128 and the validation of acts of officers of said city under said commission form of government since July 1, A. D. 1915, and the repeal of laws in conflict with this Act.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 313 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 313 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 313 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. 313 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, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto,

Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—26.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. King—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 314:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to the compensation of Senators and members of the House of Representatives.

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

By Mr. Wilson—

Senate Bill No. 315:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 6828 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 3, 1915, the same being an Act to amend Chapter 5390 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1905, the same being an Act to authorize the County Boards of Public Instruction to borrow money for the payment of school warrants when there are no funds in the Treasury for such purpose, and to pay interest on such loans not exceeding eight per cent (8%) per annum.

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Whereas, There is pending before the Legislature a Bill designed to change the control and administration of Everglades lands and drainage operations and to bring about material changes in the present policies with reference to the financing and management of drainage operations; and

Whereas, It has been announced that the present Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District have con-

tracted to sell to the firm of Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, an issue of \$3,500,000 of Everglades drainage bonds, under the terms of an agreement which has been the subject of much discussion and criticism in the public prints, and are about to make delivery of these bonds; and

Whereas, It has been publicly charged that the aforesaid contract is restrictive of future legislative action and that its consummation might handicap and embarrass the administration of drainage policies and operations under proposed new laws and management; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the said Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District are hereby requested not to make delivery of the aforesaid drainage bonds until after the Legislature shall have passed upon the pending drainage legislation, and that the Senate Committee on Public Lands and the House Committee on Canals and Drainage, now holding public hearings on Everglades matters, by direction of the Legislature, are hereby further directed to specifically inquire into the terms, merits and purposes of the said bond contract, and to report their findings to the Legislature.

Was taken up in its order and read the second time.

The question was put upon its adoption, and the Senate refused to adopt the Resolution.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message from the Governor was read:

Executive Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*  
*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 Secretary of State:

(Senate Bill No. 97.)

An Act to repeal Chapter 6986 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to organize a County Court in and for the County of Bay; to prescribe the terms thereof; to prescribe the compensation for the Judge of said Court; and to prescribe for the appointment of a Prosecuting Attorney thereof to serve until the next general election.

Also—

(Senate Memorial No. 1.)

Requesting Congress to use their efforts to have the port of St. Andrews properly fortified against enemies of the United States.

Respectfully,  
SIDNEY J. CATTS,  
Governor of Florida.

Also—

The following message from the Governor was read:  
Executive Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1917.

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

*Sir:*

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved the following Act which originated in your honorable body and have caused the same to be filed in the office of Secretary of State:

(Senate Bill No. 65.)

An Act to authorize the City of Lakeland, in the County of Polk and State of Florida, to borrow funds for improvement purposes and for general municipal purposes; and to authorize the issuance and signing of notes to evidence such loans; and to authorize said City to pay for two-thirds of the improvement where there is abutting property only on one side of said improvements; and to authorize the connecting and improving of water mains and sewers, and payment therefor, and to prescribe methods of assessment therefor; and to authorize the issuance of bonds to take up the floating indebtedness and to pay off loans made in the making of improvements; and to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds.

Respectfully,  
SIDNEY J. CATTS,  
Governor.

Also—

The following message from the Governor was read:

Executive Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*  
*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 Secretary of State:

(Senate Bill No. 77.)

An Act relating to the creation, organization and maintenance of Reclamation Districts for the purpose of reclaiming and protecting marsh, wet or overflowed lands, or lands subject to overflow by the tides, from the effects of water, in the County of Hillsborough, for sanitary or agricultural purposes, or when the same may be conducive to the public utility or benefit, by the erection of sea walls, levees and filling in or otherwise, to define the privileges, powers, duties and liabilities of such Reclamation Districts, the officers and agents thereof; to provide for the assessment of taxes to carry out said work; and to provide for the assessment of the benefits accruing from said work upon the property in said Reclamation Districts; to provide for the issuance of bonds to be used by said districts; and giving to said Reclamation Districts full power to acquire such lands and property as may be necessary and proper for its purposes, and to vest the title to the lands filled in, in the owners of the lands in said Reclamation Districts.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 108.)

An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 7199, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Mount Dora; to legalize the ordinances of said town and all official acts thereunder; to create and establish the municipality of the Town of Mount Dora, in Lake County, Florida, and to

provide its jurisdiction and powers and officers therefor." Approved May 25, 1915.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 174.)

An Act to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes due the City of Bartow.

Also—

House Bill No. 143:

An Act providing for increasing the assessed benefits upon lands in the Taft Drainage District, a Drainage District of Orange County, Florida, and prescribing the mode of procedure therefor, and validating the bonds of said district and proceedings relating to the issuance of same.

Respectfully,  
SIDNEY J. CATTS,  
Governor.

Also—

The following message from the Governor was read:

Executive Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Legislature, a report from the State Auditor upon his examination of the accounts, books and records of those State officials handling public funds, including the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the years 1915 and 1916.

Very respectfully,  
SIDNEY J. CATTS,  
Governor.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the auditor's report accompany the foregoing message from the Governor, be spread on the Journal.

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO THE LEGISLATURE OF 1917 ON STATE AUDITS FOR 1915 AND 1916.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Having made a careful examination of the accounts, books and records of the offices of Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund, Prison Account of Commissioners of State Institutions, Shell Fish Commissioner and Hotel Commissioner, pursuant to law, for the years 1915 and 1916, we respectfully submit the following report on the results of our investigation, accompanied by a brief summary of the financial transactions occurring in the said departments during the said period.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

During the years 1915 and 1916 the Secretary of State received and paid to the State Treasurer \$131,447.45, derived from the following sources:

	1915.	1916.
Corporation Charter Tax.....	\$ 51,388.90	\$ 48,383.60
Automobile Registration Tax....	3,224.00	2,426.00
Chauffeur Registration Tax.....	60.00	30.00
Sale Bound General Statutes...	120.00	65.00
Sale Unbound General Statutes.	112.00	17.50
Tax on Commissions.....	1,580.00	2,545.00
Sale Acts of Legislature.....	611.50	252.00
Sale Laws County Commissioners	8.00	3.00
Fees from Candidates under		
Chapter 6469 .....		10,401.00
Sale Justice Manuals.....	1.00	7.00
Sale Revised Statutes.....	4.00	8.00
Sale Pages in Campaign Book...		4,377.50
Fees .....	3,011.20	2,807.75
Refund on Fuel, Lights and		
Water .....	3.50	
	\$ 60,124.10	\$ 71,323.35
		60,124.10
Total .....		\$131,447.45

COMPTROLLER.

The Comptroller keeps accurate account of the State's finances, and with the Treasurer. Warrants on the Treasury are only drawn upon authorized appropriations. Below will be found consolidated statements of the Comptroller's accounts for the years 1915 and 1916, with the sources from which the revenue was derived.

*General Revenue Fund.*

	1915.	1916.
General License Tax.....	\$ 328,288.74	\$ 319,287.71
Insurance Companies' License		
Tax .....	31,100.00	31,500.00
Insurance Agents' License		
Tax .....	34,720.00	35,067.50
Revenue for 1914 and 1913-14.	401,259.44	12,547.22
Revenue for 1913, etc.....	12,040.12	
Revenue for 1914, etc.....	2,734.26	
Revenue for 1915.....	78,959.13	589,634.69
Revenue for 1916.....		91,684.79
Sale Fertilizer Stamps.....	47,398.50	50,845.79
Sale Feed Stamps.....	32,913.87	34,394.70
Insurance Premium Tax.....	168,801.29	162,557.32
Interest on Deposits.....	29,337.04	17,737.30
Charter Tax .....	51,388.90	48,383.60
Bank Examination Tax.....	8,922.00	9,287.00
Automobile Registration Tax.	3,224.00	2,426.00
Hotel and Restaurant Lisense		
Tax .....	5,317.50	10,823.00
Fees from Secretary of State's		
Office .....	4,039.20	2,807.75
Fees from Commissioner of		
Agriculture's Office .....	873.95	1,834.51
Fees from Comptroller's Office	967.00	144.00
Fees from Treasurer's Office..	508.00	1,985.00
Commission Tax .....	1,580.00	2,545.00
Asylum Pay Patients.....	3,371.94	2,163.25
Jacksonville Main St. Ry. One		
Mill Tax .....	30.00	30.00
Tax Certificate Fund—Rev-		
enue .....	58,286.71	50,807.55
Tax Certificate Fund—In-		
terest .....	51,310.49	59,695.37

Tax Certificate Fund—Expense .....	13,529.13	17,938.03
Railroad License Tax .....	27,268.25	
Fullman Car Co. Percentage Tax .....	20,106.99	5,512.08
Pullman Car Co. License Tax .....	5,500.00	5,500.00
So. Express Co. License Tax .....	7,577.05	7,958.28
Telegraph Co. License Co. ....	1,365.92	
Refrigerator Car Co. License Tax .....	500.00	
Union Tank Line License Tax .....	500.00	500.00
Fruit Growers' Express License Tax .....	500.00	500.00
Gulf Refining Co. License Tax .....	500.00	500.00
Western Union Tel. Co License Tax .....	251.56	
I. O. Tel. Co. License Tax .....	746.44	
Chauffeur Registration Tax .....	60.00	30.00
A. & N. Ry. License Tax .....	507.45	
A. & N. Ry. Tel. Co. License Tax .....	31.94	
Sale Supreme Court Reports .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sale Books Soldiers of Florida .....	3.75	
Sale Justices' Manuals .....	1.00	7.00
Sale Laws of County Commissioners .....	8.00	3.00
Sale Unbound General Statutes .....	112.00	17.00
Sale Acts of Legislature .....	611.50	252.00
Sale Bound General Statutes .....	120.00	65.00
Sale Confiscated Feed Stuff .....	187.34	168.83
Sale Confiscated Fertilizer .....	3.85	121.87
Sale Citrus Fruit Testing Apparatus .....	38.35	15.00
Sale Revised Statutes .....	4.00	8.00
Stumpage from Dead Lakes .....	69.26	33.82
Sale Perfumery Certificates .....	18.50	30.50
Nursery Stock Inspection Tax .....	1,473.65	
Revenue Refunded .....	33.00	79.20
Refund Overcharge on Coal .....	12.36	
License Tax Tampa & Gulf Coast Ry. ....	145.00	

License Tax Tavares & Gulf Ry. ....	165.80	
License Tax Fellsmere Ry. ....	53.65	
Refund Account Adding Machine .....	3.50	
Refund Juror and Witness Money .....		11.80
Refund Account State Aid DeSoto Co. ....	45.00	
Refund Account Fuel, etc. ....	3.50	
Refund Account National Guards of Fla. ....	.49	
Refund Account Fla. Hospital for Insane .....	2.44	
Revenue Refunded—Armour & Co. ....	33.36	
Fees from Candidates .....		10,401.00
Sale Pages in Campaign Book .....		4,377.50
Sale of Old Rubber .....		1.95
Refund on Hydrometer .....		2.58
B. C. & St. A. B. Ry. License Tax .....		580.90
Fees in Cases in U. S. Supreme Court .....		80.00
Cash in Cases in U. S. Supreme Court .....		143.50
Transferred from Shell Fish Fund under Chapter 6787, Laws of Fla. ....		2,460.30
Totals .....	\$1,441,466.11	\$1,597,488.67
		1,441,466.11
Balance on hand last Report, Jan. 1, 1915 .....		346,890.06
Warrants Cancelled .....		25.05
		\$3,385,869.89
Warrants issued 1915 .....	\$1,605,141.61	
Warrants issued 1916 .....	1,476,527.70	3,081,669.31
Comptroller's balance .....		304,290.58
Outstanding warrants .....		18,828.05
Treasurer's balance .....		\$ 323,028.63

*Principal Seminary Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 386.01	
Receipts in 1915 and 1916....	None	\$ 386.01
Warrants issued in 1915....	None	None
Warrants issued in 1916....	None	None

Comptroller's and Treasurers balance Jan. 1, 1917..		386.01
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*Interest Seminary Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 469.95	
Receipts in 1915.....	4,128.00	
Receipts in 1916.....	4,128.00	\$ 8,725.95
Warrants issued in 1915....	3,738.56	
Warrants issued in 1916....	3,962.99	7,701.55

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 1,024.40	
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		22.50

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 1,046.90	
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*Drainage Tax Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 42,139.31	
Receipts in 1915.....	352,641.07	
Receipts in 1916.....	361,422.87	756,203.25

Warrants issued in 1915....	313,447.23	
Warrants issued in 1916....	394,630.61	
Transferred to drainage in- terest fund .....	5,412.44	
Transferred to drainage sink- ing fund .....	1,802.83	718,293.11

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 40,910.14	
Warrants outstanding Jan.		

1, 1917 .....		9,676.05
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Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 50,586.19	
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*State Prison Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 41,183.88	
Receipts in 1915.....	264,502.11	
Receipts in 1916.....	195,827.99	501,513.98
Warrants issued in 1915....	226,385.66	
Warrants issued in 1916....	267,505.41	493,891.07

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 7,622.91	
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		1,088.97

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1 1917 .....	\$ 8,711.88	
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*State Road Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	None	\$
Receipts in 1915.....	3,646.90	
Receipts in 1916.....	30,292.98	33,939.88
Warrants issued in 1915....	860.61	
Warrants issued in 1916....	12,889.54	13,750.15

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 20,189.73	
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917.....		60.00

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 20,249.73	
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*General School One Mill Tax Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 35,833.56	
Receipts in 1915.....	281,966.90	
Receipts in 1916.....	300,112.34	\$ 617,912.80

Warrants issued in 1915....	275,399.30	
Warrants issued in 1916....	281,455.33	556,854.63

Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		\$ 61,058.17
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*Pension Tax Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 599,123.40	
Receipts in 1915.....	607,074.27	
Receipts in 1916.....	629,370.72	
Warrants cancelled in 1915..	37.50	
Warrants cancelled in 1916..	45.00	1,835,650.79

Warrants issued in 1915....	\$ 745,541.29	
Warrants issued in 1916....	832,366.72	
Warrants returned to State Treasurer .....	37.50	1,577,945.41

Comptroller's' balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$ 257,705.38
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917.....		5,067.85

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$ 262,773.23
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*State Board of Health Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 48,868.66	
Received in 1915 .....	134,279.12	
Received in 1916.....	144,517.45	
Warrants cancelled .....	2.50	\$ 327,667.73

Warrants issued in 1915....	159,240.91	
Warrants issued in 1916....	151,863.44	311,104.35

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		\$ 16,563.38
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		1,019.24

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		\$ 17,582.62
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*Principal School Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 261,609.38	
Received in 1915.....	48,694.89	
Received in 1916.....	37,418.24	
Trans. from Game and Fish Protection Fund 1915.....	19,580.03	
Trans. from Game and Fish Protection Fund 1916.....	536.01	\$ 367,838.55

Vouchers issued in 1915....	\$ 116,165.48	
Vouchers issued in 1916....	71,978.41	\$ 188,143.89

Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$ 179,694.66
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*Interest School Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 41,378.78	
Received in 1915.....	65,968.33	
Received in 1916.....	67,502.23	174,849.34

Warrants issued in 1915....	63,282.50	
Warrants issued in 1916....	66,479.50	129,762.00

Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$ 45,087.34
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*Shell Fish Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 48.49	
Received in 1915.....	20,272.63	
Received in 1916.....	26,176.26	\$ 46,497.38

Warrants issued in 1915....	13,557.22	
Warrants issued in 1916....	23,517.55	
Trans. to Gen. Revenue Fund.	2,460.30	39,535.07

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$ 6,962.31
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Warrants outstanding Jan. 1,  
1917 ..... 237.58

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1,  
1917 ..... \$ 7,199.89

*Game and Fish Protection Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1915.....\$ 15,887.23  
Received in 1915..... 11,392.50  
Received in 1916..... None. \$ 27,279.73

Warrants issued in 1915..... 26,743.72  
Warrants issued in 1916.... None.  
Trans. to Principal School  
Fund ..... 536.01 27,279.73

Account closed.

*Railroad Commissioners' Fines Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1915.....\$ 2,030.90  
Received in 1915..... 353.50  
Received in 1916..... 25.90 \$ 2,410.30

Warrants issued in 1915-1916 None. None.

Comptroller's and Treasurer's  
balance Jan. 1, 1917..... \$ 2,410.30

*Florida National Forest Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1916.....\$ 11,752.64  
Received in 1915..... 2,336.77  
Received in 1916..... 3,799.02 \$ 17,888.43

Warrants issued in 1915-1916 None. None.

Comptroller's and Treasurer's  
balance Jan. 1, 1917..... \$ 17,888.43

*Everglades Drainage Bond Interest Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1915..... None.  
Received in 1915..... None.  
Received in 1916.....\$ 14,520.00 \$ 14,520.00  
Warrants issued in 1915-1916 None.  
Trans. to Treasurer Trustees  
of Dr. Bond Fund..... 14,520.00 14,520.00

Account closed.

*Everglades Drainage Bond Sinking Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1915..... None.  
Received in 1915..... None.  
Received in 1916.....\$ 5,180.00 \$ 5,180.00

Warrants issued in 1915..... None.  
Warrants issued in 1916..... 4,856.87  
Trans. to Tr. Trustees Dr.  
Bond Fund ..... 323.33 5,180.00  
Account closed.

*Agricultural College Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1915.....\$ 1,105.78  
Received in 1915..... 7,790.00  
Received in 1916..... 7,790.00 \$ 16,685.78  
Warrants issued in 1915..... 6,231.09  
Warrants issued in 1916..... 8,433.25 14,664.34

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1,  
1917 ..... \$ 2,021.44  
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1,  
1917 ..... 115.56

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1,  
1917 ..... \$ 2,137.00

*Hatch Experiment Station Fund.*

Balance on hand last report,  
Jan. 1, 1915.....\$ 1,417.07

Received in 1915.....	15,000.00	
Received in 1916.....	15,000.00	\$ 31,417.07

Warrants issued in 1915.....	15,858.60	
Warrants issued in 1916.....	14,708.65	\$ 30,567.25

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		849.82
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Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		121.91
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Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		971.73
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*Adams Experiment Station Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 519.11	
Received in 1915.....	15,000.00	
Received in 1916.....	15,000.00	\$ 30,519.11

Warrants issued in 1915....	14,558.02	
Warrants issued in 1916....	14,397.75	28,855.77

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 1,163.34	
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		377.91

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 2,041.25	
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*Lever Agricultural Extension Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 2,992.82	
Received in 1915.....	13,243.47	
Warrants cancelled in 1915..	75.00	
Received in 1916.....	19,691.29	36,002.58

Warrants issued in 1915....	\$ 13,980.33	
Warrants issued in 1916....	17,777.28	31,757.61

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 4,244.97	
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Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		596.12
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Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 4,841.09	
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*White College Morrill Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 15,800.86	
Received in 1915.....	25,000.00	
Received in 1916.....	25,000.00	\$ 65,800.86

Warrants issued in 1915....	26,027.36	
Warrants issued in 1916....	23,944.33	49,971.69

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 15,829.17	
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		320.00

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1916 .....	\$ 16,149.17	
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*A. & M. College Morrill Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 15,443.45	
Received in 1915.....	25,105.00	
Received in 1916.....	25,055.38	
Warrants cancelled.....	22.50	65,626.33

Warrants issued in 1915....	\$ 24,859.38	
Warrants issued in 1916....	24,602.77	49,462.15

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 16,164.18	
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....		123.80

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$ 16,287.98	
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*A. & M. College, Incidental Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 37.26	
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Received in 1915.....	816.96		
Received in 1916.....	732.20	\$	1,586.42
Warrants issued in 1915...\$	854.61		
Warrants issued in 1916....	656.55		1,511.16
Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance, Jan. 1, 1917 ..		\$	75.26

*A. & M. College Slater Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....\$	145.30		
Received in 1915.....	300.00		
Received in 1916.....	300.00	\$	745.30
Warrants issued in 1915 ....	370.00		
Warrants issued in 1916 ....	325.00	\$	695.00

Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$	50.30
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*Florida State College Incidental Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....\$	5,403.46		
Received in 1915.....	9,668.47		
Received in 1916.....	13,253.59	\$	28,325.52

Warrants issued in 1915....	\$11,447.42		
Warrants issued in 1916....	9,369.03		20,816.45

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....			7,509.07
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Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$	25.00
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Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$	7,534.07
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*U. of F. Incidental Fund.*

Balance on hand last report Jan. 1, 1915 .....	\$ 2,660.16		
Received in 1915 .....	4,561.72		
Received in 1916 .....	5,414.22	\$	12,636.10
Warrants issued in 1915 ....	4,799.84		
Warrants issued in 1916 ....	4,676.00		9,475.84

Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		\$	3,160.26
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*U. of F. Fire Loss Fund.*

Balance on hand last report Jan. 1, 1915 .....	None.		
Received in 1915 .....	None.		
Received in 1916 .....	2,413.15		2,413.15

Warrants paid in 1915 ....	None		
Warrants paid in 1916 .....	2,005.28		2,005.28

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....			407.87
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....			49.34

Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....			457.21
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*Experiment Station Incidental Fund.*

Balance on hand last report 1915 .....	559.67		
Received in 1915 .....	1,854.26		
Received in 1916 .....	3,226.01		5,639.94

Warrants issued in 1915 ...	2,344.86		
Warrants issued in 1916 ....	3,238.36		5,583.22

Comptroller's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....			56.72
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Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....			150.00
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Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....		\$	206.72
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*D. and B. School Incidental Fund.*

Balance on hand last report Jan. 1, 1915 .....	1,017.54		
Received in 1915 .....	215.50		
Received in 1916 .....	248.50		1,481.54

Warrants issued in 1915.....	None		
Warrants issued in 1916 ....	None		None

Comptroller's and Treasurer's Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....			1,481.54
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*Fla. Ind. School for Boys' Fire Loss Fund.*

Balance on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....\$	6,405.33		
Received in 1915 .....	3,094.67		
Received in 1916.....	280.00	\$	9,780.00
Warrants issued in 1915 ....	3,408.02		
Warrants issued in 1916 ....	5,281.15		8,689.17
Comptroller's and Treasurer's balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....			1,090.83

*Supreme Court Building Fire Loss Fund.*

Balance on hand last report Jan. 1, 1915 .....	None		
Received in 1915.....\$	100.00		
Received in 1916.....	None	\$	100.00
Warrants issued in 1915 ...	100.00		
Warrants issued in 1916....	None		100.00
Account closed.			

## RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES.

Fund—	Comptroller's Balance	Outstanding Warrants	Treasurer's Balance
General Revenue .....	\$ 304,200.58	\$18,828.05	\$ 323,028.63
Principal School Fund ....	386.01	.....	386.01
Interest Seminary Fund...	1,024.40	22.50	1,046.90
Drainage Tax Fund ....	40,910.14	9,676.05	50,586.19
State Prison Fund .....	7,622.91	1,088.97	8,711.88
State Road Fund .....	20,189.73	60.00	20,249.73
General School One Mill Tax Fund .....	61,058.17	.....	61,058.17
Prison Tax Fund .....	257,705.38	5,067.85	262,773.23
State Board of Health Fund	16,563.38	1,019.24	17,582.62
Principal School Fund ....	179,694.66	.....	179,694.66
Interest School Fund ....	45,087.34	.....	45,087.34
Shell Fish Fund .....	6,962.31	237.58	7,199.89
Railroad Commission Fines Fund .....	2,410.30	.....	2,410.30
Florida National Forest Fund .....	17,888.43	.....	17,888.43
Agricultural College Fund	2,021.44	115.56	2,137.00
Hatch Experiment Station Fund .....	849.82	121.91	971.73
Adams Experiment Station Fund .....	1,663.34	377.91	2,041.25

Lever Agriculture Exten- sion Fund .....	4,244.97	596.12	4,841.09
White College Morrill Fund	15,829.17	320.00	16,149.17
A. & M. College Morrill Fund .....	16,164.18	123.80	16,287.98
A. & M. College Incidental Fund .....	75.26	.....	75.26
A. & M. College Slater Fund .....	50.30	.....	50.30
Florida State College In- cidental Fund .....	7,509.07	25.00	7,534.07
U. of F. Incidental Fund ..	3,160.26	.....	3,160.26
U. of F. Fire Loss Fund ...	407.87	49.34	457.21
Experiment Station In- cidental Fund .....	56.72	150.00	206.72
D. & B. School Incidental Fund .....	1,481.54	.....	1,481.54
Florida Industrial School For Boys Fire Loss ...	1,090.83	.....	1,090.83
Totals .....	\$1,016,308.51	\$37,879.88	\$1,054,188.38

## RECAPITULATION OF TOTALS.

Comptroller's Balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$1,016,308.51
Warrants Outstanding Jan. 1, 1917 .....	37,879.88
Treasurer's Balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$1,054,188.39
ADD—	
Asylum Pay Patients Trust Fund .....	2,753.21
Everglades Drainage Interest Fund .....	18,492.44
Everglades Drainage Sinking Fund .....	2,276.16
Treasurer's Total Balance Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$1,077,710.20

## TAX REDEMPTION ACCOUNT.

County	Balance 1-1-15	Receipts 1915	Receipts 1916	Disbursed 1915	Disbursed 1916	Balance 1-1-17
Alachua	\$ 63.22	\$ 768.99	\$ 3,204.99	\$ 832.21	\$ 3,204.99	\$ None
Baker	9.21	1,710.17	12,303.13	1,664.18	12,315.68	43.19
Bay		3,634.12	1,361.00	3,479.72	1,515.40	None
Bradford	14.95	399.48	1,544.84	314.48	1,491.94	152.86
Brevard	295.47	2,316.49	3,760.10	2,439.52	3,439.97	493.57
Broward			8,016.91		7,180.92	835.99
Calhoun	75.78	21,199.19	1,714.71	18,170.41	4,819.27	None
Citrus			70.35		70.35	None
Clay	1.50	113.63	721.25	88.90	560.74	186.74
Columbia	73.47	1,230.72	2,135.68	1,196.51	1,846.16	396.90
Dade		19,620.05	13,938.73	16,485.01	15,526.62	1,547.15
DeSoto	6,761.46	22,215.16	10,578.29	18,005.82	21,540.34	8.75
Duval		69,170.24	63,405.53	61,098.90	56,564.93	14,911.94
Escambia	5,444.32	32,412.35	46,092.79	34,204.64	44,325.39	5,419.43
Franklin	4.60	1,912.08	359.97	102.97	2,173.08	None
Gadsden	4.75	409.33	380.61	408.91	385.78	None
Hamilton	138.75	766.80	4,480.05	824.86	4,485.86	74.88
Hernando	72.23	703.30	4,684.59	775.53	2,614.41	2,070.18
Hillsboro	5,875.61	38,729.44	67,900.67	37,935.16	63,108.77	11,481.79
Holmes	17.91	323.50	708.32	313.84	490.80	245.09
Jackson		695.87	2,127.10	609.27	1,634.59	579.11
Jefferson	8.00	71.53	372.75	55.26	397.02	None
Lafayette	109.14	160.27	148.24	222.43	195.22	None
Lake	1,039.79	3,057.41	6,707.24	3,888.13	6,198.74	767.57
Lee	16,002.94	2,469.09	3,953.80	18,197.84	3,640.84	587.15
Leon	None	None	None	None	None	None
Levy	166.67	99.02	231.07	259.45	237.31	None
Liberty		153.03	1,846.37	145.63	7.40	1,646.37
Madison		1.92	86.55	1.92	86.55	None
Manatee	281.40	2,231.77	22,390.02	943.31	4,717.07	19,242.81
Marion	208.12	3,413.94	9,033.24	3,193.96	7,367.92	2,093.42
Monroe	350.03	2,635.58	2,881.29	2,881.29	3,015.92	212.30
Nassau		1,468.66	3,920.08	1,304.60	3,776.00	308.14
Okaloosa			20.95			20.95
Orange		5,312.20	8,995.60	5,312.20	7,509.88	1,485.72
Osceola	1,179.90	4,782.95	2,603.74	3,136.41	4,918.68	511.50
Palm Beach	3,173.19	79,223.00	10,437.55	82,396.19	9,048.73	1,388.82
Pasco	56.62	2,506.40	1,410.22	2,506.77	1,308.49	157.98
Pinellas	2,120.82	15,223.00	16,129.16	14,864.24	16,007.34	2,601.40
Polk	356.12	8,690.55	13,996.35	7,764.05	13,407.81	1,871.16
Putham	339.80	362.07	540.70	580.80	661.67	
St. Johns	52.56	1,475.02	1,916.14	1,289.27	1,494.24	660.21
St. Lucie	271.27	864.36	2,582.75	1,015.68	2,330.28	372.42
Santa Rosa		4,300.13	5,411.74	4,245.17	5,189.47	277.23
Seminole	1,424.95	4,574.09	8,213.34	5,480.30	7,845.15	886.93
Sumter	151.13	758.77	2,369.07	712.70	1,817.55	748.72
Suwannee		457.47	2,239.73	457.47		2,239.73
Taylor	215.49	142.26	526.92	352.12	368.53	164.02
Volusia	693.50	1,643.33	2,755.56	1,965.60	2,632.41	494.38
Wakulla		9.37		9.37		
Walton	94.60	1,401.29	2,841.79	983.34	2,770.73	583.61
Washington	315.04	436.53	570.66	553.93	734.30	34.00
Interest		474.28	1,756.55	474.28	1,756.55	
Miscellaneous	359.53				163.11	196.47

Totals... \$47,824.84 \$366,730.74 \$386,178.73 \$363,851.34 \$358,901.50 \$77,980.52

Balance in—	
Lewis State Bank	\$ 7,787.44
Capital City Bank	14,948.05
Citizens Bank	21,128.41
Peoples Bank	22,643.96
Atlantic National Bank	12,497.59
Pensacola National Bank (defunct)	35.65
Bank Balances	\$79,041.10
Outstanding Checks	1,060.58
Comptroller's Balance	\$77,980.52

## RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1915 ..... \$ 47,823.84  
 Received in 1915 and 1916 ..... 752,909.52

Disbursed in 1915 and 1916 ..... 800,733.36  
 ..... 722,752.84

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917 ..... \$ 77,980.52

## STATE TREASURER.

The Treasurer's accounts with the State funds are correctly kept. He has properly charged himself with all funds officially received by him and taken due credit for all disbursements thereof. At the close of business December 31, 1916, he had on hand \$1,077,710.20 in cash and cash items, distributed as follows:

General Revenue Fund.....	\$ 323,028.63
One Mill School Tax Fund....	61,058.17
Pension Tax Fund.....	262,773.23
State Board of Health Tax Fund .....	17,582.62
Principal School Fund.....	179,694.66
Interest School Fund.....	45,087.34
Principal Seminary Fund.....	386.01
Drainage Tax Fund.....	50,586.19
State Prison Fund.....	8,711.88
Railroad Commission Fines Fund .....	2,410.30
Shell Fish Fund.....	7,199.89
State Road Fund.....	20,249.73
Asylum Patients Trust Fund..	2,753.21
Everglades Drainage Interest Fund .....	18,492.44
Everglades Drainage Sinking Fund .....	2,276.16
Florida National Forest Fund.	17,888.43
Agricultural College Fund....	2,137.00
Interest Seminary Fund.....	1,046.90
Hatch Experiment Station Fund .....	971.73
Adams Experiment Station Fund .....	2,041.25
Lever Agricultural Extension Fund .....	4,841.09
White College Morrill Fund...	16,149.17
Agricultural and Mechanical College Morrill Fund.....	16,287.98
Agricultural and Mechanical College Incidental Fund....	75.26
Agricultural and Mechanical College Slater Fund.....	50.30

Florida State College Incidental Fund.....	7,531.07
University of Florida Incidental Fund.....	3,160.26
University of Florida Fire Loss Fund.....	457.21
Experiment Station Incidental Fund .....	206.72
Deaf and Blind Incidental Fund .....	1,481.54
Florida Industrial School for Boys, Fire Loss Fund.....	1,090.83
Total.....	\$1,077,710.20

Of this amount, \$884,906.23 was deposited with sundry banks of the State, which had on deposit with the State Treasurer at the time, approved securities amounting to \$1,076,782.87 to secure said deposits.

The receipts and disbursements of the office in the aggregate, for the two years were as follows:

Balance on hand last report,		
Jan 1, 1915.....		\$1,522,769.36
Aggregate receipts in 1915..	\$3,382,806.39	
Aggregate receipts in 1916..	3,559,088.29	6,941,894.68
		\$8,464,664.04
Disbursements in 1915.....	\$3,655,525.25	
Disbursements in 1916.....	3,731,428.60	7,386,953.84
Grand balance in Treasury		
Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$1,077,710.20

Besides the foregoing, the Treasurer had on hand bonds as follows, to-wit:

*Principal Seminary Fund.*

Kind of Bond or Security.	Amount.
Florida Refunding 3% Bonds.....	\$ 242,800.00
Florida Refunding 3% Bonds.....	125,367.00
Alabama Registered 3½% Bonds.....	45,000.00
Marianna, Florida 5% Bonds (not coupon)..	10,000.00
Virginia Century 3 per cent bonds.....	201,500.00
Lakeland, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	32,000.00

Sarasota, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	55,000.00
Milton, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	23,000.00
Pensacola, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	3,500.00
Pensacola, Fla., 4½ per cent bonds.....	13,000.00
Hillsborough County, Fla., 4 per cent bonds.	20,000.00
Madison County, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	50,000.00
Ft. Meade, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	20,000.00
Ft. Myers, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	15,000.00
Live Oak, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	10,000.00
Newberry, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	10,000.00
DeSoto County, Fla., 5 per cent S. S. D	
DeSoto County, Fla., 5 pct. S. S. D. Bonds..	25,000.00
Wauchula, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	26,000.00
Hernando County, Fla., 5 per cent bonds...	50,000.00
Panama City, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	4,500.00
Levy County, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	15,000.00
Bay County, Millville, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.	20,000.00
Marianna, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	5,000.00
Jasper, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	30,000.00
Pensacola, Fla., 4½ per cent bonds.....	2,000.00
Dade County, Fla., 4½ per cent bonds.....	20,000.00
Jackson County, Fla., 4 per cent bonds.....	14,000.00
Lake City, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	16,000.00
Arcadia, Fla., 5 per cent bonds.....	30,000.00
Mulberry, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	20,000.00
Holmes County, Fla., 6 per cent bonds.....	36,000.00
DeSoto County, Fla., 5 per cent S. S. D. bonds	43,500.00
Leesburg, Fla., 6 per cent S. S. D. bonds....	35,000.00
DeSoto County, Fla., 6 per cent Sp. Avon	
Park bonds .....	20,000.00
Washington County, Fla., 6 per cent S. S. D.	
bonds .....	30,000.00
Panama City, Fla., 5 per cent S. S. D. bonds.	25,000.00
Pinellas County, Florida, 6% S. S. D. Bonds	8,000.00
Milton, Florida, 5% Bonds .....	10,000.00
Milton, Florida, 5% Improvement Bonds..	10,000.00
Marion County, Florida, 5% S. S. D. Bonds.	8,000.00
Washington County, Florida, 8% School	
Warrants .....	10,000.00
Holmes County, Florida, 8% School War-	
rants .....	8,000.00
Total .....	\$1,397,167.00

*Seminary Fund.*

Refunding State of Florida Bonds, 3%.....\$	21,000.00
Refunding State of Florida 3% Bonds.....	76,600.00
Ft. Myers, Florida, 5% Bonds .....	9,000.00
State of Virginia 3% Bonds.....	7,500.00
State of Alabama, 3½ Bonds .....	15,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 129,100.00</b>

*Agricultural College Fund.*

Refunding State of Florida 3% Bonds....\$	131,900.00
Refunding State of Florida 3% Bonds .....	3,900.00
State of North Carolina 6% Bonds.....	10,000.00
City of Lakeland, Florida, 5% Bonds.....	8,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 153,800.00</b>

*Collaterals.*

To secure State deposit .....	\$1,076,782.87
To secure I. I. Fund deposits .....	29,000.00
To secure Special Dr. Deposit .....	25,000.00
Of Trust Companies .....	569,400.00
Of Insurance Companies .....	2,087,000.00
Everglades Drainage Bonds in possession of State Treasurer .....	1,446,000.00
Everglades Drainage Bonds owned by Ever- glades Bond Sinking Fund .....	5,000.00

*Recapitulation.*

Deposited in sundry banks....	\$ 884,906.23
Currency and Specie.....\$	17,516.79
Salary receipts .....	47,695.00
Requisitions—	
Jurors and witnesses.....	38,456.58
State Board of Health.....	2,500.00
Hospital for Insane.....	80,647.86
Comptroller's Office (general printing and advertising)..	2,163.18

Ind. School for Boys.....	2,424.56	
State Prison Farm.....	1,400.00	192,803.97

<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$1,077,710.20</b>
<b>Bonds—</b>		
Owned by Principal School Fund .....	\$1,397,167.00	
Owned by Principal Semi- nary Fund .....	129,100.00	
Owned by Agri. College Fund.	153,800.00	\$1,680,067.00

<b>Collaterals—</b>		
To secure State deposits.....	\$1,076,782.87	
To secure I. I. Fund deposits.	29,000.00	
To secure Spec. Dr. deposit...	25,000.00	
Of Trust Companies.....	569,400.00	
Of Insurance Companies.....	2,087,000.00	\$3,787,182.87

Everglades Drainage Bonds in possession State Treasurer.	\$1,446,000.00	
Everglades Drainage Bonds owned by Everglades Bonds Sinking Fund.....	5,000.00	1,451,000.00

Grand total ..... \$7,995,960.07

## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

In this office transactions pertaining to the State Lands, State Convicts, Feed and Fertilizer Stamps, Field Notes and the Shell Fish Industry are transacted. They have been audited and brief statements with reference to them are found below:

*Land Division.*

The transactions of this division were checked over and compared with the biennial report of the Department and found correct. The moneys received, including the fees collected in the Land Division, have been accounted for.

The fees of the Land Division were as follows:

Fees received in 1915.....\$	239.50	
Fees received in 1916.....	209.00	\$ 448.50

*Field Note Division.*

Statement of receipts and payments into the Treasury from this division follow:

To fees received in 1915 and 1916 .....	\$ 1,446.88	
By receipts of State Treasurer in 1915 and 1916 (not including \$38.00 paid Jan. 6, 1915, for fees of 1914)...		\$ 1,351.36
By balance Jan. 1, 1917.....		95.52
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To balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 1,446.88	\$ 1,446.88
By payment State Treasurer Jan. 2, 1917.....	95.52	95.52

*Stamp Department.**Fifty Pound Feed Stamps.*

Number on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	185,274
Number purchased in 1915 and 1916.....	None
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Number sold in 1915 and 1916 .....	185,274
	18,214
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.	167,060

*One Hundred Pound Feed Stamps.*

Number on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	162,880
Number purchased in 1915 and 1916.....	5,400,000
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	5,562,880
Number sold in 1915 and 1916 .....	5,348,922
Number mutilated and destroyed 1915 and 1916....	400

Number exchanged in 1915 and 1916.....	5,472	5,354,794
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.		208,086

*One Hundred Seventy-five Pound Feed Stamps.*

Number on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....	172,633
Number purchased in 1915 and 1916.....	None
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	172,633
Number sold in 1915 and 1916 .....	14,666
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.	157,967

*Recapitulation—Feed Stamps.*

	Tons.	Amount.
Number of 50-pound feed stamps sold, 18,214.....	455.35	\$ 113.83
Number of 100-pounds feed stamps sold, 5,348,922.....	267,446.10	66,861.52
Number of 175-pound feed stamps sold, 14,666.....	1,283.28	320.81
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Totals .....	5,381,802	269,184.73 \$ 67,296.16
Amount received by Treasurer 1915-16.....	\$ 67,308.57	
Less amount paid in in 1915 for 1914 .....	12.50	\$ 67,296.07

*One Hundred Pound Fertilizer Stamps.*

Number on hand last report, Jan 1, 1915.....	403,848
Number purchased in 1915 and 1916.....	2,200,000
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	2,603,848
Number exchanged in 1915 and 1916.....	1,000
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	2,604,848

Number sold in 1915 and 1916 .....	2,290,600	2,290,600
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.		314,248

*Two Hundred Pound Fertilizer Stamps.*

Number on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915.....		37,712
Number purchased in 1915 and 1916 .....	3,200,000	
Number exchanged .....	1,000	
		3,238,712
Number sold in 1915 and 1916 .....	2,784,470	2,784,470
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.		454,242

*Recapitulation—Fertilizer Stamps.*

100 pounds fertilizer stamps .....	Number	Tons	Amount
2,290,600	114,530.06		\$28,632.52
200 pounds fertilizer Stamps .....	2,784,470	278,447.00	69,611.75
Totals .....	5,075,070	392,977.06	\$98,244.27
Amount received by Treasurer in 1915 & 1916			\$98,244.29

<i>Old Stamps on Hand</i>	Black	Pink
50 pound .....		500,000
100 pound .....	400,000	
125 pound .....	170,000	400,000
175 pound .....		349,900
200 pound .....	7,300	399,900
250 pound .....	207,400	
Total .....	784,700	1,649,800
		784,700
Total of all.....		2,434,500

## SHELL FISH COMMISSIONER.

Received from—	1915	1916
Boat licenses issued .....	\$ 9,528.20	\$ 11,230.50
Dealers' licenses issued .....	3,920.00	7,125.00
Oyster dealers' licenses issued	3,227.13	3,836.38
Licenses for extra nets .....	100.00	50.00
Lease rentals and fees .....	1,865.55	1,144.26
Deposits on surveys and leases	329.12	112.14
Miscellaneous receipts .....	190.15	176.03
Two-cent privilege tax .....	2,218.40	2,497.75
Totals .....	\$ 21,378.55	\$ 26,172.06
		21,378.55
Total rec'pts 1915 and 1916		\$ 47,550.61
Amt. to Treasurer in 1915....	\$ 21,378.55	
Amt. to Treasurer in 1916....	23,772.52	
Amt. to Treasurer in 1917....	2,399.54	\$ 47,550.61

## HOTEL COMMISSIONER.

Received for licenses issued under Chapter 6475, Acts of 1913, during the first six months of 1915, .....	\$ 2,144.00
By receipts from Treasurer .....	2,144.00
Received for licenses issued under Chapter 6952, Acts of 1915, during the last six months of 1915 .....	\$ 3,173.50
Received for licenses issued under Chapter 6952, Acts of 1915, during the year 1916:.....	13,324.50
Amount added to checks for exchange fees.....	12.50
	\$16,510.50
By receipts from Treasurer .....	16,510.50

## INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Jan. 1, 1916—	Debits	1915	1916
To balance .....		\$122,366.34	\$ 91,612.16
To receipts from Land Sales ...		96,716.54	25,033.96

To receipts from Interest .....	3,680.29	2,634.46
To Aid for Canal Construction ..	25,663.70	
To Reimbursement from Drainage Commissioners .....	156,098.71	
To Receipts from Tolls .....	3,009.90	1,193.06
To Receipts for Land Surveys .....	5,710.92	8,000.00
To Receipts Dr. Com'rs. Miscel...	600.47	20.50
To Receipts Individual Taxes ..	8,311.35	3,000.74
To Receipts Acct. Trespasses .....	11.05	
To Miscellaneous Receipts .....	42.90	68.05
Totals .....	\$422,212.17	\$131,562.93

Credits—		
Dec. 31, By Disbursements .....	\$330,600.01	\$124,668.78
Dec. 31, By Balances on Hand..	91,612.16	6,894.15
	\$422,212.17	\$131,562.93
Jan. 1, 1917, Balance on Hand..	\$ 6,894.15	
By Cash and Cash Items .....		\$ 1,000.00
By Bank Balances .....		5,894.15
	\$ 6,894.15	\$ 6,894.15

*Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.  
Prison Accounts.*

To convicts on hand last report, Jan. 1, 1915 .....	1,512	
To convicts received in 1915 .....	639	
To convicts recaptured in 1915 .....	47	2,198
By convicts discharged in 1915 .....	364	
By convicts died in 1915 .....	35	
By convicts pardoned in 1915 .....	75	
By convicts escaped in 1915 .....	75	
By convicts on hand Jan. 1, 1916 .....	1,649	2,198
To convicts on hand Jan. 1, 1916 .....	1,649	
To convicts received in 1916 .....	482	
To convicts recaptured in 1916 .....	32	2,163
By convicts discharged in 1916 .....	350	

By convicts died in 1916 .....	83	
By convicts pardoned in 1916 .....	68	
By convicts escaped in 1916 .....	32	
By convicts on hand Jan. 1, 1917 .....	1,621	2,163
To convicts on hand Jan. 1, 1917 .....	1,621	

*Account of Hire of State Convicts, Leases of 1914-15.*

1915.

Jan. 1. Net balance due as per last report of Auditor.	\$ 51,664.11	
Dec. 31. Time earned by convicts 1915 .....	234,672.32	
Dec. 31. Miscellaneous charges account escapes, etc..	3,000.45	\$289,336.88
Dec. 31. Payments to State Treasurer account 1915 leases .....	218,723.58	
Dec. 31. Miscellaneous credits, account escapes, discharges, etc. ....	13,668.58	
Dec. 31. Net balance due account 1914-15 leases.	56,944.72	289,336.88

1916.

Jan. 1. Net balance due account 1915 leases....	\$ 56,944.72	
Dec. 31. Receipts—less refunds—account balance due 1915 leases .....	48,010.01	

1917.

April 1. Receipts in 1917 account 1915 leases....	151.40	48,161.41
April 1. Interest charges added.		\$ 48,783.31 55.17
April 1. Balance due .....		\$ 8,838.48

New leases were made beginning Jan. 1, 1916, for the years of 1916-17. The status of these accounts were as follows:

1916.			
Dec. 31.	Time earned account		
	1916-17 leases.....	\$154,695.81	
Dec. 31.	Miscellaneous charges		
	payments . . . . .	1,041.03 16,364.76	\$161,924.78

1916.			
Dec. 31.	Payments into Treasury account 1916-17 leases .....	\$143,336.48	
Dec. 31.	Miscellaneous credits account escapes, discharge fees, etc.....	2,223.54	
Dec. 31.	Balance due by lessees		
	\$17,405.79		
	Less over-		
	payments..	1,041.03 16,364.76	\$161,924.78

1917.			
Jan. 1.	Net balance account		
	1916-17 leases.....		\$ 16,364.76

*Statement of Expenditures of Contingent Appropriation  
State Auditor's Office.*

1915.			
Jan. 1.	Balance in appropriation.....	\$152.88	
Jan. 1.	Appropriation .....	100.00	
Jan. 1.	Alex. McDougall, postage....	\$ 6.77	
March 6.	Falconer Co., pencil sharpeners	2.64	
March 31.	Alex. McDougall, env. and postage .....	37.99	
July 1.	Alex. McDougall, box rent....	.75	
July 22.	H. & W. B. Drew Co., letter heads .....	19.62	
July 1.	Appropriation .....	100.00	
July 30.	Alex. McDougall, postage....	27.02	
Aug. 31.	Alex. McDougall, postage....	42.56	
Sept. 18.	Burroughs Adding Machine Co. ....	100.00	
Sept. 29.	Alex. McDougall, postage....	.79	
Nov. 4.	So. Ex. Co., ex. charges.....	1.65	
Nov. 4.	Falconer Co., stationery.....	8.83	

Nov. 30.	Alex. McDougall, postage...	5.05	
Dec. 2.	W. U. T. Co., telegram .....	1.13	
Dec. 3.	Keystone Supply Co.....	13.50	

1916.			
Jan. 1.	Appropriation .....	\$200.00	
Jan. 29.	W. U. T. Co., telegram.....	.59	
Jan. 31.	Alex. McDougall, box rent and postage .....	.77	
Feb. 29.	Alex. McDougall, stamps....	5.06	
March 2.	W. U. T. Co., telegrams....	1.43	
March 30.	Alex. McDougall, stamps....	6.81	
May 1.	Kaufman, scales .....	4.00	
July 1.	Alex. McDougall, env. and stamps .....	16.25	
July 25.	Burroughs Adding Machine Co., bal. machine.....	125.00	
Sept. 7.	G. I. Davis, postage stamps..	5.00	
Oct. 30.	G. I. Davis, postage and box rent .....	13.73	
Oct. 30.	G. I. Davis, stamped env. ....	40.00	
Nov. 13.	W. U. T. Co., telegrams.....	2.13	
Nov. 23.	G. I. Davis, postage.....	2.00	
Dec. 27.	G. I. Davis, postage.....	6.00	

1917.			
Jan. 22.	G. I. Davis, postage and box rent .....	20.75	
Jan. 22.	G. I. Davis, postage due.....	1.00	
Jan. 1.	Appropriation .....	100.00	
Jan. 22.	H. & W. B. Drew Co., stationery .....	31.50	
Jan. 27.	Underwood Typewriter Co., repairs .....	2.00	
Feb. 5.	W. U. T. Co., telegrams .....	1.63	
March 5.	W. U. T. Co., telegrams.....	7.32	
April 16.	W. U. T. Co., telegrams.....	2.20	
April 19.	L. C. Smith Typewriter Co., mach. rent .....	3.70	
April 23.	Balance in appropriation....	85.71	

\$652.88 \$652.88

*Auditing Department.*

The department has been run for years on a very eco-

nomical basis. For twelve years there has been no addition to the number of auditors. In 1905 an Assistant State Auditor was allowed, making one State Auditor and one Assistant State Auditor. The time has come for the number to be increased if the work now incumbent on the department is kept up. The estimates for annual appropriation for this department found in the Comptroller's report are my recommendations of the department's needs.

The audits of the State offices are reported to the Legislature and the audits of county offices are reported to the Governor. An audit of the State departments is made annually, but the volume of work for the two Auditors is now too large for reaching each county as often as once each year.

This department has discovered and reported a number of shortages and recovered considerable sums into the State and county treasuries. These recoveries exceed by far the cost of maintaining the department.

The Assistant State Auditor, Hon. Marvin C. McIntosh, is well equipped and trained for the auditing work, and is deserving of this unsolicited testimonial of his splendid work in the department.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. GRAY,  
State Auditor.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

Hon. J. 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 failed to pass—

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 the same for inspection."

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 125:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant the water front, riparian rights and submerged lands in Tampa Bay in front of that property of the City of St. Petersburg, lying between Coffee Pot Bayou and the South line of 14th Avenue, South, extended East, to which the State may have any title or right of possession to City of St. Petersburg, and the individual owners of land abutting Tampa Bay between said points.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 125, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

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

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

Whereas, The improvement of waterways of this country is one of the most vital needs of the nation for the development of its commerce, both in peace and in time of war; and

Whereas, At this particular time the development of our waterways is one of the most important pieces of work that the Federal Government could undertake; and

Whereas, The Rivers and Harbors Bill, which failed to pass during the last session of Congress, was the most constructive piece of legislation ever attempted along this line, and its failure to pass meant that millions of dollars worth of work would be left uncompleted at the end of the fiscal year, which would necessitate additional expense in taking the work up anew when appropriations are again made; therefore,

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

That our representatives in Congress be urged to use every effort to have a Bill in substance similar to the one drafted at the last session of Congress, and passed by the House of Representatives, enacted into law at this special session of the 65th Congress; and

Be it further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to our Representatives in Congress and to the Chief of Engineers, Washington.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,  
R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, contained in the above message, was read the first time and was laid over under the rules.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1917.

Hon. J. 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—

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.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 117, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1917.

Hon. J. 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—

Senate Bill No. 38:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the creation of Flagler County, in the State of Florida, and for the organization and government thereof.

With the following House Committee Amendments.

In Section 1, line 29, page 2, strike out balance of said section after the words and figures, "twenty-seven (27)." and insert in lieu thereof the following: "In Township Fourteen (14) south of Range Thirty-one (31) east, to the northeast corner of said last numbered section, Twenty-seven (27), thence north along section line between Sections Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-three (23), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Ten (10) and Eleven (11),

two (2), and three (3), in Township Fourteen (14) south of Range Thirty-one (31) east, and between Sections Thirty-four (34) and Thirty-five (35), Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-three (23), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Ten (10) and Eleven (11), Two (2) and Three (3), to the northeast corner of said Section Three (3), in Township Thirteen (13) south of Range Thirtyone (31) east, which is the present boundary line between Volusia and St. Johns Counties; thence northeasterly along the present southern boundary line of said St. Johns County to the Atlantic Ocean; thence northerly along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean to point of beginning.

The Committee on County Organizations offered the following Amendment to Senate Bill No. 38:

In Section 1, line 4, page 2, strike out the words, "thence southwesterly to the northwest corner of Section Eleven (11), Township Thirteen (13) south of Range Twenty-eight (28); thence south on section line between Sections Ten (10) and Eleven (11), Fifteen (15) and Fourteen (14), Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-three (23), Twenty-seven (27) and Twenty-six (26), Thirty-four (34) and Thirty-five (35), in Township Thirteen (13), and between Sections Three (3) and Two (2), Ten (10) and Eleven (11), Fifteen (15) and Fourteen (14), Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-three (23), in Township Fourteen (14) south of Range Twenty-eight (28) east, to the northeast corner of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Fourteen (14) south of Range Twenty-eight (28) east, thence east on the Section line between Sections Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-six (26), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25), in Township Fourteen (14) south of Range Twenty-eight (28) east; and between, thence along Haw Creek, following the boundary line between St. Johns and Volusia Counties to the Range line between Ranges Twenty-eight (28) and Twenty-nine (29); thence south along said Range line to the northwest corner of Section Thirty (30), Township Fourteen (14), Range Twenty-nine (29) east; thence east on the Section line between.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 38, contained in the above message, together with amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the Senate concur in the first amendment of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 38, as contained in the above message.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the Senate concur in the second amendment of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 38, as contained in the above message.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 38, 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., April 23, 1917.

Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 7:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide free school books for the children attending the public schools of Escambia County, Florida, and to authorize the County Board of Public Instruction to furnish school books to the children attending the public schools of Escambia County.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 7, contained in the above message,

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

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 350:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the shipment and catching of stone crabs in the counties of Manatee, Pinellas and Hillsborough, State of Florida; to provide a closed season for same and penalties for the violation of this Act.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,  
R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 350, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 321:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the election held in Special Tax School District No. 23, DeSoto County, Florida, on the 4th day of January, 1917, and to legalize and validate the issue of Special Tax School District bonds voted at said election, and in pursuance thereof.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,  
R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 321, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 348:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to validate, approve and confirm all of the proceedings taken for the creation, establishment and organization of the Lake Worth Drainage District, in Palm Beach County, Florida, and to validate, approve and confirm all of the Acts and proceedings taken by, for and on behalf of said district since the creation thereof and all of the acts and proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioners and all other officers and all agents of said the Lake Worth Drainage District, acting for and on behalf of said district in carrying out the affairs of said district; and to validate, approve and confirm the issue of bonds of the par value of \$1,029,000.00 of said the Lake Worth Drainage District, bearing date January 1, A. D. 1917, and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent (6%) per an-

num, payable semi-annually; and to validate, approve and confirm any and all tax levies and assessments which have been made by the Board of Supervisors of said the Lake Worth Drainage District for and on behalf of said district upon the taxable property located within said district; and to authorize the issuance of time warrants by the said the Lake Worth Drainage District in an amount not exceeding \$50,000,000 and bearing interest not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum; and to authorize the Supervisors of the Lake Worth Drainage District to invest, if necessary, any funds arising from the sale of bonds issued or to be issued for, by and on behalf of said district, under such conditions and safeguards as shall be prescribed in such Act, until such time or times as the said the Lake Worth Drainage District shall need to use such funds for district purposes.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 348, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 351:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to validate and legalize all contracts for the construction of hard surfaced or other county roads, for the construction of bridges or viaducts; or for the purchase of any property, either real or personal, by the county for county purposes, heretofore made and entered into by the County of Pinellas, through its Board of County Commissioners, and to legal-

ize and validate all payments heretofore made or that may hereafter be made upon or under said contracts out of the funds derived from the sale of certain county bonds which were authorized by the qualified electors of said county at an election held on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1915.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 351, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24, 1917.

Hon. J. 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—

Senate Bill No. 258:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, confirm and validate certain assessments and levies for certain improvements made on certain streets of the municipality of the town of Cedar Keys, of the County of Levy, State of Florida, and declaring a lien therefor, and to provide for the collection of the same.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 250:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to validate the ordinances of the town of Rock Ledge, Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 250:

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

tion of taxes due and taxes hereafter to become due the town of Cedar Keys, County of Levy, State of Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 288:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making an emergency appropriation for the care and maintenance of the inmates of the several State institutions of this State.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 258, 259, 250 and 288, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

Hon. J. 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—

Senate Bill No. 48:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 6937 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 3, 1915, entitled "An Act providing for the creation of Okaloosa County, in the State of Florida, and for the organization and government thereof."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 43:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the Upper St. Johns Drainage District to borrow money for the payment of outstanding warrants and operation expenses.

Also—

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.

Also—

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.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 231:

A Bill to be entitled An Act changing the terms of the County Court, in Osceola County, Florida.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 48, 43, 195, 196 and 231, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 341:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prescribe the time for holding the terms of Circuit Court in and for the 4th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 341, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 352:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the proceedings of the Commissioners of Pinellas County in relation to the formation of a special road and bridge district in said county, and for the issuing and sale of bonds of the said road and bridge district to the amount of \$100,000, for the purpose of constructing a hard surfaced highway in said county, in connection with a causeway and bridge from the mainland to Long Key, running to Pass-a-Grille, Florida, and providing for the payment thereof, and to authorize the said improvements.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 352, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 338:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to require non-resident persons to pay a license to catch fishes in the fresh water lakes and rivers in the County of Liberty.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 338, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 343:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Commisisoners of Orange County, Florida, to levy a special tax for publicity purposes.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 343, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1917.

Hon. J. 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 Bill No. 349:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, to levy an additional millage, not to exceed ten mills each year upon the taxable property in Special Road and Bridge District No. 4, of Palm Beach County, Florida, for the years 1917 and 1918, to construct or to complete the construction of the bridge across the South fork of the St. Lucie River in Palm Beach County, Florida, for the construction of which bonds have been issued and sold by said Special Road and Bridge District No. 4 of Palm Beach County, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 349, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 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 Bill No. 322:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the call for election, and the election held in pursuance to such call, in Special Tax School District No. 1, Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1916, for the purpose of determining whether or not said Special Tax School District should issue certain bonds; and to legalize and validate the bonds issued or to be issued in pursuance of said election.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 322 contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Mr. Carlton moved to waive the rules and that the Senate now take up the consideration of Senate Bill No. 144, made a special order for consideration at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Carlton moved to waive the rules and that the Senate do now take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 144, which had been made the special order at 11 o'clock today.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 144:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing County Boards

of Public Instruction to adopt all school books other than the regular basal elementary school books, provided for by the State uniform text-book law, from a list issued by the State Board of Education; and to purchase all school books, and sell, rent or furnish them free to pupils; to require publishers to file sample copies of all school books to be sold in the State with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; to require publishers to sell school books to public school authorities in this State at the lowest net wholesale prices given anywhere in the United States; to require publishers to give bond to the State; to provide punishment and penalties for the violation of this Act, and for other purposes.

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

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

In Section 7, line 18, in printed Bill, strike out the words "One Hundred," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Five Hundred."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the Amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Also the following Committee Amendment was read:

In Section 9, line 19, in printed Bill, strike out the word "thirty," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Ninety."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the Amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Also the following Committee Amendment was read:

In Section 9, line 42, in printed Bill, add: "Provided that when County Boards of Public Instruction furnish books free, these books shall be furnished to the children of permanent bona fide residence only."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the Amendment.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to the committee amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

In section —, line 4, strike out the words "residents" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Citizens."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the committee amendment as amended.

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

The following amendment of the Committee on Education was read, as follows: In Section 17, line 1, in printed

Bill, strike out the word "January," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "June."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

Strike out all after the words "Board of Education," in section 1 and line seven of printed Bill.

Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the amendment.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Davis, Farris, Gornto, Greene, Igou, Jones, McEachern, McLeod, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis—13.

Nays—Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Fogarty, Hughlett, Mathis, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Wilson—16.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

In Section 1, line 9 (printed Bill) insert the word "such" after the word "all" and before the word "school."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

Add to Section 1 the following: "Provided, however, that in no case shall a School Board of any county purchase, sell, rent or furnish free school books to pupils attending their schools until the same shall have been first submitted to the electors of such county who are freeholders at an election called for that purpose and authorized by a majority vote of such electors."

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to the amendment offered by Mr. Davis to Senate Bill No. 144:

Strike out the words "who are freeholders."

Mr. MacWilliams moved to adopt the amendment to the amendment.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker Carlton, Crawford, Farris, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Wilson—16.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Davis, Fogarty, Greene, Igou, King, Mathis, McEachern, Plympton, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis—14.

So the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Carlton offered the following substitute for the amendment as amended to Senate Bill No. 144:

Add to Section 1 the following: "Provided, this law shall not be effective as to the rental or furnishing free books until the same shall have been first submitted to the electors of such county at any election called for that purpose, and majority voting shall declare in its favor"

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the substitute.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mathis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

In Section 1, line 9, strike out the word "their" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "high."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

In Section 8, line 7, after the word "study" insert the following: "Other than the regular basal elementary school books provided for by the State Uniform Text Book Law."

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

Add the following new Section 16, making Section 16 and 17 read 17 and 18: "The school books, as provided in Section 1, shall be rented or furnished free only when the County rents or furnishes free the books of all grades."

Mr. Carlton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mathis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 144:

Line 8 of Title after "all" add "high."

Mr. Mathis moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 144 as amended was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Middleton moved that Senate Bills Nos. 13, 14, 267, 266, 265 and 264 be made a special order for consideration at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 1, 1917.

Which was agreed to without dissent.

Mr. Wells moved that all Bills carrying appropriations be made a special order on Tuesday, May 1, and be made a continuing order until disposed of.

Which was agreed to.

And it was so ordered:

Senate Bill No. 235:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida.

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

Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 235:

In Section 2, lines 4, 5 and 6, strike out the words "and such assistants shall receive the same compensation as heretofore provided for the Shell Fish Commissioner and his assistants," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The chief assistant shall receive as compensation Twenty-five Hundred Dollars per annum salary and Five Hundred Dollars for expense account. The other assistants to receive same compensation as now provided."

Mr. Oliver moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 235:

In Section 2, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Agriculture."

Mr. Farris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 235.

The consideration of the motion to indefinitely postpone the Bill.

Was temporarily passed over.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By unanimous consent the following Bills were introduced:

By Mr. Alexander—  
Senate Bill No. 316:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the compensation of members of County Boards of Public Instruction. Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Mr. Farris—  
Senate Bill No. 317:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing Duval County, Florida, to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge across the St. Johns River in said county; providing for the electors to determine whether said bridge shall be a free or a toll bridge, and prescribing how tolls and charges shall be fixed in the event a majority of the said electors shall vote for a toll bridge, and otherwise, and the powers of eminent domain in said county, in connection therewith.

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

By Mr. Gornto—  
Senate Bill No. 318:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, validate and confirm the assessments and levies of taxes for the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916 by the Town of Perry, Florida, and to legalize, validate and confirm the tax sales and the tax sale certificates issued upon said sales for the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916.

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

By Mr. Gornto—  
Senate Bill No. 319:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1 of Article I, Chapter 5359, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 7223, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, and to amend Section 4 of Article 8, Chapter 5359, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1903, the same being An Act to organize a municipal government for the Town of Perry, Florida, and to provide for its government.

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

By Mr. McLeod—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 320:

A Joint Resolution proposing amendment to Section 7 of Article XII of the Constitution, relating to the distribution of the State School Fund.

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

By Mr. McLeod—  
Senate Bill No. 321:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the levying of taxes for the years 1917 and 1918 and relating to assessments, collection and distribution of taxes upon lands and other property in the State, and to provide for a system of separation of certain powers, duties and assessments, the collection and distribution of taxes upon lands and other properties in the State for the purposes of providing revenue for and maintenance of the requirements of the State and the requirements of the various, etc.

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

By Mr. McLeod—  
Senate Bill No. 322:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment of fees of jurors and witnesses before the various grand juries in the various counties of the State of Florida and relating thereto.

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

By Mr. McLeod—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 323:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution on the subject of Legislative power of taxation and to repeal all Constitutional provisions on the subject in conflict with the provisions hereof.

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

Mr. McLeod—  
Senate Bill No. 324:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bridge Corporation,

a corporation organized under the Laws of Florida to construct and maintain a toll bridge across the Escambia river and adjacent waters at or near Ferry Pass, and to regulate rates of toll to be charged by said corporation, its successors and assigns for passage over such bridge.

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

Mr. Mathis moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments offered by himself to Senate Bill No. 144 were adopted.

Which motion went over under the rules.

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn to ten o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. Wednesday, April 25, 1917.

### Wednesday, April 25, 1917.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornton, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of April 24 was corrected and approved.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Plympton, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 182:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 2758, 2759 and 2760 of the General Statutes of Florida as amended by Chapter 6847 of the Acts of 1915, the same having reference to the organization, management, control and operation of life and fire insurance companies and their agents in the State of Florida, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provision thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

M. L. PLYMPTON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 182, 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 25, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

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

Senate Bill No. 147:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes due incorporated towns and cities whose charters provide that the same shall be collected by suit."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 103:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt all farm, dairy and grove products from all forms of license tax."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 298:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the redemption of lands sold for non-payment of taxes in this State and the cancellation of certificates issued to and held by the State of Florida upon such sales upon the payment of the face of such certificates with interest thereon from date of issuance at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum until payment is made."