

In Section 1, line 13, before the word "be," at beginning of line, insert "shall not."

Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Committee on Judiciary A offered the following amendment to Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 52:

In Section 1, line 9, after the word "kind" strike out the word "and."

Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 52 was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that when the Senate adjourns it shall adjourn to eight o'clock P. M.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Baker, Crawford, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Igou, Jones, MacWilliams, Middleton, Oliver, Roland, Turner, Wilson—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Carlton, Eaton, Gornto, Hughlett, Mathis, McLeod, Moore, Plympton, Shepard, Terrell, Wells, Willis—16.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Calkins moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. Wednesday, May 23, 1917.

#### SUSPENSIONS AND REMOVALS.

The Senate refused to advise and consent to the suspension or removal of L. D. Howell from the office of Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Duval County, Florida.

Wednesday, May 23, 1917.

The Senate convened 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, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of May 22 was corrected and approved as corrected.

Mr. Greene was excused from attendance upon the session today.

The following Report should have appeared in the Journal of May 22 and is hereby corrected to appear in the same:

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 209:

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

Have had the same under consideration and recommend the passage of Committee's Substitute for same.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 209, with the Committee Substitute, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

The following report should have appeared in the afternoon session of May 22 and is hereby corrected to appear in the same:

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 602:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing punishment for unnatural and lascivious acts.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 478:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the manufacture, sale or transportation of adulterated, or misbranded, or poisonous, or imitation, or deleterious, or unwholesome foods, drugs, medicines, or liquors, commercial fertilizers, commercial stock feed, insecticides or fungicides, within the State of Florida; charging the State Chemist of Florida, who shall be ex-officio food, drug, fertilizer, insecticide and fungicide commissioner of the State of Florida, the Attorney General of Florida, the State attorneys, the county solicitors and prosecuting attorneys of county courts with the enforcement hereof; providing for the inspection and analysis of, and to regulate the sale of foods, drugs, medicines, liquors, commercial fertilizers, commercial stock feed, insecticides and

fungicides, in this State; prohibiting the sale of fraudulent, misbranded or adulterated foods, drugs, medicines, liquors, commercial fertilizers, commercial stock feed, insecticides and fungicides; fixing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act, and to provide for the registration of and the collection of an inspection fee from the manufacturers of, or dealers in, commercial fertilizers, and commercial stock feed, insecticides and fungicides; providing for the establishment of the chemical division of the State of Florida; providing that the State Chemist of Florida shall be ex-officio food, drug, fertilizer, insecticide and fungicide commissioner; for an assistant State chemist; a food and drug analyst; a fertilizer analyst; a stock feed analyst; three inspectors of the chemical division; a secretary stenographer and bookkeeper; and a janitor of the State laboratory; to appropriate the necessary funds to enforce the provisions of this Act, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 602 and Senate Bill No. 478, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

The following report should have been in the Journal of the afternoon session of May 22d, and is hereby corrected to appear in the same:

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 282:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the litigation

of the question of the need for property sought to be condemned, and to regulate the time within which a second suit for the same property may be brought.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend the passage of the Committee's Substitute for same.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 282, with Committee Substitute therefor, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 1917.

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

Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 313.)

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, 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.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 41.)

An Act creating a State Fire Insurance Fund and authorizing the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to insure all property of the State in such Fund and directing the State Treasurer to keep a record of all matters necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Bill.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 477.)

An Act to provide the time for holding the Circuit Court in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 1917.

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

Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 142.)

An Act relating to the liability of persons, companies, corporations, co-partnerships, associations, fraternal benefit societies and others, executing life, fire, accident, casualty or other insurance contracts.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 265.)

An Act prohibiting the use of public roads of this State for traffic of an unusual or destructive character.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 129.)  
An Act to amend Section One Hundred and Seven (107) of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to warrants paid.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 475.)  
An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 6250, Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Alachua County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of borrowing money for the erection of school buildings, and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 516.)  
An Act empowering the municipalities of the City of Palmetto and the City of Bradentown to own, construct, operate and maintain jointly a bridge across the Manatee River, empowering said cities to regulate and control the passage of conveyances for hire, and license therefor upon said bridge, providing for the issuance of bonds therefor, the regulation of traffic, the management and control thereof and power of sale.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 45:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating an additional Judicial Circuit in the State of Florida, to be designated the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, and to create the Circuit Court thereof, and providing for a Circuit Judge and State Attorney in said Circuit, and defining and fixing the territorial limits and boundaries of the Seventh, Eleventh and Fifteenth Judicial Circuits, and providing and fixing the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in said Judicial Circuits, and prescribing the effect on pending cases in said Circuits.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

3 And Senate Bill No. 45, contained in the above report, was referred to the Enrolling Committee.

Mr. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 4:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to make illegal any charge for placing or switching a car by the carrier having the line haul and receiving the compensation therefor.

Also—

House Bill No. 416:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to allow railroad companies in this State to make reduced rates for delegates to meetings of religious bodies, fraternal societies, educational and other associations regularly organized in the State of Florida, and to leave it optional with such railroad companies as to whether or not such reduced rates shall be extended to the general public

Also—

Senate Bill No. 505:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the recovery of attorney's fees in certain suits against corporations and others operating railroads.

With the following amendment:

In Section 1, line 15, strike out all after the word "be" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "used in the prosecution and conduct of the suit, and provided further that the amount recovered shall be equal to the amount claimed by the plaintiff for such stock."

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

Very respectfully,

O. M. EATON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 4 and 416, and Senate Bill No. 505, with House amendment thereto, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 519:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate charges on telegrams in the State of Florida, and to fix the penalty for the violation of same.

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

Very respectfully,

O. M. EATON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 519, contained in above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 420.)

An Act to provide an easement for persons, vehicles and stock occupying or used upon certain lands which are shut off or hemmed in from the nearest practicable public or private road.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 226.)

An Act granting to courts of Chancery in this State, jurisdiction to enjoin and suppress all nuisances which tend to annoy the community, or injure the health of the citizens in general, or to corrupt public morals, or is manifestly injurious to the public health, safety and morals of the community; to enjoin and suppress all nuisances mentioned in Section 3680 of the General Statutes of Florida, and all places frequented by persons described in and mentioned in Section 3570 of the General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 5720, of the Acts of 1907, Laws of Florida, and to enjoin all places, houses, tents, booths, in which the laws of the State of Florida are violated, and all houses of lewdness, assignation, and prostitution and places where games of chance are engaged in in violation of law, and declaring all such places to be nuisances; to enjoin the person or persons who conduct or maintain the same, and the owner and agent of any building used for such purpose, and to provide for the payment of costs of such proceedings and declaring a lien for such costs.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.)  
Relative to advertising lands in Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill, Substitute for House Bill No. 7.)

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.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

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Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,  
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An Act granting to courts of chancery in this State jurisdiction to enjoin and suppress all nuisances which tend to annoy the community or injure the health of the citizens in general, or to corrupt public morals, or is manifestly injurious to the public health, safety and morals of the community; to enjoin and suppress all nuisances mentioned in Section 3680 of the General Statutes of Florida, and all places frequented by persons described in and mentioned in Section 3570 of the General

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

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 161.)  
Relative to advertising lands in Florida .

Also—

(Senate Bill, Substitute for House Bill No. 7.)

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.

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

Very respectfully,  
J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts were then presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 492.)

An Act to amend Sections 5, 6 and 8 of An Act entitled. "An Act to create and incorporate a special taxing district in Palm Beach County, State of Florida, to be known as Lake Worth Inlet District, embracing all of the land within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Atlantic Ocean with the township line between townships 41 and 42 south; thence run west along said township line and continuing west to the western boundary of Palm Beach County, Florida; thence run south along the western boundary of said Palm Beach County to a point where the township line between townships 45 and 46, south, according to the United States Government Survey, if extended west, would intersect said west line of said Palm Beach County; thence run east on the township line between townships 45 and 46 south, and continuing east along said township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges 41 and 42 east; thence north along the range line between ranges 41 and 42, east, to the point of intersection of said range line with the township line between townships 43 and 44 south; thence run east along the township line between townships 43 and 44, south, to the Atlantic Ocean; thence run north along the west shore of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning; all being in Palm Beach County, Florida. And to prescribe the boundaries of said district and to provide for the government and administration of the same, and to define the powers and purposes of said district and of the Board of Commissioners thereof, and to authorize said Board to construct an inlet in said district to connect the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean and all other works necessary or proper in connection therewith, and to empower said board to levy and collect taxes upon all the taxable property in said district for said purposes authorized by this Act, and to authorize said board to borrow money and to issue and sell bonds to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and generally to provide for the erection and provide the powers of such district for the construction and maintenance of an inlet in said district connecting the waters

of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean," approved June 4, 1915, and being Chapter 7081 of the Laws of Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 563.)

An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Miami Beach, in the County of Dade, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and incorporate a city government for the city of Miami Beach, to define its territorial boundaries, to prescribe its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, and for the exercise of same, and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
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And the Acts contained therein were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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the township line between townships 45 and 46, South, according to the United States Government Survey, if extended west, would intersect said west line of said Palm Beach County; thence run east on the township line between townships 45 and 46 south, and continuing east along said township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges 41 and 42 east; thence north along the range line between ranges 41 and 42, east, to the point of intersection of said range line with the township line between townships 43 and 44 south; thence run east along the township line between townships 43 and 44, south, to the Atlantic Ocean; thence run north along the west shore of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning; all being in Palm Beach County, Florida. And to prescribe the boundaries of said district and to provide for the government and administration of the same, and to define the powers and purposes of said district and of the Board of Commissioners thereof, and to authorize said Board to construct an inlet in said district to connect the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean and all other works necessary or proper in connection therewith, and to empower said Board to levy and collect taxes upon all the taxable property in said district for said purposes authorized by this Act, and to authorize said Board to borrow money and to issue and sell bonds to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and generally to provide for the erection and provide the powers, of such district for the construction and maintenance of an inlet in said district connecting the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean," approved June 4, 1915, and being Chapter 7081 of the Laws of Florida.

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Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

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Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Chairman of Committee.

J. M. GORNTO,

Chairman of Committee.

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Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 685.)

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, to refund to D. M. Pipkin the amount of a certain judgment and costs entered against said D. M. Pipkin on account of the forfeiture of his bond for the appearance of one Snap Zeigler.

Also—

(House Joint Resolution No. 25.)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to education.

Also—

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 21.)

Relative to the production of more food crops.

Also—

(House Bill No. 49.)

An Act relating to the Police Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Jacksonville.

Also—

(House Bill No. 691.)

An Act to establish the municipality of the Town of Boynton, fix its territorial limits, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 738.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, to bor-

row and pay interest on Ten Thousand Dollars for operating expenses, expended and to be expended on roads and bridges of the county, and declare valid all warrants drawn in payment of same and to provide for a levy to retire said warrants issued in connection therewith; to authorize said Board to issue warrants on the fine and forfeiture fund in excess of the budget estimate where funds are on hand to pay them.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. GORNTO,  
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And the Acts contained therein were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. J. M. Gornito, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 651.)

An Act to provide for the method and manner of opening, establishing, building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in the County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and to provide a road and bridge fund for the said County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and for the assessment and collection of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 597.)

An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of the Town of Sebring, DeSoto County, Florida, and its town council, officers and agents, relating to the authorizing, issuing and selling of bonds of said town in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of paving the streets of said town, and to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of said Town of Sebring, and its town council, officers and agents relating to the paving of certain streets in the said Town of Sebring, the assessment of the property benefited by said improvement, the issuance of paving certificates or certificates of indebtedness and improvement bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 692.)

An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, and its town council, officers and agents, relating to the placing of curbs and gutters along certain streets in the Town of Avon Park, Florida, the assessment of the property benefited by said improvement; the issuance of paving certificates or certificates of indebtedness and improvement bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 666.)

An Act granting additional rights, powers and privileges to the City of Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, with reference to buying, holding, leasing, selling or otherwise disposing of any real estate owned by said city when said real estate so conveyed is to be used for hotel purposes, public buildings, parks or other public purposes, and providing for the release under certain conditions of any lien for local improvements claimed by the City of Sanford on any real estate alienated or conveyed.

Also—

(House Bill No. 500.)

An Act to authorize the City of Plant City, Florida, to appropriate money from the general revenue fund of said city for public library purposes, and to provide the manner of expending such appropriations, and for other purposes.

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

Very respectfully,  
J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,  
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Have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
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Senate Chamber,  
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ing, establishing, building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges in the County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and to provide a road and bridge fund for the said County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and for the assessment and collection of same.

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Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 739.)

An Act providing that the County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, shall issue interest-bearing time warrants, the proceeds to be used for the building of a court house and jail, the same running from the date of said warrants for a period of ten (10) years, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), and providing that the said warrants shall be paid at the rate of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars and accrued interest per annum, and to provide the manner of payment of the principal and interest of said warrants and for the retirement of the same, and providing for erection of said court house and jail.

Also—

(House Bill No. 582.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6400 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Tallahassee, in the County of Leon, in the State of Florida, and to create, establish and organize a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Tallahassee, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers, franchises and privileges," and approved May 23, 1911.

Also—

(House Bill No. 347.)

An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, Florida; to legalize and validate the ordinances of said Town of Palm Beach and official acts thereunder; to create and establish a new municipality to be known as the Town of Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, Florida; and to fix and provide its territorial limits, jurisdiction and powers, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 688.)

An Act to legalize the election held on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1916, in Gadsden County, State of Florida, to determine whether bonds should be issued by the Board of County Commissioners for said county as proposed and provided by a resolution voted upon and passed by said Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, passed in open session at a meeting of said Board on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1916, and to declare and render valid said resolution and to authorize the issuance of bonds as provided by said resolution.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. J. M. Gornito, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

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Also—

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(House Bill No. 347.)

An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, Flor-

ida; to legalize and validate the ordinances of said Town of Palm Beach, and official acts thereunder; to create and establish a new municipality to be known as the Town of Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, Florida; and to fix and provide its territorial limits, jurisdiction, and powers, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers.

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

Very respectfully,  
J. M. GORNITO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

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time warrants, the proceeds to be used for the building of a court house and jail, the same running for the date of said warrants for a period of ten (10) years, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), and providing that the said warrants shall be paid at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and accrued interest per annum, and to provide the manner of payment of the principal and interest of said warrants and for the retirement of the same, and providing for erection of said court house and jail.

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passed by said Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, passed in open session at a meeting of said Board on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1916, and to declare and render valid said resolution, and to authorize the issuance of bonds as provided by said resolution.

Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson.

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 556:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 6236 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1911, entitled: "An Act to prohibit certain dispositions of citrus fruits which are immature or otherwise unfit for consumption and the misbranding of citrus fruits," and Chapter 6515 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, entitled: "An Act to define immature citrus fruit and to fix standards for mature citrus fruit; to place the execution of the immature citrus fruit law, Chapter 6236, Laws of Florida, under the general provisions of the pure food and drug law, Chapter 6122, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto, and make appropriation for the enforcement thereof," amendatory thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 556, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wilson—

Senate Bill No. 557:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate certificates of indebtedness issued by the Town of Punta Gorda, DeSoto County, Florida, for street paving, construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate acts and proceedings of said Town of Punta Gorda, DeSoto County, Florida, and its Town Council, officers and agents, relating to the issuance of said certificates of indebtedness, perfecting all irregularities and curing all omissions which may exist in and about the issuance of said certificates of indebtedness of the said Town of Punta Gorda, DeSoto County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 557 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 557 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 557 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. 557 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, 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. Moore—

Senate Bill No. 558:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3559 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 558 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 558 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 558 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. 558 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, Baker, Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Alexander—

Senate Bill No. 559:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making it unlawful for the Florida East Coast Canal and Transportation Company to make any change in the way of tolls or otherwise for the use of its canals leading from Jacksonville down the East Coast of Florida to Miami until said company shall have restored its canal to the specifications prescribed in Section 3 of Chapter 3995, Acts of 1889, Laws of Florida, and maintained said canal according to said specifications for a reasonable length of time, and prescribing penalties for the violation of this Act."

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

By Mr. Crawford—

Senate Bill No. 560:

A Bill to be entitled An Act requiring the reading of the Bible in public schools, permitting the offering of prayer therein, and the following of an address or lecture, tending to the moral uplift or betterment of the school; and for the further inculcation of true patriotism through

the raising of the American flag, at or on every school house or academy in Florida, under the control of the State, that the rising generation may know the meaning of Americanism, and be fully imbued with the spirit and undying principles our Constitution guarantees to its most humble citizen.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crawford moved to waive the rules and that the Bill be read the second time by its title.

Which was not agreed to.

And the Bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

Executive Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 203.)

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

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 501.)

An Act to authorize the City of Tallahassee to levy a special tax for creating a publicity and advertising fund for said city, and providing for the expenditures thereof.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 471.)

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, by extending the territorial

boundaries of said town, and to provide penalties for the carrying of concealed weapons and the selling of spiritous liquors or malts within the corporate limits thereof.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 499.)

An Act to provide for the enrolling by typewriting machines of Bills and Joint Resolutions passed by the Legislature.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 476.)

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

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 437.)

An Act authorizing the Town of DeFuniak Springs to issue interest-bearing warrants in the sum of three thousands dollars to take up outstanding indebtedness and six thousand dollars for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

Respectfully,  
SIDNEY J. CATTS,  
Governor.

Also—

The following communication from the Governor was read:

Executive Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 1917.

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

Sir:

This State issues annually large numbers of corporate charters, many of which authorize the existence of corporations having capital stock from five thousand to several hundred thousand dollars each. These corporations instinctively give to the incorporators great advantages over private individuals, in that the stockholders are relieved from personal liability and have the ad-

vantage of doing business through a corporate organization. This advantage is received from the State, and the State should have in return something annually in recognition of the benefits conferred. The only amounts paid to the State in securing charters for corporations are the small fees paid at the time the charters are issued. Justice demands that there should be an annual payment of a moderate amount upon the capital stock, so that the State will have something in return for the charters granted to be used in relieving the already heavy tax burdens.

I therefore recommend that you incorporate the above provisions into a law during this session of your Legislature.

Besides the charters granted by the State of Florida to corporations, there are operating in this State many corporations organized under the laws of other States, and it is but fair that these corporations should pay into the State Treasury for the privilege of using their charter powers in this State a tax somewhat proportionate to the tax required of local corporations. A bill covering this feature could be drafted so as to avoid any constitutional questions growing out of interstate commerce.

The time having arrived when Florida should have an income from what is commonly known as an inheritance tax. This tax is eminently fair, and at the present stage of development in this State, would amount to a considerable sum annually.

I, therefore, recommend that you give careful consideration to the above recommendations in regard to these taxes and franchises, especially at this time, when the immense expenditure of our resources in appropriations will necessitate an increase in the millage unless something be done along the lines suggested in the above paragraphs. An increase in the millage is always resented by the yeomanry and best citizenship of all states, and works a hardship on the middle and representative classes, whereas, especially the inheritance and corporate charter taxes, would bring in the richer classes who are more able to be taxed than the ones spoken of above. Therefore, carefully consider this matter and see if you cannot at this session pass a law which will provide not a heavy burden, but a just burden upon these untaxed classes at this date.

I also call attention to an item mentioned in my first message to the Legislature concerning a lowering of the rate of interest from 8% to 6%, which has been brought to the attention of the Senate by a bill introduced by Hon. Ion L. Farris of Duval County. This bill at the present time languishes upon the Calendar and seems to not have claimed the attention it should. I, therefore, recommend that this be urgently pressed forward toward becoming a law at once, as there is no question which more vitally affects our well being, our civilization and advancement than a lowering of interest so as to produce at once a ceasing of burdens among the people who bear the rate of interest and at the same time guarantee that the investments made by large dealers in money have a fair and safe return.

Respectfully submitted,  
SIDNEY J. CATTS  
Governor.

The communication from the Governor was referred to the Committee on Executive Communications.

#### MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 753:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 5, 6 and 7, of Chapter 6993, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to organize a county court in and for Calhoun County, Florida; to prescribe the terms thereof; to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for said court; fixing the salary and fees of the prosecuting attorney and judge of said court; and providing for the transfer of cases from the Circuit Court and from the Courts of Justices of the Peace to said County Court."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 753, 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., May 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. 798:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for election in Election District No. 26, Duval County, Florida, to determine whether cattle, hogs or any other live stock shall run at large within its boundaries, and to provide for impounding of cattle, hogs and any other live stock so running at large.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 798, 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., May 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. 802:

A Bill to be entitled An Act forbidding the leasing of the convicts of Polk County to the contractors or other persons connected with the construction of roads now being built, or hereafter to be built, under and by virtue of a county road bond issue following an election held in June, 1916, or any other similar bond election which has already been held in Polk County since that time.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 802, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Eaton moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 802 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 802 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Eaton moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 802 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 802 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 155:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to fix the salary of the Judge of the County Court of DeSoto 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. 155, 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., May 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. 595:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to establish and maintain a branch experiment station in or near Winter Haven, Polk County, State of Florida, to conduct field research work on citrus problems; to make it the duty of the Board of Control to establish such branch station and to provide for carrying on investigation thereat.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 595, 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., May 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. 711:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal An Act entitled "An Act to legalize and validate the election held in Special Tax School District No. 23, DeSoto County, Florida, on the 8th 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," approved May 1, 1917.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 711, 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., May 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. 713:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the County Board of Public Instruction of the County of Suwannee, State of Florida, to issue and sell interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of retiring the indebtedness of said county.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And House Bill No. 713, 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., May 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. 719:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, to connect the Hillsboro Canal and the North New River Canal by canal and road; to issue warrants not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) with which to provide funds for the payment of the cost thereof, the residue, if any, being applicable to the construction of the road to connect West Palm Beach with Lee County; to fix the rate of interest which the said warrants shall bear, and the period for which they shall run; and to provide for the levy of a tax with which to pay the principal and interest of said warrants.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And House Bill No. 719, 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., May 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. 720:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Board of Public Instruction for the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, to borrow money for the payment of outstanding school warrants or for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in operating the schools of Palm Beach County, to pay interest upon said loans not exceeding eight per cent (8%) per annum, and to limit the borrowing capacity of said board.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And House Bill No. 720, 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., May 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. 541:

A Bill to be entitled An Act ratifying and validating and confirming the creation and organization of a drainage district in St. Johns and Volusia Counties, Florida, known as Bunnell Drainage District, created and organized under the provisions of Chapter 6458, Laws of 1913, State of Florida, declaring the same to be a legal and valid drainage district, and ratifying and validating and confirming all acts taken and performed for and on behalf of said drainage district.

Also—

## Senate Bill No. 373:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making it unlawful for the owner of, or person having the care, custody or control of any hog or hogs, to permit, or allow, the same to run at large on the following described land in Manatee County, Florida; for providing a penalty for the violation of this Act, and providing for the disposition of such hog or hogs: Begin at the NW corner of Section 1, Township 35 S, Range 17 E, and run South one-half mile to half Section line in said Section 1, making the point thus reached the point of beginning; from thence run East to Section line between Sections 3 and 4 of Township 35 S, Range 18 E, thence South to the NW corner of Section 22, Township 35 S, Range 18 E, thence East to SW corner of Section 13, Township 35 S, Range 18 E, thence South to the NW corner of Section 25, Township 35 S, Range 18 E, thence East to Range line between Ranges 18 and 19, thence South on said Range line to the Township line between Townships 35 and 36, thence West on said Township line to the SW corner of Section 36, Township 35 S, Range 17 E, thence North to the point of beginning, the tract thus embraced being known as Oneco Election Precinct No. 16, of Manatee County, Florida.

Also—

## Senate Bill No. 518:

A Bill to be entitled An Act granting additional rights, powers and privileges to the City of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida, in addition to its present city charter, and prescribing a method for the levy and collection of a

per capita or commutation street tax, and to provide penalties for violations of this Act.

Also—

## Senate Bill No. 92:

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

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 541, 373, 518 and 92, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 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, over the veto of the Governor, by the constitutional two-thirds vote—

Senate Act (being Senate Bill No. 257.)

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 6878 of the Laws of Florida, being "An Act to appoint Naval Stores Inspectors, to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, to prevent and prohibit adulteration of spirits of turpentine and naval stores, and to

provide for the appointment and duties and compensation of a supervising inspector of naval stores, and to prescribe forfeitures and penalties for violating, and methods for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act," approved June 5, 1915.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And the Senate Act, being Senate Bill No. 257, contained in the above message, was ordered to be certified to the Secretary of State as having failed to pass the House of Representatives over the Governor's objections thereto.

By request of Mr. McLeod, Senate Bill No. 323, which was laid on the table under the rule, was restored to the Calendar of Bills on the Second Reading.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion by Mr. McLeod, to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 493 and the Senate Substitute therefor were indefinitely postponed Monday.

Which motion was made on yesterday and was laid over under the rule.

Was taken up for consideration.

The question was put upon the motion to reconsider, and the Senate refused to reconsider its action.

Senate Bill No. 425:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Comptroller to pay for all services rendered, and for all subsistence, supplies and transportation furnished, to the State of Florida, in the suppression of Indian hostilities in the last war with the Seminoles in the years of 1855 and 1856.

And the Substitute therefor, bearing the same title, were taken up, together with the pending motion of Mr. Willis to indefinitely postpone the Bill.

The question was put upon the indefinite postponement of the Senate Bill No. 425.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Baker, Davis,

Gornto, Igou, Mathis, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Plympton, Shepard, Turner, Willis—14.

Nays—Senators Alexander, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Jones, King, MacWilliams, Oliver, Roland, Terrell, Wells, Wilson—15.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone the Bill and Substitute therefor was not agreed to.

And its further consideration was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 309:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the business of banking and trust companies organized and doing business in and under the laws of Florida, and prescribing penalties for violations of the provisions of this Act.

Was taken up in its order.

Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rules and to place Senate Bill No. 309 back on its second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 309 was again placed before the Senate on the second reading.

Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the following amendment:

In Section 4, printed Bill, at the end of Section 4 add the following: "Nor shall any such bank or trust company carry in their assets in their reports to the Comptroller, nor in reports published as required by law, any note or obligation to said bank or trust company which is past due for one year and upon which no interest has been paid for said period, unless such past due note or obligation is secured by good and sufficient mortgage or other collateral, and then only to the extent of the reasonable value of the property mortgaged or collateral."

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the reconsideration of the vote by which the Senate adopted the amendment was placed before the Senate.

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

By permission, Mr. Johnson withdrew the amendment. Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 309:

At the end of Section 4 add the following: "Nor shall any such bank or trust company carry in their assets in their reports to the Comptroller, nor in their reports as published as required by law, any note or obligation to any such bank or trust company which is past due for one year and upon which no interest has been paid for said period. Provided, that such past due paper may be carried to the extent of the reasonable value of any mortgage property or other collateral securing such note or obligation; and provided, further, that any such past due note or obligation in course of collection by action at law or in equity may be carried at the reasonable value of such note or obligation as shall be appraised and fixed by the Board of Directors. The Comptroller shall have the authority to supervise and revise the appraised value of past due paper and security, as provided for in this paragraph."

Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 309, printed Bill:

In Section 1, line 12, strike out the words "and the officers."

Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 309, printed Bill:

In Section 2, line 12, after the word "bonds" in said line, add "municipal sidewalk and paving certificates."

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 309:

In Section 2, as amended, add "and contracts for purchase of real estate."

Mr. Carlton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Johnson moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 309 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote. And House Bill No. 309 was read a third time in full. Upon the call of the roll on the passage of the Bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gorto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—Senator Carlton—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

#### ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—  
(House Bill No. 739.)

An Act providing that the County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, shall issue interest-bearing time warrants, the proceeds to be used for the building of a court house and jail, the same running from the date of said warrants for a period of ten (10) years, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), and providing that the said warrants shall be paid at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and accrued interest per annum, and to provide the manner of payment of the principal and interest of said warrants and for the retirement of the same and providing for erection of said court house and jail.

Also—

(House Bill No. 582.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6400 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Tallahassee, in the County of Leon, in the State of Florida, and to create, establish and organize a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Tallahassee, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers, franchises and privileges," and approved May 23, 1911.

Also—

(House Bill No. 347.)

An Act to abolish the present municipal government

of the Town of Palm Beach in Palm Beach County, Florida; to legalize and validate the ordinances of said Town of Palm Beach and official acts thereunder; to create and establish a new municipality to be known as the Town of Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, Florida; and to fix and provide its territorial limits, jurisdiction and powers, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 688.)

An Act to legalize the election held on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1916, in Gadsden County, State of Florida, to determine whether bonds should be issued by the Board of County Commissioners for said county as proposed and provided by a resolution voted upon and passed by said Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, passed in open session at a meeting of said Board on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1916, and to declare and render valid said resolution and to authorize the issuance of bonds as provided by said resolution.

Also—

(House Bill No. 651.)

An Act to provide for the method and manner of opening, establishing, building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges, in the County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and to provide a road and bridge fund for the said County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and for the assessment and collection of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 597.)

An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of the Town of Sebring, DeSoto County, Florida, and its Town Council, officers and agents, relating to the authorizing, issuing and selling of bonds of said town in the amount of fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of paving the streets of said town and to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of said Town of Sebring, and its Town Council, officers and agents relating to the paving of certain streets in the said Town of Sebring, the assessment of

the property benefited by said improvement, the issuance of paving certificates or certificates of indebtedness and improvement bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 692.)

An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, and its Town Council, officers and agent, relating to the placing of curbs and gutters along certain streets in the Town of Avon Park, Florida, the assessment of the property benefited by said improvement; the issuance of paving certificates or certificates of indebtedness and improvement bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 666.)

An Act granting additional rights, powers and privileges to the City of Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, with reference to buying, holding, leasing, selling or otherwise disposing of any real estate owned by said city when said real estate so conveyed is to be used for hotel purposes, public building, parks or other public purposes, and providing for the release under certain conditions of any lien for local improvements claimed by the City of Sanford on any real estate alienated or conveyed.

Also—

(House Bill No. 500.)

An Act to authorize the city of Plant City, Florida, to appropriate money from the general revenue fund of said city for public library purposes, and to provide the manner of expending such appropriations, and for other purposes.

Also—

(House Bill No. 685.)

"An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, to refund to D. M. Pipkin the amount of a certain judgment and costs entered against said D. M. Pipkin on account of the forfeiture of his bond for the appearance of one Snap Zeigler."

Also—

(House Joint Resolution No. 25.)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to education.

Also—

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 21.)

Relative to the production of more food crops.

Also—

(House Bill No. 49.)

An Act relating to the police pension and relief fund of the City of Jacksonville.

Also—

(House Bill No. 691.)

An Act to establish the municipality of the town of Boynton, fix its territorial limits, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 738.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, to borrow pay interest on ten thousand dollars for operating expenses, expended and to be expended on roads and bridges of the County, and declare valid all warrants drawn in payment of same and to provide for a levy to retire said warrants issued in connection therewith; to authorize said board to issue warrants on the fine and forfeiture fund in excess of the budget estimate where funds are on hand to pay them.

Also—

(House Bill No. 492.)

An Act to amend Sections 5, 6 and 8 of an Act entitled: "An Act to create and incorporate a special taxing district in Palm Beach County, State of Florida, to be

known as Lake Worth Inlet District, embracing all of the land within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Atlantic Ocean with the Township line between Townships 41 and 42 south, thence run west along said Township line and continuing west to the western boundary of Palm Beach County, Florida; thence run south along the western boundary of said Palm Beach County to a point where the Township line between Townships 45 and 46, south, according to the United States Government Survey, if extended west, would intersect said west line of said Palm Beach County; thence run east on the Township line between Townships 45 and 46 south, and continuing east along said Township line to its intersection with the Range line between Ranges 41 and 42 east; thence north along the Range line between Ranges 41 and 42 east, to the point of intersection of said Range line with the Township line between Townships 43 and 44 south; thence run east along the Township line between Townships 43 and 44, south, to the Atlantic Ocean; thence run north along the west shore of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning; all being in Palm Beach County, Florida; and to prescribe the boundaries of said district and to provide for the government and administration of the same, and to define the powers and purposes of said district, and of the Board of Commissioners thereof, and to authorize said Board to construct an inlet in said district to connect the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean and all other works necessary or proper in connection therewith, and to empower said Board to levy and collect taxes upon all the taxable property in said district for said purposes authorized by this Act, and to authorize said Board to borrow money and to issue and sell bonds to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and generally to provide for the erection and provide the powers of such district for the construction and maintenance of an inlet in said district connecting the waters of Lake Worth with the Atlantic Ocean," approved June 4, 1915, and being Chapter 7081 of the Laws of Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 563.)

An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Miami Beach, in the County of Dade, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and incorporate a city government of City of Miami Beach, to define its territorial boundaries, to prescribe its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, and for the exercise of the same, and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances.

And the above Acts were duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate and were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The President also announced that he was about to sign—

(Senate Bill No. 420.)

An Act to provide an easement for persons, vehicles and stock occupying or used upon certain lands which are shut off or hemmed in from the nearest practicable public or private road.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 226.)

An Act granting to courts of chancery in this State jurisdiction to enjoin and suppress all nuisances which tend to annoy the community or injure the health of the city in general, or to corrupt public morals, or is manifestly injurious to the public health, safety and morals of the community; to enjoin and suppress all nuisances mentioned in Section 3680 of the General Statutes of Florida and all places frequented by persons described in and mentioned in Section 3570 of the General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 5720 of the Acts of 1907, Laws of Florida, and to enjoin all places, houses, tents, booths, in which the laws of the State of Florida are violated, and all houses of lewdness, assignation and prostitution, and places where games of chance are engaged in in violation of law, and declaring all such places to be nuisances; to enjoin the person or persons who conduct or maintain the same, and the owner and

agent of any building used for such purpose, and to provide for the payment of costs of such proceedings and declaring a lien for such costs.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.)  
Relative to advertising lands in Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill, Substitute for House Bill No. 7.)

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.

The Acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Mathis offered the following Resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 23:

Whereas, Section 28, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Florida reads:

“Every Bill that may have passed shall, before becoming a law, be presented to the Governor; if he approves it he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it with his objections, to the House in which it originated. \* \* \*

“If any Bill shall not be returned within five days after it shall have been presented to the Governor, Sunday excepted, the same shall be a Law,” and

Whereas, this Legislature has passed Senate Bill No. 257; and,

Whereas, the Bill was properly enrolled and delivered to the Governor May 12, 1917; and,

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 257 was returned to the Senate on May 19, 1917, with the Governor's objections thereto; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate and advise the Senate as to whether the Governor did not hold Senate Bill No. 257 over the constitu-

tional time limit before returning the same to the Senate; be it further

Resolved, That said committee shall advise the Senate as to the legality of said Senate Bill No. 257 under these circumstances.

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt Resolution No. 23 as read. Which was agreed to.

And the Resolution was adopted.

The President appointed Senators Mathis, Moore and Wells as said committee under the Resolution.

Mr. Wells asked to be relieved from serving on the committee, owing to his being on other special committees.

Which request was granted.

And Mr. Carlton was placed on said committee in his stead.

Mr. Calkins asked to be relieved from serving on the committee to investigate and report upon the suspension case of J. H. Swindell.

Which request was granted.

And the President appointed Mr. Farris to act in his stead.

Mr. Wilson moved to waive the rules and that the Senate take up and consider Senate Bill No. 425.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 425:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Comptroller to pay for all services rendered, and for all subsistence, supplies and transportation furnished, to the State of Florida, in the suppression of Indian hostilities in the last war with the Seminoles in the years of 1855 and 1856.

Was taken up and placed before the Senate.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 425 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. 425 was read a third time in full. Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Jones, King, MacWilliams, Oliver, Wells, Wilson—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Baker, Cal-

kins, Davis, Gornto, Igou, Mathis, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis—17.

So the Bill failed to pass.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 285:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to remove the disability of certain minors.

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 285, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

By permission—

Mr. Farris, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 370:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 10 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to education.

Also—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 320:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Sec-

tion 7 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the distribution of the State School Fund.

Also—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 175:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to municipalities.

Also—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 363:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to the Judiciary.

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

Very respectfully,  
ION L. FARRIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 370, 320, 175 and 363, contained in the above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

By permission—

Mr. Farris, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,  
ION L. FARRIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 323, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed House Bill No. 447:

Which motion was laid over under the rule.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return to the Senate House Bill No. 447 for further consideration.

Which was agreed to.

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

Mr. Wells moved to waive the rules, and that when the Senate convenes this afternoon it shall take up the consideration of House Bills on the Senate Calendar.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Moore moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate took a recess to 4 o'clock P. M. this day.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—4 O'CLOCK.

The Senate convened 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, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hugglett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—28.

A quorum present.

By unanimous consent Mr. Andrews called up for consideration—

Senate Bill No. 492:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the care, main-

tenance and hiring of State convicts, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Which was taken up.

Mr. Andrews moved to waive the rules and to place Senate Bill No. 492 back on its second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 492 was placed before the Senate on the second reading.

Mr. Andrews, of the 15th District, offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 492:

In Section 2, line 5, strike out the words "class one."

Mr. Andrews moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 492, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 642 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Bill No. 642 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 52:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the resignation of executors and administrators.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 52, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, 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.

#### CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House Bill No. 287:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing agricultural and horticultural, non-profit, co-operative associations to own and hold stock in corporations under certain conditions.

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

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 287 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 287 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—25.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 67:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to make larceny of any automobile, locomobile, motorcycle and other like vehicles propelled by electricity or gasoline a felony; to provide a penalty therefor, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 67 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 67 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—25.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 138:

A Bill to be entitled An Act assenting to and accepting the provisions of An Act of Congress, approved Feb. 23,

1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for co-operation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for co-operation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects; and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditures," and designating schools for the training of teachers of agricultural, trade, industrial and home economics subjects; and for the designation of schools for the teaching of agricultural, trade and home economics and industrial subjects, and making appropriations for same.

Mr. Carlton moved to waive the rules and take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 198, a companion Bill of House Bill No. 138.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 198:

A Bill to be entitled An Act assenting to and accepting the provisions of An Act of Congress approved February 23, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for co-operation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for co-operation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects, and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditures," and creating a State Board of Vocational Education, making appropriation for the same and defining its duties and powers.

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

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 198:

Strike out Section 4 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 4. Upon the passage and approval of this Act, the State Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall appoint a standing committee of five leading educators of this State, known to be interested in vocational education, whose duty it shall be to make a survey of the industrial and vocational education as now being carried on in this State and submit the same, together with a

proposed outline of rules and regulations for the adoption of the State Board of Education as required in the aforesaid Federal Act, in carrying out and otherwise meeting the provisions of the aforesaid Federal Act. The State Board of Education shall adopt the rules and regulations as above provided for, or request the said committee to submit other rules and regulations until such rules and regulations meet with the approval of the State Board and are adopted by the said State Board.

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 198:

Strike out Section 5 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 5. The State Board of Education shall designate the University of Florida at Gainesville and the Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee as the schools for the training of teachers of agricultural, trade, industrial and home economics subjects, the one for men, the other for women.

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 198:

Strike out Section 6 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 6. That for the purposes of paying expenses of the Standing Committee as herein provided for, in carrying on its duties herein imposed upon said committee, or that may be imposed upon said committee by the State Board of Education, there is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the year 1918, and in likewise and like manner, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for the year 1919.

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 198:

Strike out Section 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 3. The State Board of Education is hereby

designated, authorized and required to co-operate, as provided in and required by the aforesaid Act of Congress with the Federal Board of Vocational Education in the administration of the provisions of said Act, and to do all things necessary to entitle the State to receive the benefits thereof.

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the reference of the Bill, as amended, to the Committee on Engrossed Bills, House Bill No. 138 was again taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mathis offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 138:

In Section 3 strike out lines 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 down to word "are," in line five, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "State Board of Education."

Mr. Mathis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carter offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 138:

Add to Section 5 the following: Provided the said board shall divide equitably all funds, National and State, available under this Act, among the counties of this State that are entitled to receive the same in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Federal Act.

Mr. Carlton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mathis moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 138, as amended, be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 138 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gorn to, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—28.

Nays—None.

So the Bill as amended passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Carlton moved to lay Senate Bill No. 198 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 417:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the adoption of a uniform affidavit of publication of legal notices.

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

Mr. Carlton moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 417.

Which was agreed to.

And the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

House Bill No. 405;

A Bill to be entitled An Act amending Sections 1219 and 1220 of the General Statutes of Florida, relating to requisites of application for permit to sell liquors, wines or beers, and the publication thereof, and repealing Sections 1222, 1223 and 1224 of the General Statutes of Florida, and providing for remonstrance to petitions.

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

Mr. McEachern moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 405 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 405 was read a third time in full.

Mr. Gorn to moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 405.

Upon which a ye and nay vote was demanded.

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

Yeas—Senators Andrews, Davis, Gorn to, King—4.

Nays — Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Carlton, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells—22.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone the Bill was not agreed to.

Mr. McEachern moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 405 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 405 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Carlton, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis—23.

Nays—Senator Gornto—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 167:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making it unlawful for manufacturers of fertilizers in this State to discriminate against farmers and other users of fertilizers in this State in the prices charged for such fertilizers, and providing a penalty for the violation of this Act.

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

Mr. Shepard moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 167 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 167 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 166:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and require the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to investigate the proposition of establishing a plant for the manufacture of fertilizers at or near the State Prison Farm in Bradford County, using State prisoners for the labor necessary in said plant, and selling the fertilizers so manufactured at cost to those actually using the same in the State of Florida.

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

Mr. Shepard moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 166 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 166 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Mathis, Middleton, Roland, Shepard, Wilson—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Eaton, Hughlett, Igou, King, McLeod, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Turner, Willis—12.

So the Bill failed to pass.

House Bill No. 899 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 377:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment in installments, and otherwise, of the commissions of the several county assessors of taxes in the State of Florida, and to provide the time when, and the fund from which such payments shall be made.

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

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 377 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 377 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, Baker, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wilson—26.

Nay—Senator Willis—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 772;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2659

of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to return of stock and stockholders and stock statements by corporations.

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

Mr. Carlton moved that House Bill No. 772 be recommended to the Committee on Judiciary A.

Which was agreed to.

And the Bill was so referred.

House Bill No. 699:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2207, Laws of Florida, same being Chapter 4352, Acts of 1895, relating to liens upon the colt or calf of the get of stallions, jackasses or bulls, and providing for the enforcement of the same.

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

Mr. McEachern moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 699 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 699 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, Baker, Carlton, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—29.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 717:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Article 14, Section 3 of Chapter 6155 of the Laws of Florida as amended by Chapter 6425, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act for the incorporation, powers, duties and liabilities of trust and security companies, and to regulate the same," approved June 5, 1911, amendment approved June 7, 1913.

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

Mr. Carlton moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 717 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 717 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 583:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent indecent exposure of the person, and prescribing the penalty for a violation thereof.

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

Mr. Carlton offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 583:

In Section 1, line 6, strike out the words, "Provided, however, this Act shall not be construed to prohibit the exposure of such organs or the person in any place provided or set apart for that purpose."

Mr. Carlton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Johnson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 583 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 583 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, Baker, Carlton, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 33;

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the appointment of Inspectors of Marks and Brands of Cattle and Hogs.

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

Committee on Judiciary A offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 33:

In Section 2, line 2, strike out the words and figures "five thousand (5,000)", and insert in lieu thereof the following; "three thousand (3,000)."

Mr. Terrell moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Terrell moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 33 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 33 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Andrews, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Shepard, Terrell, Wells, Wilson—23.

Nays—Senators Gornto,, Roland, Willis—3.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 602:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing punishment for unnatural and lascivious acts.

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

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 602 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 602 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, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty,

Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By permission—

Mr. Farris introduced—

Senate Bill No. 561:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to apportion the representation in the Senate of the State of Florida, and to apportion the representation in the House of Representatives of the State of Florida.

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

By permission—

Mr. MacWilliams introduced—

Senate Bill No. 562:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Charter of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, being Chapter 7235 of the Laws of Florida, by legalizing and validating certain amendments thereof adopted by the Charter Board of said city and ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of said city who voted at an election held therein on March 20, 1917, and also all proceedings pertaining thereto, both precedent and subsequent thereto; and by enacting herein, independently, of said adoption and election, all of said amendments of said city charter, by said Charter Board and said voters adopted, except Section 215 thereof; also by repealing Sections 79, 209 and 210 of said charter, independently of the repeal thereof in said election.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 562 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 562 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be further

waived and that Senate Bill No. 562 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. 562 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—31.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By permission—

Mr. Shepard introduced—

Senate Bill No. 563:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the present charter and municipal government of the City of Quincy, in Gadsden County, and to create in lieu thereof a new charter and municipal government to be known as the City of Quincy, and provide for its jurisdiction, powers, privileges and immunities.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Shepard moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 563 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 563 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Shepard moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 563 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. 563 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, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver,

Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By permission—

Mr. Carlton introduced—

Senate Bill No. 564:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars annually for two (2) years to aid the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival Association in making a display of the agricultural, mineral, industrial, horticultural, forestry, live stock and other resources of the State of Florida; to encourage and promote immigration from other States of the United States, also foreign countries, and to improve the character of all products known to the State of Florida, the said fair to be held in the City of Tampa, Florida, between November 1, 1918, and March 1, 1919, and to provide for the payment therefor.

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

House Bill No. 364:

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

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

Mr. Mathis moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 364.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 617 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 624 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 690:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the obstruction

of county and settlement roads in Leon County, Florida, and providing penalties for the violations thereof.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full. Mr. Wells moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 690.

Which was agreed to.

And the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

By unanimous consent—

The following reports were received and ordered to be spread on the Journal:

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 662.)

An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Instruction of Lake County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of borrowing money to erect and equip a building to be used for manual training and home demonstration work in special tax school district No. 21, Leesburg, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 683.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to pay certain banks doing business in Marion County, Florida, certain sums of money as interest for money loaned by said banks to said county prior to the first day of December, 1915.

Also—

(House Bill No. 705.)

An Act to create and establish the municipality of the Town of Florence Villa, Polk County, Florida, defining its limits and boundaries, providing for its officers, and prescribing its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 673.)

An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, to refund to the Candidates at the last General Primary Election held in Dade County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6468 (No. 48), Section 26, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, that was not used in conducting said election.

Also—

(House Bill No. 676.)

An Act to legalize and validate the election held in Groveland Special Tax District Number 36 of Lake County, Florida, on the 20th day of April, 1917, and to legalize and validate the issue of special tax school district bonds voted at said election, and to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, to levy and assess a special tax upon the property of said district for the payment of principal and interest of such bonds voted in such district; and to validate the establishment of said district.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

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district for the payment of principal and interest of such bonds voted in such district; and to validate the establishment of said district.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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(House Bill No. 705.)

An Act to create and establish the municipality of the

Town of Florence-Villa, Polk County, Florida, defining its limits and boundaries, providing for its officers, and prescribing its jurisdiction and powers.

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Be it remembered that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Memorial No. 5.)

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States of America asking that it adopt the old Spanish Trail Highway—the Ocean-to-Ocean, Gulf Coast Highway, from Miami and Tampa, Florida, to Los Angeles, California—as a National Military Highway, to re-grade, widen the same and erect and maintain the bridges thereon where said highway crosses navigable streams; to use Federal convict labor and obtain the use of State convicts in the construction of said military highway, from those States only through which said highway passes.

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An Act to authorize the County of Dade, State of Florida, to issue bonds for the purpose of procuring and providing an armory site, and for the erection and equipment of an armory, and to provide for the securing and payment of said bonds, and for other purposes properly connected therewith.

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(House Bill No. 649.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to expend all road and bridge funds raised in said County of Marion under the provisions of Section 850 of the General Statutes of Florida in the manner they deem fit and advisable.

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interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of funding the outstanding floating indebtedness of the said Board of Public Instruction; regulating the issuance of said warrants; and providing for the payment of interest and their ultimate redemption.

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An Act to require non-residents of the State of Florida to pay a license tax before fishing in the fresh water lakes and streams of Calhoun County, Florida; providing for the disposition of money derived under the provisions of this Act; and making the violation hereof a misdemeanor.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election held in Marion County all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6468 (No. 48), Section 26, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, but was not used in conducting said election.

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Also—

(House Bill No. 740.)

An Act to authorize and empower the County Board of Public Instruction of the County of Holmes, State of Florida, to issue and sell interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of retiring the indebtedness of said board.

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

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Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. GORNITO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 116:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the appointment and recommissioning of officers on the retired list and reserve list of the National Guard of Florida without examination.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 116, contained in above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 266:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to license and regulate the running of motor vehicles on the public highways and to provide for the registration thereof; to fix the amount of annual license to be paid into the State Treasury; to provide for the distribution among the several counties of the fund thus created and the expenditure of same on State and State Aid roads and bridges; to provide penalties for the violation of certain sections thereof; to amend Chapter 5437, Acts of 1905, entitled "An Act regulating the running of automobiles or motor vehicles on the public roads or highways in the State of

Florida," and also to amend Chapter 6881, Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6212, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1911, same being entitled 'An Act to license automobiles and other motor driven vehicles using the public roads or highways of the State of Florida, either for hire or otherwise.'"

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 266, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Organized Labor, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 523:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2211, General Statutes of the State of Florida requiring bonds from contractors to owners in certain cases."

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

Very respectfully,

W. A. McLEOD,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 523, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 536.)

An Act to authorize the City of Palatka, a municipal corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, to issue bonds for the purchase of a supply of water; to enlarge or extend the present water plant of the City of Palatka to make available such supply or in lieu thereof, to purchase the water plant of the Palatka Water Works, a corporation, and the properties thereof used by said corporation in supplying water to the people of the City of Palatka, and adjacent territory; and to repeal Chapter 7216, Laws of the State of Florida.

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An Act concerning waiver of oath to answer in Chancery.

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Also—

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An Act to make effective Article XIX of the Constitution of the State of Florida, as amended, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, to provide penalties for the violation thereof, and to refund the unused portion of the license.

Also—

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An Act to amend Section 1524, of the General Statutes

of Florida relating to certificates by the Commissioner of Agriculture in respect to the ownership of public lands, and to authorize said Commissioner of Agriculture to make certificates, under his official seal of the conveyance of and other facts in connection with lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or the State Board of Education or other officers of the State of Florida, and to render all such certificates admissible in evidence and entitled to record and prescribing the force and effect of the same.

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

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

Very respectfully,

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

Have carefully examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

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J. M. GORNTO,  
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ENROLLED.

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visions of this Act; and making the violation hereof a misdemeanor.

Also—

(House Bill No. 662.)

An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Instruction of Lake County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of borrowing money to erect and equip a building to be used for manual training and home demonstration work, in Special Tax School District No. 21, Leesburg, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 683.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to pay certain banks doing business in Marion County, Florida, certain sums of money as interest for money loaned by said banks to said county prior to the first day of December, 1915.

Also—

(House Bill No. 705.)

An Act to create and establish the municipality of the Town of Florence Villa, Polk County, Florida, defining its limits and boundaries, providing for its officers, and prescribing its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 673.)

An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election, held in Dade County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6468 (No. 48), Section 26, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, that was not used in conducting said election.

Also—

(House Bill No. 676.)

An Act to legalize and validate the election held in Groveland Special Tax District No. 36 of Lake County,

Florida, on the 20th day of April, 1917, and to legalize and validate the issue of special tax school district bonds voted at said election, and to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, to levy and assess a special tax upon the property of said district for the payment of principal and interest of such bonds voted in such district; and to validate the establishment of said district.

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The Acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. Thursday, May 24, 1917.

Thursday, May 24, 1917.

The Senate convened 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, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of May 23 was corrected and approved as corrected.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 640.)

An Act relating to the impounding and sale of certain domestic animals in the City of DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 712.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to re-assess lands benefited by the construction of any drainage district or public drain or auxiliary thereto in said county, where the statute under which the same has been established and