

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21, relative to the hour of adjournment.

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

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate went into executive session, the doors of the chamber closing at 8:12 o'clock P. M.

The doors of the chamber were opened at 10:10 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Wells, Willis, Wilson—25.

A quorum present.

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, May 29, 1917.

#### SUSPENSIONS AND REMOVALS.

The Senate refused to advise and consent to the suspension and removal of B. B. Johnson, County Judge of Hamilton County, Florida.

The Senate refused to advise and consent to the suspension and removal of J. H. Patterson, County Commissioner of Duval County, Florida.

The Senate advised and consented to the suspension and removal of E. A. Ricker, George H. Brown and J. J. Lord as County Commissioners of Duval County, Florida.

Tuesday, May 29, 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, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of May 28 was corrected and approved as corrected.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

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

(Senate Bill No. 426.)

An Act to establish a State Museum at the University of Florida and a Natural History and Ethnological Survey of the State of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 290.)

An Act to encourage the construction and maintenance by common carriers of railway trestles and bridges for the public transportation of passengers and freight and the

establishment, maintenance and conduct of toll bridges for public use along, over or across bays, bayous, lakes and rivers of the State of Florida four miles or more in length and providing for a fair and equitable assessment of taxes against the property of common carriers along, over or across such bays, bayous, lakes or rivers.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 585.)

An Act affecting the government of the City of Jacksonville; abolishing certain offices and boards, creating a city commission, and prescribing its powers and duties; providing for and prescribing the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Jacksonville Free Public Library; creating a Board of Charities and prescribing its powers and duties, and its relation to the Board of County Commissioners; providing other officers and prescribing their powers and duties; and conferring additional jurisdiction, powers and duties on said city.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 312.)

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

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 344.)

An Act to authorize the County of Duval of this State to issue bonds for the purpose of refunding alike amount of bonds now outstanding issued under and by virtue of Chapter 4077 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1891, entitled "An Act to authorize Duval County to improve the navigation of St. Johns River and to issue bonds in aid thereof."

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 356.)

An Act relating to the pay of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida, and their successors in office.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 93.)

An Act to amend Chapter 6944 of the Laws of Florida, 1915, and the title thereof, the same being An Act entitled "An Act to provide for the examination, licensing and registration of persons engaged or engaging in the business or work of installing plumbing or house drainage, and a supervision and inspection of plumbing and drainage in cities or towns of this State having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or more, according to the Federal census of 1910, or any subsequent Federal census, and parts of counties of this State, and imposing penalties for violation of this Act."

Be it reported that the same have been presented to the Governor for his approval.

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

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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.

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

(Senate Bill No. 553.)

An Act relating to the road and other funds of Sub-Road District No. 2, of Alachua County, Florida, and touching the duties of the Road Trustees for said district.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 382.)

An Act to provide for the employment of detectives by the Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Pade County, Florida, and to provide for funds to pay such detectives.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 554.)

An Act allowing Alachua County to issue certificates of indebtedness, for not exceeding five thousand dollars, to care for the county convicts until the next budget, and to allow said county to pay interest on certain indebtedness incurred.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 435.)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 7251 of the Laws of Florida, the same being entitled "An Act to amend Sections 31 and 76 of Chapter 6108, of the Laws of Florida," the same being entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Titusville, in the County of Brevard, and the State of Florida, and establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Titusville, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, power and privileges."

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 469.)

An Act creating a Marketing Bureau of the State of Florida, and creating the office of State Marketing Commissioner.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 574.)

An Act to validate and make legal all outstanding county warrants issued by the Board of County Commissioners of Lafayette County, Florida, prior to Jan. 2, 1917, and all warrants that may hereafter be issued by said Board of County Commissioners for the purposes of taking up, or repaying any of such warrants heretofore issued.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 581.)

An Act authorizing the expenditure by the City of

Sanford, Florida, of any and all moneys paid to the City of Sanford by the Trustees of Special Tax School District No. 1, Seminole County, Florida.

Beq leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 468.)

An Act to create and incorporate a special taxing district to include and embrace all the County of St. Lucie, in the State of Florida, and to be known and designated as the St. Lucie County Inlet District; to provide for the government and administration of the said St. Lucie County Inlet District; to define the powers and purposes of said district and of the Board of Commissioners thereof; to authorize said Board to construct an inlet or inlets in said district to connect the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Indian River; to construct all other works necessary or proper in connection with the inlet or inlets hereinbefore mentioned; to provide for the condemnation of any property needed for district purposes; to empower the Board of Commissioners of St. Lucie County Inlet District to levy and collect taxes upon all taxable property in said district for the purposes authorized by this Act; to authorize said Board to borrow money and to issue and sell bonds to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act; to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and to provide for criminal prosecution and punishment for any such injury; and generally to provide for the construction, protection and maintenance of an inlet or inlets in said district to connect the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Indian River.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 549.)

An Act to relieve the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, and to provide for use of funds appropriated under the budget system, as provided by Chapter 6814, Acts of 1915.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 186.)

An Act to amend Chapter 5459, General Statutes of Florida, being An Act to define sick and funeral benefit insurance, limit the amount of risks to be taken, and to prescribe the terms of which sick and funeral benefit companies, or corporations, may engage in the business of sick and funeral benefit insurance in this State; to provide penalties for violation thereof, and to repeal Chapter 5222, Acts of 1903, Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,  
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(Senate Bill No. 558.)

An Act to amend Section 3559 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, providing what record of the result of the canvass of the returns of the election shall be taken as *prima facie* evidence that an election was legally held in any county or precinct against the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in such county or precinct.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 565.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County to issue and sell interest-bearing time warrants and to provide for the application of the funds derived from said issue and sale.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 524.)

An Act authorizing and directing the County of Escambia to pay the claim of the American National Bank of Pensacola for money advanced to said county when it was without funds.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 534.)

An Act to provide for the employment of detectives by the solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Volusia County, Florida, and to provide for funds to pay such detectives.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 140.)

An Act forbidding insurance companies or associations, lawfully doing business in the State of Florida, from requesting or permitting their agents in this State to divide or offer to divide their commissions except as allowed by this Act; forbidding resident agents from dividing or offering to divide their commissions except as allowed by this Act, and fixing penalties for the violations of this Act.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 582.)

An Act authorizing the levy of an annual maintenance tax upon lands in the Black Hammock Drainage District, a drainage district in Seminole County, Florida, and authorizing the collection of said tax.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 572.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing time warrants not to exceed sixty per cent of the General Road Fund, and sixty per cent of the Maintenance Fund of all special road and bridge districts in Brevard County, Florida, for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.

Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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J. M. GORNTO,

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

Very respectfully,

G. J. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 745:

A Bill to be entitled An Act fixing the compensation of County Commissioners in counties having population of from thirty-seven thousand up to forty thousand persons, and which have a bonded indebtedness of as much as one and one-half million dollars.

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

In Section 1, line 6, strike out the words "that the provisions of this Bill apply only to Polk County."

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 745, with Senate amendment thereto, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 584:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for and regulate primary elections in this State, and prescribing penalties for any violations thereof.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 584, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 817.)

An Act relating to the drainage and reclamation of certain lands in Volusia County, Florida; establishing Turnbull Hammock Drainage District; creating a Board of Drainage Commissioners, and prescribing its powers and duties; levying a drainage tax upon the lands described within said drainage district, providing for the issuance of bonds of said drainage district; conferring the right of eminent domain upon said Board of Drainage Commissioners, and fixing their compensation.

Also—

(House Bill No. 748.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commission-

ers of Jefferson County, Florida, to audit and pay U. B. Roach certain funds for services performed as Game Warden under provisions of Chapter 6969, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915.

Also—

(House Bill No. 809.)

An Act to more fully and clearly authorize and empower the City of West Palm Beach to protect the health of its citizens and by ordinance to regulate the construction, maintenance and use of wharves, piers, docks and other structures within its corporate limits in and over the waters of lakes, and to prescribe the materials of which such wharves, piers, docks and structures shall be constructed, and to declare to be a nuisance and cause the removal of any such wharf, pier, dock or other structure, constructed, maintained or used in violation of such ordinance.

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:

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Have carefully examined the same, and find them correct and 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. J. M. 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.

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

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

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 807.)

An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 6365, Acts of 1911, Laws of Florida, same being entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Lawtey, in the County of Bradford and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lawtey, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges."

And—

(House Bill No. 837.)

An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election held in Bay County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6469 (No. 29), Section 24, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, but was not used in conducting said election.

Also—

(House Bill No. 52.)

An Act providing for the registration and relief of executors and administrators.

Also—

(House Bill No. 796.)

An Act authorizing and empowering Franklin County, Florida, through and by its Board of County Commissioners, to operate and maintain ferries and ferry boats over and across the several bays, rivers and creeks within the boundaries of said county, and to fix rate of tolls thereon.

Also—

(House Bill No. 793.)

An Act authorizing and relating to drainage and sub-drainage district lands in Palm Beach County, Florida, that may be situated partly within and partly outside the Everglades Drainage District of the State of Florida, and the incorporation, jurisdiction and powers of such drainage and sub-drainage districts, and prescribing the effect of the lien of such drainage and sub-drainage district taxes.

Also—

(House Bill No. 800.)

An Act incorporating the Town of Longwood, in Seminole County, State of Florida, and to provide a municipal government for the same, prescribing its jurisdiction and boundaries.

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

Very respectfully,

*J. M. GORNTO,*  
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An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election held in Bay County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6469 (No. 29), Section 24, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, but was not used in conducting said election.

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An Act authorizing and empowering Franklin County, Florida, through and by its Board of County Commissioners, to operate and maintain ferries and ferry boats over and across the several bays, rivers and creeks within the boundaries of said county, and to fix rate of tolls thereon.

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An Act authorizing and relating to drainage and sub-drainage district lands in Palm Beach County, Florida, that may be situated partly within and partly outside the Everglade Drainage District of the State of Florida, and the incorporation, jurisdiction and powers of such drainage and sub-drainage districts, and prescribing the effect of the lien of such drainage and sub-drainage district taxes.

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An Act incorporating the Town of Longwood, in Seminole County, State of Florida, and to provide a municipal government for the same, prescribing its jurisdiction and boundaries.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

*Hon. J. B. Johnson,*

*President of the Senate.*

Sir:

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

(House Bill No. 807.)

An Act to amend Section 37, of Chapter 6365, Acts of 1911, Laws of Florida, same being entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lawley, in the County of Bradford, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lawley, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges."

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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 Sen-

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Very respectfully

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Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 790.)

An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida; Section 10 of Chapter 5456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6957, Acts of 1915, Laws of Florida; Section 12 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, Sections 16 and 17, of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6957, Acts of 1915, Laws of Florida, and Section 20 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, relating to the creation of Everglades Drainage District of the State of Florida, defining its boundaries and prescribing its powers, and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes and assessments upon the lands in said district for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the said lands and carrying into effect the provisions of said Act.

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An Act authorizing the Board of County Commission-

ers of Lake County, Florida, to pay out of the road and bridge fund of said county certain amounts to members of the Board of County Commissioners of said county serving as such during the years 1915 and 1916.

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An Act relative to the appointment of Inspectors or Deputies of Marks and Brands of cattle and hogs.

Also—

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Also—

(House Bill No. 795.)

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Pinellas County, State of Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon road and bridge warrants aggregating the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, and creating a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of said warrants.

Also—

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An Act to amend Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 6997, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, being "An Act requiring firms or corporations running or operating log, timber or turpentine cart or carts, wagon or wagons, traction engine, motor truck, tractors or trailers on or over any public roads in the counties of Dade and Palm Beach, and persons habitually hauling heavy loads of any kind on or over such roads to keep that portion of the road used by them in repair; providing a penalty for failure to do so; providing for civil action to recover damages,

including attorney's fees, by the County Commissioners in a civil action, and providing for the issuance of temporary and permanent injunctions and other orders by the Circuit Court to prevent damage to public roads."

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

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Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 552.)

An Act to create a Board of Drainage Commissioners for said district, prescribing its powers and duties and providing for the compensation of said Board and pro-

viding for the election and term of office of the said Board, and providing for the assessment of land within the said district to be benefited by the drainage of said land, and providing for the assessment of land that will be benefited by the maintenance and up-keep of such canals, ditches and drains which may have heretofore been constructed on said land; to provide for the collection of the taxes so assessed for such drainage and maintenance purposes of such canals, drains and ditches which may have already been constructed within said district, and for other purposes.

Also—

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An Act to create a State convict road force and to authorize the working of certain prisoners on same; to provide for their housing, feeding, clothing, guarding and general care; to provide for their transportation, supervision and general conditions under which they shall be worked.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21.)

A resolution relative to adjournment.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 339.)

An Act to amend Section 4000 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the indictment and trial of one accused of crime in another county than where the crime was committed.

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Also—

(Senate Bill No. 268.)

An Act creating a Special Court of Record in and for the County of St. Johns in the State of Florida; prescribing its jurisdiction; providing for a Judge, Solicitor and

Clerk for the same, and prescribing the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the Circuit Court in and for St. Johns County in relation to such special Court of Record for St. Johns 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. J. M. Gornto, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

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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 were then presented for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

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

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 521:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act, Chapter 6834, of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, authorizing the State School Book Commission of the State of Florida, to extend the time limit of five years for renewing contracts for purchase of school text books to July 1, 1919, and for other purposes.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,  
A. M. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 521, contained in the above report was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—  
(House Bill No. 790.)

An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida; Section 10 of Chapter 5456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6957, Acts of 1915, Laws of Florida; Section 12 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida; Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6957, Acts of 1915, Laws of Florida; and Section 20 of Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, relating to the creation of Everglades Drainage District of the State of Florida, defining its boundaries and prescribing its powers, and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes and assessments upon the lands in said district for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the said lands and carrying into effect the provisions of said Act.

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Also—

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An Act incorporating the Town of Longwood, in Seminole County, State of Florida, and to provide a municipal government for the same, prescribing its jurisdiction and boundaries.

Also—

(House Bill No. 817.)

An Act relating to the drainage and reclamation of certain lands in Volusia County, Florida; establishing Turnbull Hammock Drainage District; creating a Board of Drainage Commissioners and prescribing its powers and duties; levying a drainage tax upon the lands described within said drainage district; providing for the issuance of bonds of said drainage district; conferring the right of eminent domain upon said Board of Drainage Commissioners and fixing their compensation.

Also—

(House Bill No. 748.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, to audit and pay U. B. Roach certain funds for services performed as game warden under provisions of Chapter 6969, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915.

Also—

(House Bill No. 809.)

An Act to more fully and clearly authorize and empower the City of West Palm Beach to protect the health of its citizens and by ordinance to regulate the construction, maintenance and use of wharves, piers, docks and other structures within its corporate limits in and over the waters of lakes and to prescribe the materials of which such wharves, piers, docks and structures shall be constructed, and to declare to be a nuisance and cause the removal of any such wharf, pier, dock or other structure, constructed, maintained or used in violation of such ordinance.

The Acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

The President announced that he was also about to sign—

(Senate Bill No. 552.)

An Act to create a Board of Drainage Commissioners for said district, prescribing its powers and duties, and providing for the compensation of said Board, and providing for the election and term of office of the said Board, and providing for the assessment of land within the said district to be benefited by the drainage of such land, and providing for the assessment of land that will be benefited by the maintenance and up-keep of such canals, ditches and drains which may have heretofore been constructed on said land; to provide for the collection of the taxes so assessed for such drainage and maintenance purposes of such canals, drains and ditches which may have already been constructed within said district, and for other purposes.

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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.

#### INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gornto offered the following Resolution:  
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22:

A Concurrent Resolution relative to directing the Secretary of State to furnish bound copies of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Acts of 1917, to the members of the Legislature and attaches. Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gornto moved to waive the rules and that the Resolution be read the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Gornto moved to adopt the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And the adoption of the Resolution was certified to the House of Representatives, the rules being waved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Carlton—

Senate Bill No. 600:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate an election held in the County of Hillsborough and State of Florida on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1916, to determine by a majority of the votes cast at said election whether bonds to the amount of \$30,000.00, proposed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners should be issued for the purpose of building and constructing roads and bridges in the Bayshore Special Road and Bridge District, and creating said Bayshore Special Road and Bridge District, to declare and render valid the said election, and the result as shown by returns thereof, to cure all irregularities, illegalities, defects or omissions in all proceedings relating to the issuance and sale of said bonds, and the election authorizing the same; to legalize and validate all proceedings had in reference to said bonds and to authorize the issue of said bonds to the amount of \$30,000.00 by said Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, in said Bay-

shore Special Road and Bridge District, drawing interest at five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and the sale of the same.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Carlton moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 600 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 600 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Carlton moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 600 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. 600 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.

By Mr. Farris—  
Senate Bill No. 601:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the Removal of Members of the Fire Department of the City of Jacksonville.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 601 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 601 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 601 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. 601 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.

#### MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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. 492:

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

House Amendment—

Add to Sec. 4. Provided that counties now working State Convicts may have the right at the expiration of their present contract to renew their contracts for the number of convicts that they are now working at the price now paid the State.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate in Amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 492 contained in the above message, together with amendment of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Andrews moved that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to Senate Bill No. 492 as contained in the message.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 492, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Wells moved to waive the rules and to certify all House Bills contained in the messages passing the Senate. / Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 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 with amendment—

Senate Bill No. 223:

A Bill to be entitled An Act fixing the compensation of all county officials now paid in whole or in part on the basis of fees or commissions.

House amendment—

Add at end of Section 3 a new section 4 and change all other section numbers to correspond.

Sec. 4. All county officials rendering services that are to be paid for by parties receiving said services shall collect all lawful fees in advance, and no instruments, papers, or evidences to be recorded, or searches of records, or suits in civil action entered, or any other official matters not herein enumerated, shall be received for record, or any work done thereon until fees for such services are paid. In all matters where the exact amount cannot be determined a sufficient amount to cover the maximum estimated cost must be deposited in advance. If any residue shall be left after the proper amount of fees and charges are correctly computed the same shall be returned to the party making the deposit or paying any fees or commissions in advance. Each official shall be held responsible

for all fees or commissions accruing in his office and in no way shall any official rebate, remit or in any wise reimburse any one for fees or official services rendered. Any official violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to removal by the Governor.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 223 contained in the above message, together with amendment of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Carlton moved that the Senate do not concur in the amendment of the House to Senate Bill No. 223 as contained in his message.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate refused to concur in said Amendment.

And the action of the Senate in not concurring in House of Representatives Amendment was certified to House of Representatives immediately.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 580:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of J. M. Meffert, R. S. Hall, W. T. Cary, J. P. Phillips, Clarence Camp, J. M. Tison, G. W. Neville, D. B. Kibler, J. A. Grumbles, R. H. Sanders, Wm. Griffith, E. L. Wartmann, W. J. Crosby, T. I. Arnold, S. H. Martin, N. H. Boswell, S. H. Blitch, D. E. Melver and J. F. Cocowitch, sureties on the bond of the late John M. Graham, formerly treasurer of Marion County, Florida, and authorizing the legal representatives of the estate of said John M. Graham to pay to the above named persons their pro rata part of any

moneys coming into the hands of such legal representatives to which Marion County may be entitled.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 578:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, to issue and sell interest-bearing time warrants, and to provide for the application of the funds derived from said issue and sale.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 579:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County to change or alter the Commissioners' District of said county and prescribing the method therefor.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 573:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the town of Holly Hill, State of Florida, to levy an annual municipal tax of not exceeding fifteen (15) mills.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 594:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to construct roads and bridges in the Special Road and Bridge Districts of said county by day labor, or in other manner determined by it when no bids are received for such construction, or bids received shall exceed estimated cost therefor; authorizing the said board of County Commissioners to purchase machinery, equipment and material for use in the construction of such roads and bridges; and to ratify and confirm all contracts heretofore made for such construction, and the purchase of all machinery and equipment used and to be used therein.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bills Nos. 580, 578, 579, 573 and 594, contained in the above report, 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 29, 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 with Amendment—

Senate Bill No. 360:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the purchasing of material, implements, supplies and the employment of labor for the building and constructing of roads in Taylor County, Florida, in July 25, 1916.

House Amendment—

Add at the end of Section 1 "Provided, however, that this shall not apply to purchases of \$300.00 or more, or to the hiring of labor amounting to the same."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate to Amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 360 contained in the above message, together with amendment of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Gornto moved that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to Senate Bill No. 360 as contained in the message.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 360, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 566:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to organize a municipal government for the City of Vero, in the County of St. Lucie, State of Florida, and to provide for its jurisdiction and government.

Very respectfully,

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

And Senate Bill No. 566, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 774:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing the mesh and length of haul seines and dragnets to be used in Brevard County, Florida; and repealing Chapter 6877, Laws of Florida, as said Act relates to Brevard 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. 774, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 861:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 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 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. 861, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Mathis moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 861 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 861 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Mathis moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 861 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. 861 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, Mathis, McEach-

ern, 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.

Mr. Mathis moved to lay House Bill No. 753 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

And the Bill was laid on the table.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 862:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections Two and Three of Chapter 7030, Acts of 1915, entitled An Act to protect the fish in the fresh waters of Holmes 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. 862, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 862 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 862 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 862 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. 862 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, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, 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.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 860:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the widening of the right-of-way of public roads in Orange County.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 860, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crawford moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 860 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 860 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crawford moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 860 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. 860 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, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, 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.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 845:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate fishing in Lake Okeechobee, in Palm Beach County, Florida; to fix and prescribe a license tax upon certain fishing devices used in the waters of said lake; and to prescribe penalties for violation thereof.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And House Bill No. 845, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 845 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 845 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 845 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. 845 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, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—36.

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 29, 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. 842:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election held in Baker County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6469 (No. 49), Section 24, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, but was not used in conducting said election.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 842, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 842 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 842 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 842 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. 842 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, 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.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 841:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing Duval County

to sell and convey certain lands to the City of Jacksonville, and providing for the expenditure of the moneys received therefor.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 841, 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 29, 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. 840:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the town of Pablo Beach to pay for public improvements made in the streets and public places of the town, and to issue certificates of indebtedness for such improvements and to accept such certificates in payment of taxes.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 840, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 840 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 840 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 840 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. 840 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, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igon, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, 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.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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 839:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 28, Chapter 5363, Laws of Florida, approved June 8, 1903, as amended by Chapter 6405, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1911, approved June 3, 1911, relating to the city charter of the City of Tampa.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 839, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Carlton moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 839 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 839 was read a second time by its title only.

And there being no amendment, House Bill No. 839 was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 835:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to enlarge the power of the City of Fernandina, insofar as to authorize said city to proceed by suit in Chancery to foreclose and enforce liens for delinquent city taxes represented by tax sale certificates held by said city for amount therein, respectively, involved, with accrued interest thereon.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 835, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Calkins moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 835 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 835 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Calkins moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 835 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. 835 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, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, 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.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 834:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County to borrow money, under certain restrictions, during the years of 1917 and 1918, for the purpose of paying the legitimate current and ordinary expense for the county.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And House Bill No. 834, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Calkins moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 834 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 834 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Calkins moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 834 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. 834 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, 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.

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 29, 1917.

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

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to request the Senate to return to the House of Representatives for its further consideration—

Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 87, 92, 149 and 205:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating a State Board of Pensions, defining who shall receive pensions, who shall not receive pensions, who shall be retained as pensioners, how applications shall be made; how pensions shall be paid; duty of County Commissioners in regard to pensions; providing for the levy of a pension tax; and authorizing the State Board of Pensions to make regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

Also the Senate amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

And Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 87, 92, 149 and 205, contained in the above message, was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives in accord with the request.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 833:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the compensation of the County Commissioners of Lee 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. 833, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Fogarty moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 833 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 833 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Fogarty moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 833 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. 833 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, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King,

Mathis, McSachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—32.

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 29, 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. 832:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 7126, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to require non-residents of the State of Florida, to procure a fishing permit before fishing in any of the fresh waters of Walton 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. 832, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 832 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 832 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 832 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. 832 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, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Wells, Willis, Wilson—32.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Pending:

House Bill No. 763:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to assessment and collection of revenue.

Was taken up.

And the second reading of the same was resumed:

Section 32 was read.

Section 33 was read.

Section 34 was read.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

After the word "returns," in line 18, Section 21, insert the following:

"The County Commissioners shall furnish the Assessor and Assistant Assessor with a sufficient number of township plats upon which all and every parcel or lot of land shall be carefully checked by the Assessor and his assistants. These plats shall be bound in book form, or otherwise securely fastened together and shall be pagged or numbered consecutively.

"The Board of County Commissioners shall further furnish the Tax Assessors and the Assistant Tax Assessors with a suitable book in which the name, postoffice address of all taxpayers shall be written, together with the page in the 'plat book' upon which his or her land can be found. The same to be kept on file as part of the county records."

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 35 was read.

Section 36 was read.

Section 37 was read.

Section 38 was read.

Section 39 was read.

Section 40 was read.

Section 41 was read.

Section 42 was read.

Section 43 was read.

Section 44 was read.

Section 45 was read.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

In Section 45, line 283, strike out the words "between the first day of January and the first day of April of" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "On the 15th day of February."

Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 46 was read.

Section 47 was read.

Mr. Hughlett offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

In Section 45, line 2, after the word "State" add: "except the vehicles, boats temporarily in the waters of the State, not used or owned for purposes of livelihood, and personal belongings of visitors for their personal use."

Mr. Hughlett moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 48 was read.

Section 49 was read.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

Sec. 49. That any Express Company doing business in this State shall, on the first day of January, 1918, and annually thereafter make a report under oath to the Comptroller of the State of Florida of the total amount of gross receipts derived from business done between points in this State during the year next preceding, and shall at the same time pay to the Comptroller a sum equal to one and a half per cent upon the total amount of such gross receipts, and if any such company shall fail to make such report and payment to the Comptroller as herein provided, on or before the first day of April of any year, the Comptroller shall, after having given at least five days' notice to an official or representative of the company located in this State, estimate the amount

of such gross receipts from such information as he may be able to obtain, and shall add ten per cent to the amount of such taxes as a penalty for the failure of such company to make report, and shall proceed to collect such tax, together with all costs and penalties thereon, the same as delinquent railroad taxes are collected. Provided, that no penalty shall be added if a return is made and the amount due paid to the Comptroller before the expiration of the time stated in the notice required to be given by this Act; provided, also, that no other or further license taxes shall be collected for State or county purposes from any such express company.

That any city or town in the State of Florida is hereby authorized to impose upon any express company doing business in this State, having an office in such city or town, a license tax not to exceed the sum hereinafter mentioned, namely:

In cities of twenty thousand inhabitants or more, two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

In cities of less than twenty thousand and more than fifteen thousand inhabitants, one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

In cities of fifteen thousand and more than ten thousand inhabitants, seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars.

In cities and towns of ten thousand and more than five thousand inhabitants, fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

In cities and towns of five thousand and more than three thousand inhabitants, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50).

In cities and towns of three thousand and more than one thousand inhabitants, twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

In towns and villages of one thousand and more than five hundred inhabitants, twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50).

In towns and villages of five hundred inhabitants and more than two hundred and fifty, six (\$6.00) dollars.

For the purposes of this Act the population of any city or town or county shall be held to be that shown by the last official census taken by the United States or the State of Florida, or that may be taken as now provided by law.

That of the sum paid to the Comptroller as provided by this section, one-half shall be distributed by the said Comptroller among the various counties of this State in

proportion to the assessed valuation thereof as shown by the assessment of the previous year, and the remaining one-half shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as license money.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 50 was read.

Section 51 was read.

Section 52 was read.

Section 53 was read.

Section 54 was read.

Section 55 was read.

Section 56 was read.

Section 57 was read.

Section 58 was read.

Section 59 was read.

Section 60 was read.

Section 61 was read.

Section 62 was read.

Section 63 was read.

Section 64 was read.

Section 65 was read.

Section 66 was read.

Section 67 was read.

Section 68 was read.

Section 69 was read.

Section 70 was read.

Section 71 was read.

Section 72 was read.

Section 73 was read.

Section 74 was read.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

Strike out all of Bill after Section 50 and insert the following:

Sec. 50. If the taxes upon any real estate shall not be paid before the first day of April of any year, the Tax Collector shall advertise and sell in the manner following: He shall make out a statement of all such real estate, specifying the amount due on each parcel, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale, in the same order in which the land was assessed, and such list shall be published once each week for five consecutive

weeks in some newspaper published in the county, if there be a newspaper, said newspaper to be selected by the Board of County Commissioners at their first regular meeting in February of each year, and the newspaper so selected shall have been continuously published in the county for a period of not less than one year prior to its selection; Provided, That should there be no such newspaper, a newspaper published for a less period of time may be selected, and if there be no such newspaper published in the county, then by posting in three public places in the county, one of which shall be at the court house, and the newspaper's charges for advertising shall be fifteen cents per line for the five insertions, per single column, and the Tax Collector shall receive the same for posting at three public places, but in neither case shall there be any charge for the head notice; Provided, That this Act shall not apply to lands sold for non-payment of taxes for the year 1906. The Comptroller is authorized to audit said publisher's charges and draw his warrant for the same out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The editor, publisher or owner shall have attached to his account an affidavit that he has not directly or indirectly paid or promised to pay any Tax Collector or any other person any consideration whatever, or any compensation of any description for having said tax notice published in his paper.

Sec. 51. A copy of the newspaper containing the advertisement shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court within ten days after said sales. When lands are advertised for taxes under the provisions of this Act, the Tax Collector shall be entitled to fifteen cents for certificate of sale, and shall be entitled to five per cent commission on the amount of each delinquent tax when actual sale is made.

\* All such sales shall commence on the regular sale day prescribed by law, and may be continued from day to day. Such advertisements shall be in the following form, to-wit:

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following described lands, or so much thereof as will be necessary to pay the amount due for taxes herein set opposite to the same, together with cost of such sale and advertising, will be sold at public auction on the ..... day of ..... at ..... the County of .....

Description Land	Section.	Township.	Range.	Acres.	Owner.	Amount of Taxes and Costs

To be signed :  
 .....  
 Tax Collector, .....County.

Sec. 52. The publisher, proprietor, or foreman of any newspaper publishing such notice shall forward a copy of each number of his paper containing such notice to the Tax Collector and the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller by mail, and when the publication of the tax sale notice is completed, as provided by law, the publisher shall make affidavit thereto in the form prescribed by the Comptroller and annexed to the Tax Collector's report of the tax sale or list of lands sold as provided by Section 58 of this Act.

Sec. 53. On the day designated in the notice of sale at 12 o'clock noon, the Tax Collector shall commence the sale of those lands on which taxes have not been paid as aforesaid, and shall continue the same from day to day until so much of each parcel thereof shall be sold as shall

be sufficient to pay the taxes, costs and charges thereon, and in case there are no bidders the whole tract shall be bid off by the Tax Collector for the State, and the Tax Collector must offer all such lands as assessed.

Sec. 54. Should any Tax Collector sell any lands upon which the taxes have been paid, he shall be liable to the owners of said lands for twice the amount of the tax, and in addition pay all legitimate expenses the owner may be put to in clearing his titles, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court, and refund to the State all amounts for which he may be credited on account of such illegal sale, including costs of advertising. The Tax Collector shall be responsible to the publisher for costs of advertising lands on which the taxes have been paid, and the Tax Assessor shall be responsible to the publisher for costs of advertising lands doubly assessed.

Sec. 55. The land shall be struck off to the person who will pay the tax, costs and charges for the least portion of the land, and the portion thereof sold shall be taken from the southeast corner of such parcel and described in a square form as near as may be.

Sec. 56. The Tax Collector shall require immediate payment by any person to whom any parcel of such land may be struck off, and in all cases where the payment is not made in twenty-four hours, he may declare the bid canceled and sell the land again on the following day; and any person so neglecting or refusing to pay any bid made by him shall not be entitled after such neglect to have any bid made by him received by the Tax Collector during such sale.

Sec. 57. At the sale aforesaid the Tax Collector shall give to the purchaser a certificate of such sale describing the lands purchased and the amount paid therefor.

The certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

State of Florida,  
County of.....  
Office of Tax Collector,  
....., A. D. 19....

No.....

I, ....., Tax Collector for the County of ....., in the State of Florida, do hereby certify that I did, at public auction, pursuant to notice given by law as required, on this, the....day of.....

A. D. 19...., sell to.....the land here described for the sum of.....dollars and....cents, said sum being the amount due and unpaid for taxes, costs and charges on the described lands for the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and .....; that ....., or his assigns, will therefore be entitled to a deed of conveyance of such lands in accordance with law; unless the same shall be redeemed within two years by payment of said amount, with interest at the rate of twenty-five per cent per annum for the first year and eight per cent per annum thereafter.

Said lands are described as follows, to-wit:

....., in the county of ..... and State of Florida.

Witness my hand at ....., this ..... day of ....., A. D. 19....

Sec. 58. Immediately after any tax sale, the Tax Collector shall make out a list in triplicate of all the lands sold for taxes, showing the date of the sales, the number of each certificate, the name of the owner as returned, a description of the land sold, the name of the purchaser, and the amount for which the sale was made, and the Tax Collector shall append to each of said lists a certificate setting forth the fact that such sale was made in accordance with law. One of such lists shall be forwarded to the Comptroller, and one shall be retained by the Tax Collector, and the third list filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who shall enter the same in a book to be provided by the County Commissioners for that purpose, and he shall be entitled to receive the same fees for such record as is paid for other recording, every five figures to be counted as one word, one-half of such fee to be paid by the State and one-half by the county, which book shall be in the following form, viz.:

Lands sold for taxes in the County .....  
on ..... day of ....., A. D. 19....

No. Certificate	Description of Land.	Returned for Assessment by	Name of Purchaser.	Amount of Sales.
1.	N. 1-2 S 1, T 4 S. R. 3, 200 Acres.	George Brown.	George Brown.	\$16,000.00.
2.	Lot 6; Block 4.	J. Black.	J. Black.	9.00.

  

When Redeemed.	By Whom Redeemed.	Amount Paid	To Whom Deeded.	Date of Deed
Oct. 1	W. Gray,	\$24.00.	J. Black.	19.....

Sec. 59. The Tax Collector of any city or incorporated town shall, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, proceed substantially in the same manner in the collection of taxes and sale of lands and personal property for non-payment of taxes due by any railroad or any telegraph company; they may levy upon and sell any property within the corporate limits of said city or town belonging to such company, other than railroad tracks or telegraph lines.

Nothing in this act shall be so construed as in any way abridging or limiting powers to assess, levy or collect taxes, licenses or assessments which have been or may be granted to any municipal corporation by special act or charter act, or as limiting such municipal corporation in the method of assessing, levying or collecting the same, to the methods established by this act.

Sec. 60. That cities and incorporated towns, unless their special charter provide otherwise, shall conform to the State law in force with reference to the care, custody, sale and redemption of tax certificates in so far as they may be applicable, and shall record a list of such certificates with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of their respective counties.

Sec. 61. When the purchaser of land at a tax sale goes into actual possession of such land, no suit for the recovery of the possession thereof shall be brought by a former owner or claimant, his heirs or assigns, or his or their legal representatives, for the recovery of the possession of such land, unless such suit be commenced within four years after the purchaser at such tax sale goes into possession of the land so bought; and the purchaser at such tax sale where said real estate is in the adverse actual possession of any person or persons, shall not be entitled to recover possession of such real estate bought at such tax sale unless suit for such recovery shall be brought within one year from the date of acquiring the right to such tax title, and where any purchaser of any real estate situated in this State prior to the passage of this act has not entered into and taken actual possession of the same he shall, within one year after the passage of this act, bring suit for the recovery of the actual possession of the real estate described in such tax title, and in default thereof said tax title shall become void and, of no effect; Provided; That infants, persons of unsound mind or un-

der guardianship or imprisonment may commence suit or proceedings within three years after such disability shall cease. When a recovery is had by any person or corporation of any land sold for taxes under this act, either in an action or ejectment or by bill in equity to set aside the tax, who has not, prior to the sale, paid the taxes thereon for which the land was sold, the person or corporation having such recovery shall pay to the party from whom recovery is had all the taxes he has paid upon the said land at the time of sale and the redemption money thereupon, together with 25 per cent interest for the first year, and all taxes he has paid since said sale, with eight per cent. interest thereupon for the balance of time; also the value of all permanent improvements made upon said land bona fide. The amount due for taxes paid, redemption money and improvements upon the land to be found upon trial for hearing when the recovery is had.

Sec. 62. Where land is bid off by the Tax Collector for the State, the tax certificate shall be issued by the Tax Collector to the State, in the name of the Treasurer, and if the land is not redeemed or the certificate sold by the State, the title to the land shall, at the expiration of the time for redemption, vest in the State without the issuing of any deed, as provided for in other cases, and the certificate shall be evidence of the title of the State, and none of the provisions of this act providing for the issuing of a deed shall apply in such cases, and in all cases in which land or real estate has heretofore been sold or purchased by the State and the certificate has not been sold, or land or real estate not been redeemed, and the time for redemption is passed, it shall not be necessary for the State to procure a deed, but the title shall be held to be in the State, and the certificate shall be evidence of the title (of) the State.

Sec. 63. The County Assessor of Taxes shall be entitled to receive the following commissions upon the amount of taxes, general or special, assessed, but not on each separately, excluding errors, to-wit:

On the first four thousand dollars, ten per cent; on the next three thousand dollars, five per cent; on the balance, one and one-half per cent, which shall be allowed him by the Comptroller, and paid to him by the Treasurer as other Comptroller's warrants are paid; and the County Assessor of Taxes shall receive the same rate of commis-

sion for assessing the county tax, to be allowed by the County Commissioners and paid by the County Treasurer.

When the Tax Book is received by the Comptroller from the County Assessor of Taxes, examined and found to be correct, then the Comptroller shall issue his warrant for four-fifths the amount of the commissions due the County Assessor of Taxes, reserving the payment of the remaining one-fifth until a report of errors and double assessments is approved by the County Commissioners and a copy thereof filed with the Comptroller and the County Commissioners in their settlement with the County Assessor of Taxes shall proceed in the same manner.

Sec. 64. The Tax Collector shall be entitled to commissions upon the aggregate amount of State taxes, general or special, including licenses collected by him and paid into the State Treasury, but not on each separately, as follows:

On the first four thousand dollars, ten per cent; on the next three thousand dollars, five per cent; on the balance, one and one-half per cent; and he shall be allowed the same rate of commissions for collecting the county tax. The commissions for collecting the State taxes shall be audited and allowed by the Comptroller and paid by the Treasurer upon warrant therefor; and the commissions for collecting the county taxes shall be audited and allowed by the County Commissioners; and the commissions for collecting the taxes for the special tax school district taxes shall be audited and allowed by the County Board of Public Instruction, and shall be at the rate of one and one-half per cent on such collections. The commissions for collecting other special taxes shall be allowed by the County Commissioners at the rate of one and one-half per cent paid out of the special taxes so collected. In counties where Assistant County Assessors of Taxes are appointed they may be paid by the county if the County Commissioners shall find that it is to the best interest of the county to do so.

Sec. 65. That nothing in this act shall be construed as to impair the validity of any assessment of taxes assessed prior to the first day of January, 1908, nor of any Tax Collector's warrant that has been or may be annexed to any assessment roll prior to said 1st day of January, 1908, nor of any proceedings had or done or that may hereafter be had or done by any Tax Collector for the

collection of any taxes assessed before that time, nor shall this act relieve any person from any penalty incurred by reason of violation of the law now in force.

Sec. 66. The County Assessor of Taxes and the Board of County Commissioners of each and every county in this State shall comply with the requirements of Section 23 of this act.

Sec. 67. This act shall go into effect upon its passage.

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

In Section 40, line 8, strike out the words "Less than one thousand dollars nor."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

In Section 40, line 10, strike out the words "Less than one year or".

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The further consideration of House Bill No. 763 was temporarily passed.

House Bill No. 696:

A Bill to be entitled An Act amending Sections 671, 672 and 682 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida relative to the organization of the National Guard of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 696 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 696 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 696 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. 696 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, Calkins, Crawford, Davis Eaton, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—29.

Nays—Senator Farris—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Moore moved that Senate Bill No. 504 be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Igou introduced the following resolution—

Senate Resolution No. 25:

Resolved, that the Committee on Legislative Expense be and is hereby authorized to employ Miss Genevieve Parkhill as assistant enrolling secretary, with pay from the time she began services.

Mr. Igou moved to adopt the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gornto moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M. this day.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON—3 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, Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

A quorum present.

Also—

The consideration of Substitute for House Bill No. 584:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for and regulate primary elections in this State, and to impose penalties for the violations thereof.

Was resumed and the Bill was read the 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, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—28.

Nay—Senator Andrews—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Consideration of—

House Bill No. 763:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to assessment and collection of revenue.

Was resumed.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

Strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called, and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Davis, Eaton, Fogarty, Greene, Igou, McLeod, Middleton, Turner—10.

Nays—Senators Alexander, Crawford, Farris, Hughlett, Jones, King, McEachern, MacWilliams, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Wells, Willis, Wilson—17.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

Strike out Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Section 1. All property not hereby expressly exempted, shall be subject to taxation and shall be assessed for tax purposes in the manner provided by law, and all elements of value of each class of property

both tangible and intangible, shall be considered in the assessment thereof."

Mr. Farris moved to adopt the amendment:

Upon a call for a yea and nay vote, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Crawford, Farris, Greene, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Moore, Shepard, Wilson—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Davis, Eaton, Fogarty, Hughlett, Igou, King, MacWilliams, Middleton, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis—17.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

At the end of Section 1 add the following: "and there shall be levied, assessed, collected and paid annually upon the entire net income received in the preceding calendar year from all sources by every individual, a citizen of the State of Florida, a tax of two per centum upon such income; provided, that no such income tax shall be levied against net incomes amounting to \$1,500.00 and less; and provided, that in addition to the normal tax there shall also be levied, assessed and collected and paid upon the total net income of every individual, a citizen of this State, received from all sources, an additional income tax of one per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$10,000.00 and does not exceed \$20,000.00, two per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$20,000.00 and does not exceed \$50,000.00, three per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$50,000.00 and does not exceed \$80,000.00, four per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$80,000.00 and does not exceed \$100,000.00, five per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$100,000.00 and does not exceed \$150,000.00, six per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$150,000.00 and does not exceed \$200,000.00, seven per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$200,000.00 and does not exceed \$250,000.00, eight per centum per annum upon the amount by which such

total net income exceeds \$250,000.00 and does not exceed \$300,000.00, nine per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$300,000.00 and does not exceed \$500,000.00, and ten per centum per annum upon the amount by which such total net income exceeds \$500,000.00. And all such taxes shall be assessed, levied and collected as other taxes are assessed and collected, and the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare such blanks as may be necessary or convenient for such purposes."

Mr. Farris moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was not agreed too.

Mr. Farris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 763:

At the end of Section 1 add the following:

"A State tax shall be and is hereby imposed upon all inheritances, devices, bequests, legacies and gifts of every kind and description of any and all persons and corporations the value of which exceeds \$5,000.00 and upon such excess only. Such tax shall be computed upon the full and true cash value of such inheritance, device, bequest, legacy or gift which exceeds \$5,000.00 in the following rates, viz:

1. When such valuation is over five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, and less than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, the rate shall be one (1) per cent thereof.
2. When such valuation is over ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, and less than twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars, the rate shall be two (2) per cent thereof.
3. When such valuation is over twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars, and less than thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars, the rate shall be three (3) per cent thereof.
4. When such valuation is over thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars, and less than fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, the rate shall be four (4) per cent thereof.
5. When such valuation is over fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars and less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, the rate shall be five (5) per cent thereof.
6. When such valuation is one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars or over, the rate shall be six (6) per cent thereof.

All such inheritance taxes shall be imposed and take effect at and upon the death of the decedent or donor, and shall be due and payable at the expiration of one year from such death, except that taxes upon any devise, bequest, legacy or gift limited, conditioned, dependent or determinable upon the happening of any contingency or future event by reason of which the true cash value thereof cannot be ascertained at or before the time when the taxes become due and payable, as aforesaid, the same shall accrue and become due and payable when the person or corporation entitled thereto shall come into actual possession or enjoyment thereof. All taxes imposed upon all inheritances, devices, bequests, legacies and gifts of very kind shall be paid into the State Treasurer and shall belong to and be a part of the general revenue fund. The Comptroller of the State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare such books, forms and blanks as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of assessing, levying and collecting the taxes upon inheritances, devices, bequests, legacies and gifts."

Mr. Farris moved to adopt the amendment.

Upon which a ye and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Farris, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Moore, Shepard, Wilson—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Davis, Eaton, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, King, Middleton, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis—17.

So the Amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Jones moved to waive the rules and to read House Bill No. 763 the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 763 was read a third time in full. Upon the passage of House Bill No. 763, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Farris, Hughlett, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Moore, Roland, Shepard, Willis, Wilson—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Davis, Eaton, Fogarty, Greene, Igou, McLeod, Middleton, Oliver, Plympton, Turner—11.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately, the rules being waived.

Mr. Wells moved that when the Senate adjourn this afternoon it shall adjourn to 8 o'clock P. M. to consider Local Bills only.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones moved to substitute House Bill No. 761 for Senate Bill No. 548.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 761 took the place of Senate Bill No. 548.

And—

House Bill No. 761:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the bringing of suits by the State to quiet titles to lands acquired through non-payment of taxes; to provide for the sale and conveyance of such lands, and the disposition of the proceeds of such sales.

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

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 761 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. 761 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, Calkins, Crawford, Farris, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, MacWilliams, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wilson—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Davis, Eaton, Fogarty, Greene, McEachern, Middleton, Plympton, Willis—10.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill No. 331 was taken up in its order.

Mr. Terrell moved that House Bill No. 819 be substituted for Senate Bill No. 331:

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 819 took the place of Senate Bill No. 331.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bills Nos. 331 and 548 be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mathis moved that Senate Bill No. 261 be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones moved that Senate Bill No. 547 be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Willis moved that Senate Bill No. 395 be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 819:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 6540, Acts of 1913, the same being entitled "An Act to enable normal school and college graduates to teach and acquire certificates in this State."

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

Mr. King offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 819:

In Section 4, strike out the words "thirty months" and insert "twenty-four months."

Mr. King moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 819 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. 819 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, Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Moore, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, as amended, title as stated.

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON SECOND  
READING.

House Bill No. 771:

A Bill to be entitled An Act imposing a license or occupational tax on owners or managers of bottling works and laundries, doing business in this State, and providing for the collection of same.

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

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 771 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. 771 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Calkins, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Igou, Jones, McEachern, MacWilliams, Moore, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Wilson—16.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Andrews, Baker, Crawford, Eaton, Greene, Hughlett, King, Mathis, Oliver, Plympton—11.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill No. 361:

A Bill to be entitled An Act concerning elections and permitting absent voters to vote by mail.

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

There being no amendment, House Bill No. 361 was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

Mr. Wells moved to lay Senate Bill No. 60 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to lay Senate Bill No. 306 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to lay Senate Bill No. 444 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to lay Senate Bill No. 419 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 478.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 503.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 418.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 772.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 381.

Which was not agreed to.

And—

House Bill No. 381:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to require prompt payment into the Treasury of public monies collected by tax collectors and sheriffs.

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

Mr. Calkins moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 381 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. 381 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, Calkins, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis—22.

Nays—Senators Davis, Eaton, Greene, Hughlett, Middleton, Wilson—6.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

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 compensation therefor.

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

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 4:

At the end of Section 1 add the following: "Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to apply to switching a car in or switching a car out at any private side-track or spur track at any point where the railroad company has a public side-track or spur track, where it places or takes out cars without charges for switching."

Mr. MacWilliams moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 4 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. 4 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, Andrews, Baker, Calkins, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Gornto, Greene, Igou, King, McEachern, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Turner, Willis, Wilson—21.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Davis, Fogarty, Hughlett, McLeod, MacWilliams, Wells—7.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

Hon. J. M. Johnson,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 538.)

An Act granting additional rights, powers and privileges to the town of Zolfo, DeSoto County, Florida, in addition to its present charter and prescribing a method for the issuance of bonds in said town, and giving the said town the right to pave, curb, lay out, open, repair,

or otherwise improve the streets of said town, and to assess two-thirds of the cost thereof against the abutting property, and giving to the town a lien for the costs of such improvements of prior dignity to all liens except taxes, and providing for the issuance of certificates of indebtedness for such costs, and providing for their payment or collection, and amending in certain respects its present charter, and ratifying the present assessment of taxes in said town.

Also —

(Senate Bill No. 579.)

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County to change or alter the Commissioners' district of said county, and prescribing the method therefor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 578.)

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County to issue and sell interest-bearing time warrants and to provide for the application of the funds derived from such issue and sale.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 573.)

An Act authorizing the town of Holly Hill, State of Florida, to levy an annual municipal tax of not exceeding fifteen (15) mills.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 594.)

An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to construct roads and bridges in the Special Road and Bridge District of said county by day labor, or in other manner determined by it when no bids are received for such construction, or bids received shall exceed estimated cost therefor; authorizing the said Board of County Commissioners to purchase machinery, equipment and ma-

terial for use in the construction of such roads and bridges; and to ratify and confirm all contracts heretofore made for such construction; and the purchase of all machinery and equipment used and to be used therein.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 580.)

An Act for the relief of J. M. Meffert, R. S. Hall, W. T. Gary, T. P. Phillips, Clarence Camp, J. M. Tinson, G. W. Neville, D. B. Kibler, J. A. Crumbles, R. H. Saunders, William Griffith, E. L. Wartmann, W. J. Crosby, T. I. Arnold, S. H. Martin, N. H. Boswell, S. H. Blich, D. E. McIver and J. F. Cocowitch, sureties on the bond of the late John M. Graham, formerly Treasurer of Marion County, Florida, and authorizing the legal representative of the estate of the said John M. Graham to pay to the above named persons their pro rata part of any moneys coming into the hands of such legal representative, to which Marion County may be entitled.

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.

By permission—

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Senate Chamber.

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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 were then presented for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—  
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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.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 1917.

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

Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 552.)

An Act to create a Board of Drainage Commissioners for said district, prescribing its powers and duties and providing for the compensation of said Board and providing for the election and term of office of the said Board, and providing for the assessment of land within the said district to be benefited by the drainage of said land, and providing for the assessment of land that will be benefited by the maintenance and up-keep of such canals, ditches and drains which may have heretofore been constructed on said land; to provide for the collection of taxes so assessed for such drainage and main-

tenance purposes of such canals, drains and ditches which may have already been constructed within said district, and for other purposes.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 267.)

An Act to create a State convict road force, and to authorize the working of certain prisoners on same; to provide for their housing, feeding, clothing, guarding and general care; to provide for their transportation, supervision and general conditions under which they shall be worked.

Also—

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21.)

A Resolution relative to adjournment.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 339.)

An Act to amend Section 4000 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the indictment and trial of one accused of crime in another county than where the crime was committed.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 591.)

An Act to amend Section 2044 of the General Statutes of Florida, being An Act fixing the compensation of Judges of the County Courts of the various counties of the State of Florida.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 268.)

An Act creating a Special Court of Record in and for the County of St. Johns in the State of Florida, prescribing its jurisdiction; providing for a Judge, Solicitor and Clerk for the same, and prescribing the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the Circuit Court in and for St. Johns County in relation to such Special Court of Record for St. Johns County.

Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Wells moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT—8 O'CLOCK.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Present, Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Crawford, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, Mid-

dleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—19.

A quorum present.

Mr. Alexander moved that the janitor and doorkeeper be excused for the evening.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Bill No. 550:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Escambia, State of Florida, to issue time warrants for the purpose of constructing permanent bridges and to provide for the payment thereof.

Was taken up and the consideration of Senate Bill No. 550 was passed over informally.

House Bill No. 789:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Escambia, State of Florida, to issue time warrants for the purposes of constructing permanent bridges and to provide for the payment thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 789 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 789 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 789 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. 789 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton,

Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—22.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill N. 587:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the City of Fernandina to levy a special tax for publicity purposes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 587 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 587 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 587 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. 587 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, Crawford, Farris, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—22.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Senate Bill No. 589:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to back taxes, tax liens and tax sale certificates held by the City of Pensacola.

Was taken up.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 589 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

An Senate Bill No. 589 was read a second time by its title only.

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

In Section 1, lines 13 and 17, insert the words "in equal installments" after the word "payable" on line 13, and also on line 17.

Mr. Jones moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 589 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. 589 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, Crawford, Farris, Gornito, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—22.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Mr. Farris moved to lay Senate Bill No. 540 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones moved to place Senate Bill No. 550 on the table.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 853:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the widening of the right of way of public roads in Putnam County.

Was taken up.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 853 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 853 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 853 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. 853 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornito, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Wills, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Oliver—

Senate Bill No. 602:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and directing the County Democratic Executive Committee of Franklin County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the general primary election held in 1914 in Franklin County all the money that was paid to it under Chapter 6469 (No. 49), Section 24, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, that was not used in conducting said election.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 602 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 602 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate 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 Senate 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornito, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Farris—

Senate Bill No. 603:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the City of South Jacksonville to regulate the boring of artesian wells; fixing the term of certain city officers, and prescribing the duties of the City Marshal.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 603 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 603 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 603 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. 603 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Gornto—

Senate Bill No. 604:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Lafayette County, Florida, to borrow money not to exceed fifty per cent of the estimate of the revenue to be collected for any fiscal year for said county; to provide for the repayment of said money borrowed and the interest to be paid for same.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Gornto moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 604 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 604 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Gornto moved that the rules be further waived and the Senate Bill No. 604 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. 604 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Shepard—

Senate Bill No. 605:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, to borrow money not to exceed fifty per cent of the estimate of the revenue to be collected for any fiscal year for said county; to provide for the repayment of said money borrowed and the interest to be paid for same.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Shepard moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 605 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 605 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Shepard moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 605 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. 605 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore,

Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Hughlett—

Senate Bill No. 606:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the abolition of special road and bridge districts.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 606 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 606 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 606 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. 606 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Jones—

Senate Bill No. 607:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 7220, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to supplement and amend Chapter 6746, Laws of Florida, known as the Commission Government Charter of the City of Pensacola, relative to political primary election; to the tenures of municipal offices and employment and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness and negotiable notes; the issuance and payment of special improvement

bonds; and the establishment of free employment and publicity bureau."

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 607 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 607 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 607 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. 607 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Jones—

Senate Bill No. 608:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to empower the City of Pensacola to hold an exposition to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the cession of Florida by Spain to the United States, and to issue bonds for that purpose, and for promoting and providing exhibits of historic events and all other subjects befitting the celebration of said centennial and calculated to promote the progress and general welfare of the community; to create a Board of Centennial Commissioners and amend the charter of said city.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 608 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 608 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be further waived, and

that Senate Bill No. 608 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. 608 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Terrell—

Senate Bill No. 609:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, to issue time warrants for the purpose of constructing dipping vats for the eradication of cattle ticks.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Terrell moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 609 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 609 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Terrell moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 609 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. 609 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, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

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

By Mr. Hughlett—

Senate Bill No. 610:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Board of Public Instruction for the County of Dade, 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 Dade County, to pay interest upon said loans not exceeding eight per cent (8%) per annum, and to limit the borrowing capacity of said Board.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 610 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 610 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 610 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. 610 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Andrews, Calkins, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, 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.

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

House Bill No. 814:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, in constituting Special Road and Bridge District No. 2, Polk County, Florida, and issuing bonds of said district in the sum of \$150,000, ratifying and validating all acts and proceedings of said Board of County Commissioners with reference thereto.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 814 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 814 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 814 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. 814 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 747 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 595 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 818:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 7125 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, the same being "An Act to protect the fish in the fresh waters of Washington County, Florida ;to prescribe the mode and manner of protecting fish in said waters and to prohibit the use of certain devices for taking fish therefrom and prescribing penalties therefor; to impose certain license taxes and regulations in relation thereto, and to prescribe penalties for failure or refusal to comply therewith; to create, authorize and empower certain officers to enforce the provisions of this Act and to provide penalties for failure or refusal to carry into effect the provisions of this Act ,and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith and for other purposes."

Was taken up.

Mr. Mathis moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 818 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 818 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Mathis moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 818 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. 818 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Eaton moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 595 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. 595 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 745:

A Bill to be entitled An Act fixing compensation of County Commissioners in counties having population of from thirty-seven thousand up to fifty thousand persons, and which have a bonded indebtedness of as much as one and one-half million dollars.

Was taken up.

Mr. Eaton moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 745 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 745 was read a second time by its title only.

The Committee offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 745:

In Section 1, line 6, strike out the words "that the provisions of this Bill apply only to Polk county."

Mr. Eaton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Eaton moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 745, 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. 745, as amended, 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 838 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 820 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 843:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize the election held on the 22nd day of May, 1917, in Special Road and Bridge District Number One, of Orange County, State of Florida, to determine whether or not bonds should be issued, sold, etc., as proposed and provided by resolution vote upon and passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, the ninth day of April, 1917, in open session, by said Board of County Commissioners, to declare and render valid said resolution and all proceedings had in reference to said election, preceding and subsequent to said resolution, and to authorize the issuance of the bonds as provided in said resolution, and call for said election, and to authorize the issuance of the said bonds as provided by said resolution, vote on in said election, and to render said bonds valid when issued.

Was taken up.

Mr. Crawford moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 843 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 843 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crawford moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 843 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. 843 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—24.

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. 856:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to refund to the candidates who ran in the last general primary election held in Marion County all the money that was paid by such candidates into the general

revenue fund of said county, as provided in Section 24, Chapter 6496 (No. 49), Acts of 1913.

Was taken up.

Mr. Terrell moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 856 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 856 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crawford moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 856 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. 856 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 857:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to issue certain interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of raising funds with which to build permanent bridges within DeSoto County, and providing for the levy of a special tax to pay the interest on and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said warrants.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 857 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 857 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 857 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. 857 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wilson—23.

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. 851 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

House Bill No. 858:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 11, of Chapter 7212 of the Acts of the Legislature of the State of Florida of 1915.

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

Mr. Alexander moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 858 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 858 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Alexander moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 858 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. 858 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 776:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing a tax levy for road and bridge purposes in Duval County.

Was taken up.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 776 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 776 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Farris moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 776 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. 776 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 851:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general election held in Dade County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6469 (No. 49), Section 24, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, that was not used in conducting said election.

Was taken up.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 851 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 851 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Moore moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 851 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. 851 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, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—23.

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. 838:

A Bill to be entitled An Act under which franchises for public utilities may be granted or extended within the City of Tampa.

Was taken up.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 838 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 838 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Oliver moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 838 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. 838 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, Calkins, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—24.

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. 841 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Mr. Shepard moved to waive the rules and take up messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.  
And the Senate proceeded to consider—

MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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 receded from House Amendment to—

Senate Bill No. 223:

A Bill to be entitled An Act fixing the compensation of all county officials now paid in whole or in part on the basis of fees or commissions.

House amendment as follows:

Add at end of Section 3 a new Section 4 and change all other Section numbers to correspond.

Section 4. All county officials rendering services that are to be paid for by parties receiving said services shall collect all lawful fees in advance, and no instruments, papers or evidences to be recorded, or searches of records, or suits in civil action entered, or any other official matters not herein enumerated, shall be received for record, or any work done thereon until fees for such services are paid. In all matters where the exact amount cannot be determined a sufficient amount to cover the maximum estimated cost must be deposited in advance. If any residue shall be left after the proper amount of fees and charges are correctly computed the same shall be returned to the party making the deposit or paying any fees or commissions in advance. Each official shall be held responsible for all fees or commissions accruing in his office and in no way shall any official rebate, remit or in any wise reimburse any one for fees or official services rendered. Any official violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to removal by the Governor.

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

And Senate Bill No. 223, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 207:

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

Also—

Senate Bill No. 601:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the removal of members of the fire department of the City of Jacksonville.

Also—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Secretary of State be directed to have one copy each of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, and Session Laws of the Legislature of 1917, bound as heretofore for each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Bill Secretary, Reading Secretary and Assistant Reading Secretary, Enrolling Secretary, Recording Secretary, Engrossing Secretary and Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, Reading Clerk, Assistant Reading Clerk, Bill Clerk, Enrolling Clerk, Recording Clerk, Engrossing Clerk and Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, also to each Judge of Circuit Court and State's Attorney.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And Senate Bills Nos. 207 and 601, and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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 reconsidered the vote by which it concurred in Senate Amendments, and has refused to concur in said Amendments to—

Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 87, 92, 149 and 205:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating a State Board of Pensions, defining who shall receive pensions, who shall not receive pensions, how applications shall be made, how pensions shall be paid, duty of County Commissioners in regard to pensions, providing for the levy of a pension tax, and authorizing the State Board of Pensions, to make rules and regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

Amendments as follows:

In Section 5, line 19, after the word "months" insert the following: "Provided, that when a pension has been discontinued because of such absence, it shall be renewed upon return of pensioner to this State, where it is shown that such absence was not permanent, and was caused by accident or causes beyond the control of pensioner,"

In Section 2, line 13, after the word "pension" add the following: "And whose property valuation, both real and personal, including the property of his wife, if she shall not have deserted her husband, does not exceed the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, exclusive of his or her home and the land on which such home is located, not to exceed one acre of land."

Very respectfully,

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

And the above message was referred to the Committee on Conference upon the Bill.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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 indefinitely postponed -

Senate Bill No. 8:

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

Very respectfully,

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

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29, 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. 849:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 2, 5, 13, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28 and 35 of Chapter 6784, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1913, the same being entitled: "An Act to repeal Chapter 5364 of the Laws of Florida, to abolish the Town of Tarpon Springs, Florida, and the establishment of a municipality under the name of the

City of Tarpon Springs; to provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, and to extend to said municipality certain powers and privileges."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 849, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

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

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. Wednesday, May 30, 1917.

### Wednesday, May 30, 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, Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of May 29 was corrected and approved as corrected.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Middleton, Chairman of the Committee on Public Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 30, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Roads and Highways, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 532:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 837, General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to petitions for roads."

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

Very respectfully,  
W. S. MIDDLETON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 532, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 30, 1917.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 46.)

An Act authorizing counties to exercise the right of eminent domain, to acquire property for certain purposes, prescribing the procedure in such actions, and providing for the payment of property so acquired.

Also—

(House Bill No. 447.)

An Act providing for the certification and examination of teachers; prescribing the requirements for the different teachers' certificates; creating a State Board of Examiners, prescribing their duties, and providing for their compensation and expenses.

Also—

(House Bill No. 799.)

An Act to define what constitutes a natural oyster bar in the waters of Wakulla County, State of Florida, and to prohibit the leasing of the same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 138.)

An Act assenting to and accepting the provisions of An Act of Congress, approved February 23rd, 1917, en-