

# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1931

The Senate convened at 11:00 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, April 8, 1931.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Anderson, Andrews, Bell, Bradshaw, Butler, Caro, Chowning, Clarke, Council, Dell, English, Futch, Gary, Getzen, Gomez, Harris, Harrison, Hilburn, Hinely, Hodges, Howell, Irby, Johns, King, Knabb, Lewis, Neel, Parker, Parrish, Stewart, Swearingen, Taylor, Turner, Wagg, Watson, Young.—38.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of Wednesday, April 8th, was corrected as follows:

On page 1, column 1, between lines 37 and 38 insert the following:

By Senator Harrison—  
Senate Resolution No. 3:

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, by reason of its many fresh water lakes and streams and its extended coast lines, is peculiarly interested in the conservation of fish industries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF FLORIDA:

That an invitation is hereby extended to the Honorable Harry B. Hawes, United States Senator of Missouri, who is a world authority on the conservation of fish and game and who was the author of the Upper Mississippi Wild Life and Fish Refuge Bill and a member of the Migratory Bird Refuge Commission and who is also Vice President of the Wild Life Restoration Committee of the United States Senate, which has been created to investigate all matters pertaining to the restoration and conservation of wild life and for needed legislation to carry out such purposes, to address the Senate of Florida on April 16th, in the House of Representatives at eight o'clock p. m. and to which the House of Representatives will be invited by a copy of this Resolution being sent it on its adoption.

Which was read.

Senator Harrison moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And the Resolution was adopted.

On page 1, column 2, line 14, change the number "3" to "4."

On page 1, column 2, line 17, change the number "3" to "4."

And as corrected, was approved.

Senator Futch moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to draft appropriate resolutions in connection with the decision of Hon. Nicholas Longworth, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Which was agreed to.

And the President appointed Senators Futch, Clarke and Adams as such committee.

The President handed down the following standing committees for the 1931 session of the Senate:

## SENATE COMMITTEES (1931 SESSION)

AUDIT AND CONTROL OF LEGISLATIVE EXPENDITURES—W. T. Gary, chairman; J. Maxey Dell, S. A. Hinely, Arthur Gomez, John Bradshaw.

RULES AND PROCEEDINGS—J. B. Stewart, chairman; T. G. Futch, E. M. Johns, John J. Swearingen, J. Turner Butler.

CAPITOL, STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—John Bradshaw, chairman; E. J. Irby, S. C. Council, Herbert P. Caro, G. Frank Andrews.

MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATION—Samuel W. Getzen, chairman; John W. Watson, A. W. Young, A. M. Taylor, W. C. Hodges, S. A. Hinely, H. H. Lewis.

PENSIONS—L. H. Howell, chairman; G. Frank Andrews, S. C. Council, T. J. Knabb, F. P. Parker.

BANKING—F. O. King, chairman; S. D. Clarke, S. J. Hilburn, T. G. Futch, W. D. Bell, S. W. Anderson, J. W. Turner, S. D. Harris.

PUBLIC UTILITIES—S. W. Anderson, chairman; E. M. Johns, S. C. Council, J. B. Stewart, J. J. Parrish.

MILITARY AFFAIRS—A. M. Taylor, chairman; Herbert P. Caro, Arthur Gomez, T. J. Knabb, E. J. Irby.

PUBLIC PRINTING—S. A. Hinely, chairman; A. M. Taylor, L. H. Howell, M. O. Harrison, W. C. Chowning.

CORPORATIONS—J. Turner Butler, chairman; S. D. Harris, T. G. Futch, H. H. Lewis, A. W. Young.

STATE INSTITUTIONS—T. J. Knabb, chairman; G. Frank Andrews, John Bradshaw, S. J. Hilburn, M. O. Harrison.

MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES—F. P. Parker, chairman; J. J. Swearingen, Bernard English, L. H. Powell, W. T. Gary.

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS—W. C. Chowning, chairman; T. J. Knabb, E. J. Irby, H. H. Lewis, S. A. Hinely.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS—G. Frank Andrews, chairman; A. M. Taylor, F. O. King, J. W. Turner, Purl G. Adams.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—W. D. Bell, chairman; J. Turner Butler, S. J. Hilburn, W. C. Hodges, S. D. Clarke, Bernard English.

INSURANCE—W. C. Hodges, chairman; S. W. Anderson, J. Turner Butler, A. W. Young, J. B. Stewart, S. W. Getzen.

GAME AND FISHERIES—S. C. Council, chairman; John W. Watson, M. O. Harrison, Herbert P. Caro, J. B. Stewart, Arthur Gomez, W. D. Bell.

CITIES AND TOWNS—Arthur Gomez, chairman; W. C. Chowning, Ray Neel, Purl G. Adams, John W. Watson.

PRISONS AND CONVICTS—M. O. Harrison, chairman; W. T. Gary, F. P. Parker, S. A. Hinely, John Bradshaw.

EDUCATION—T. G. Futch, chairman; J. J. Parrish, W. T. Gary, J. Maxey Dell, Franklin O. King, J. Turner Butler, M. O. Harrison.

TEMPERANCE—E. J. Irby, chairman; W. T. Gary, S. C. Council, F. O. King, A. M. Taylor.

PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS—Purl G. Adams, chairman; S. W. Getzen, F. P. Parker, J. J. Parrish, W. C. Chowning, T. J. Knabb, J. J. Swearingen, W. T. Gary, Bernard English, A. W. Young, Ray Neel, Alfred H. Wagg.

DRAINAGE—A. W. Young, chairman; Alfred H. Wagg, John W. Watson, J. J. Swearingen, Arthur Gomez.

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION—J. W. Turner, chairman; John W. Watson, S. D. Harris, Alfred H. Wagg, J. B. Stewart, A. M. Taylor, F. P. Parker.

ORGANIZED LABOR—S. D. Harris, chairman; John W. Watson, Herbert P. Caro, Alfred H. Wagg, J. Turner Butler, S. W. Getzen, Arthur Gomez.

FINANCE AND TAXATION—Alfred H. Wagg, chairman; W. D. Bell, E. M. Johns, J. J. Parrish, S. J. Hilburn, J. Turner Butler, M. O. Harrison, W. C. Hodges, S. D. Clarke.

CLAIMS—Herbert P. Caro, chairman; J. Maxey Dell, W. C. Hodges, S. W. Anderson, J. W. Turner.

PUBLIC HEALTH—J. Maxey Dell, chairman; J. W. Turner, W. C. Chowning, S. W. Anderson, A. M. Taylor.

ENGROSSED BILLS—John W. Watson, chairman; S. D. Clarke, E. J. Irby, Bernard English, J. B. Stewart.

ENROLLED BILLS—J. W. Turner, chairman; W. C. Chowning, A. W. Young, A. M. Taylor, Purl G. Adams, H. H. Lewis.

JUDICIARY "A"—E. M. Johns, chairman; W. D. Bell, S. J.

Hilburn, S. D. Clarke, J. Maxey Dell, S. W. Getzen, J. B. Stewart, J. Turner Butler, Alfred H. Wagg, Arthur Gomez.

JUDICIARY "B"—John J. Swearingen, chairman; W. C. Hodges, S. W. Anderson, W. C. Chowning, J. W. Watson, G. Frank Andrews, John Bradshaw, S. D. Harris, Purl G. Adams.

JUDICIARY "C"—Bernard English, chairman; T. G. Futch, Ray Neel, S. A. Hinely, H. H. Lewis, J. J. Parrish, L. H. Howell, T. J. Knabb, F. O. King.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS—H. H. Lewis, chairman; S. W. Anderson, S. A. Hinely, Alfred H. Wagg, T. G. Futch.

APPROPRIATIONS—Ray Neel, chairman; J. Maxey Dell, J. J. Parrish, F. P. Parker, S. W. Getzen, J. J. Swearingen, Herbert P. Caro, J. Turner Butler, J. W. Watson, W. D. Bell, Alfred H. Wagg, Bernard English, J. B. Stewart.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVE STOCK—G. Frank Andrews, chairman; J. W. Turner, F. P. Parker, Ray Neel, W. C. Hodges, T. G. Futch, L. H. Howell.

CITRUS FRUITS—J. J. Parrish, chairman; J. J. Swearingen, W. C. Chowning, M. O. Harrison, S. D. Harris, F. O. King, W. D. Bell.

ATTACHES—S. D. Clarke, chairman; J. B. Stewart, J. J. Swearingen.

FORESTRY—S. J. Hilburn, chairman; W. C. Hodges, J. Maxey Dell, T. J. Knabb, Purl J. Adams.

BUILDING AND LOAN—S. D. Clarke, chairman; S. W. Anderson, S. J. Hilburn, G. Frank Andrews, John Bradshaw.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By Senator Harris—  
Senate Resolution No. 4:

WHEREAS, The entire State of Florida is looking to this Legislature for a reduction in taxation and the necessary economy in administration of all government affairs, and

WHEREAS, There has been, and is, much comment, both in the newspapers and otherwise of extravagance, duplication and much unnecessary expense in practically all of the departments of the State Government, and

WHEREAS, accurate and reliable information is necessary in order that the Senate may deal justly and intelligently with these problems, and believing that the heads of the various departments and commissions will welcome such inquiry,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

That the President appoint a committee of three judicious and careful members of the Senate who will inquire into all of the departmental administration and commissions of the State to ascertain the number, names and addresses of all of the persons employed in such departments or commissions, together with the amounts paid to each person so employed. Said committee is authorized to require the heads of the various departments and commissions to furnish full and complete information as contemplated under this Resolution, and to report its findings to the appropriate Senate committee at its earliest convenience.

Which was read the first time.

The following amendment was offered by Senator Futch and read:

In the last paragraph, line 4, insert between the word "commission" and the word "together", "during the last twelve months".

Senator Futch moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the amendment was adopted.

Senator Harris moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Resolution No. 4 be placed on the Calendar.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and it was so ordered.

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Resolution No. 5:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF FLORIDA:

That the President of the Senate is hereby authorized to employ one competent stenographer to act as Secretary to the President, and to perform, with the permission of the President of the Senate, such other stenographic duties as may be required of her by other Senators.

Senator Hodges moved the adoption of the Resolution. Which was agreed to. And the Resolution was adopted.

#### INTRODUCTION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

By Senators Gomez and Getzen—  
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

WHEREAS, there are major problems, the solution of which are imperative by the legislature of 1931, and

WHEREAS, less than sixty days remain in which to consider and dispose of such problems, and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this legislature that such problems should be considered and disposed of as early as possible; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING:

That we, upon whom rests weighty responsibilities, and realizing that the time is short in which to meet the demands made upon us by an expectant public, we herein agree not to consider for a period of time, to-wit: between ten to fifteen days following the date of the adoption of this resolution, any legislation, whether general or local, unless the same pertains in a substantial manner to:

1. The elimination of the State ad valorem tax.

2. Compensating legislation occasional thereby, including retrenchment measures by elimination, consolidation, re-allocation of existing funds, the raising of additional revenue, or otherwise.

3. Legislation looking toward the solution of the problems of City and County bonded indebtedness.

4. The passage of an appropriation bill consistent with requirements of the State and its various institutions and departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be written in the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Senator Gomez moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 be read the second time in full.

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 went over under the rule.

By Senator Watson—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7:

WHEREAS, the Taxpayers of Florida, realizing that the taxes on Real Estate are exorbitant, unjust and unreasonable, and they are demanding a reduction, and

WHEREAS, large blocks of land consisting of millions of acres, are going back to the State for non-payment of taxes thereon, thereby depriving the State and counties of the revenue required to operate and maintain State and County government, and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of this Legislature were elected on a platform of tax reduction, and believing that the people of Florida are entitled to know the facts concerning the sources from which tax money comes and how disbursed.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate the House of Representatives concurring, that a Joint Committee of twelve members, five from the Senate and seven from the House of Representatives, be appointed to make a thorough and complete investigation concerning all sources of Taxation in the State and to report their findings together with a bill that will give the desired relief to real estate and place other taxable property on the taxables of the State.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in order to successfully carry out the provisions of this Resolution they are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers to appear before them and answer all questions pertaining to taxation and taxable property in Florida, so far as they know.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairman of the Committee is hereby authorized to secure the services of a competent clerk to serve them.

Which was read the first time in full and went over under the rule.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Senators Wagg and Whitaker—

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide compensation for employes for disability or death resulting from an injury arising out of and in the course of employment, and for other purposes.

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

By Senator Gary—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 2:

A Joint Resolution proposing an Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to Taxation and Finance.

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

By Senator Futch—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 3:

A Joint Resolution relative to the calling of a convention to revise the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Senators Harris, Getzen, Gomez and Irby—  
Senate Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled An Act dividing the State of Florida into five Congressional Districts and prescribing and setting forth the territorial limits and boundaries of each District.

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

By Senator Johns—  
Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 8584, Acts of 1921, Laws of Florida, relating to equalization of taxes between counties and creating a position of State Tax Equalizer.

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

By Senator Johns—  
Senate Bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled An Act to fix the terms of office of the State Hotel Commissioner, State Shell Fish Commissioner, State Fresh Water Fish and Game Commissioner, State Tax Equalizer and State Motor Vehicle Commissioner; to provide for the abolition of the present office of the State Hotel Commissioner, State Shell Fish Commissioner, State Fresh Water Fish and Game Commissioner, and State Tax Equalizer and State Motor Vehicle Commissioner and creating and establishing new offices of State Hotel Commissioner, State Shell Fish Commissioner, State Game Commissioner, State Tax Equalizer and State Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

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

By Senator Johns—  
Senate Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2151, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, being Section 3380, Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 12053, Acts of 1927, Laws of Florida, relating to annual appropriations for the Hotel Commission.

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

By Senator Johns—  
Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the Office of State Hotel Commission and Providing that All Duties and Powers of State Hotel Commissioner, shall Hereafter be Vested in and Exercised by the State Board of Health.

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

By Senator Johns—  
Senate Bill No. 9:

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing An Amendment to Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Florida, Relating to the Election, Qualification and Term of Office of the Governor of the State of Florida and His Eligibility to Become a Candidate to Succeed Himself or for Any Office During the Term for Which He is Elected.

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

By Senator Neel—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 10:

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing An Amendment to Sec-

tion 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Florida, Relating to the Election, Qualification and Term of Office of the Governor of the State of Florida and His Eligibility to Become a Candidate to Succeed Himself or for Any Office During the Term for Which He is Elected.

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

By Senator Bell—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 11:

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing An Amendment to Section 11 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida Relating to Taxation and Finances.

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

By Senator Parrish—  
Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled An Act to Repeal Chapter 12312, Acts of 1927, Laws of the State of Florida, Relating to Making Passable a Certain Road, to-wit: Road Number 44.

Which was read the first time by its title only and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled An Act to Regulate the production, sale, dispensation and other traffic in narcotic drugs as defined herein; making exceptions; providing for the identification of said drugs and the containers thereof and for the execution of prescriptions and orders therefor; providing for the confinement, treatment and parole of persons addicted to such drugs; providing for the making of reports by persons affected by this Act; providing for the revocation of the licenses of physicians and others for violating the provisions hereof; regulating the planting, cultivating and use of drug producing plants and declaring as common nuisances places resorted to by drug addicts and prohibiting the visiting of such places; providing for the seizure of conveyances of said drugs; providing generally the means and method of enforcement and for the prosecution and confinement of persons violating the provisions hereof; providing for presumptions and burden of proof; prescribing offenses, fines, penalties and punishment; providing for the adoption of rules and regulations, etc.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 4467 of the Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927, and being Section 3 of Chapter 10167, Acts of 1925, of the Compiled General Laws of Florida, relating to the drawing, summoning and impaneling Jurors for Court of County Judge in Counties having no County Court, Criminal Court or Court of Record.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled An Act repealing certain Sections of Chapter 14572 of the Acts of the Legislature, of 1929, relating to and concerning Taxation and providing for the foreclosure in equity of tax sales certificates and deeds and for the procedure in such cases.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled An Act to create a State Commission on Employment and Industrial Development; and to prescribe its powers and duties and making an appropriation therefor.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled An Act prohibiting parking on paved highways in Florida, and providing penalties therefor.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled An Act to declare, designate and establish a certain State road in Leon County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title only and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 19:

Providing an amendment to Section One, Article Ten, of the Constitution of Florida, relating to Homesteads and Exemptions, etc.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled An Act to give to soldiers and sailors of the World War acreages in the State of Florida where such lands have reverted to the State for taxes under certain conditions and provisions; The method of selection of land and conditions on which such lands shall be deeded to soldiers and sailors and providing for giving assistance to such entrymen and providing for and creating an agency to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for a special pension for Henry C. Wyche who was a soldier of the Confederacy.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled An Act to declare, designate and establish a certain State road in Leon County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title only and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish occupational licenses in Florida.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 24:

A bill to be entitled An Act to declare, designate and establish a certain State road in Leon County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title only and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled An Act Repealing Chapter 14571 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1929, requiring all persons, firms or corporations owning or having control, custody or management of real and tangible personal property to make tax returns; providing certain forms and records; prohibiting the recording of deeds and bills of sale under certain conditions, and prescribing an oath to said return and a penalty for failure and neglecting to make the said return.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled An Act to Amend Section 4810 of the Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927, fixing the time for holding the terms of the circuit courts in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida.

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

By Senator Hodges—  
Senate Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled An Act to Provide for the Paving by the State Road Department of Roads leading through the grounds of the Florida State College for Women.

Which was read the first time by its title only and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

By Senator Futch—  
Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for farm and home aid for veterans.

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

Senator Harris moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate do now take up the consideration of Senate Resolution No. 4 out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Resolution No. 4 was taken up out of its order.

Senator Harris moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Resolution No. 4 was adopted.

Senator Stewart moved that the rules be waived that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Resolution No. 4 was adopted.

Which was not agreed to.

#### CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

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

Senator Hinely moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 was adopted.

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

Senator Whitaker moved that when the Senate do adjourn it adjourn until Monday, April 13, 1931, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

A roll call was demanded and upon calling the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Adams, Andrews, Bell, Council, Dell, English, Gary, Harrison, Hilburn, Hodges, Johns, King, Knabb, Lewis, Neel, Parrish, Swearingen, Turner, Wagg Watson—21.

Nays—Senators Anderson, Bradshaw, Butler, Caro, Chowning, Clarke, Futch, Getzen, Gomez, Harris, Hinely, Howell, Irby, Parker, Stewart, Taylor, Young—17.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A Message from the House of Representatives, through its Chief Clerk, advised that the House had adopted the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

WHEREAS, one of the most important matters to come before this session of the Legislature is that of balancing of the State Budget to be sure that sufficient income is provided to meet appropriations, and,

WHEREAS, in order to intelligently handle the matter and keep the Legislature advised thereof it is necessary that a record be made of all bills introduced carrying appropriations, as well as those providing revenues for the State, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING,

That the joint committee on legislative expenses be authorized to obtain the services of a clerk or bookkeeper, preferably if possible some one already in the employ of the State to save expense, whose duty it shall be to keep a record by number of each bill introduced carrying an appropriation and the amount thereof carrying the totals, and also a separate record of those measures carrying appropriations that have become laws so that the Legislature may be kept informed as to the amounts appropriated for any and all purposes.

And said clerk shall also keep a record of all measures providing revenues for the State with the number of such bills and the amount of revenue estimated as likely to be produced thereby, to the end that the State's budget may be balanced and this Legislature be fully advised on this important subject as its work progresses.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

A Message from the House of Representatives, through its Chief Clerk, advised that the House had adopted the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:  
Appointing committee to procure space in Lobby of Capitol for establishing cold drink, cigar, candy, etc., stand.  
And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very Respectfully,  
FRANK WEBB,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, the President appointed Senators Harris, Young and Futch as a committee of three to meet with a similar committee of the House of Representatives.

Also—  
A Message from the House of Representatives, through its Chief Clerk, advised that the House had adopted the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 3:  
Inviting the Honorable Perry G. Wall, Chairman of the Citizens Tax Investigation Committee to discuss the findings of his committee before a joint meeting of the Senate and House.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very Respectfully,  
FRANK WEBB,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—  
A Message from the House of Representatives, through its Chief Clerk, advised the Speaker of the House of Representatives had announced that he would appoint Mr. Parker of Leon, Mr. Tomasello of Okeechobee, and Mr. Sturkie of Pasco on the part of the House as provided in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Very Respectfully,  
FRANK WEBB,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also—  
A Message from the House of Representatives, through its Chief Clerk, advised that the House had adopted,  
House Concurrent Resolution No. 1,

A Concurrent Resolution with reference to any General Sales Tax legislation.  
Resolution No. 1:

Introduced by John E. Mathews, S. P. Robineau, S. E. Teague, J. V. Keene, Lamar Sledge, R. L. Black, P. Tomasello, Jr., Millard Caldwell, E. Clay Lewis, H. S. McKenzie, J. Henry Blount, W. M. Madison, A. O. Kanner, J. M. Lee, Geo. McRory, John T. Lowe, John Bledsoe, Tom Watson, J. H. Peoples, Peter Kendrick, R. B. Sturkie, L. W. Zim, Hugh Taylor, Orion C. Parker, E. E. Strickland.

WHEREAS for considerable time there has been state-wide agitation with reference to a general sales tax law, and

WHEREAS at this session of the Legislature it is most important that the time of the Legislature be taken up and consumed only by consideration of those measures which appear to be practical and which appear to have some chance of passage, and

WHEREAS it is desirable that the merchants, business interests and other people of the State generally be informed immediately of the sense of this session of the Legislature with reference to any proposed general sales tax legislation, and

WHEREAS in his message to the Legislature the Governor of our State has ably pointed out the dangers of any such legislation and has condemned the same in no uncertain terms, and

WHEREAS the legislative taxation committee in its report has recommended that no general sales tax legislation be considered at this session,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

SECTION 1. That no general sales tax legislation will be considered by the Legislature, and should any be introduced the same will be indefinitely postponed or otherwise eliminated from consideration.

SECTION 2. That it is unnecessary for the people or the merchants of the State of Florida to raise any money to employ lobbyists or to go to any expense in opposing any general sales tax legislation.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very Respectfully,  
FRANK WEBB,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, contained in the above message, was read the first time.

Senator Wagg moved that the rules be waived and that House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, contained in the above message, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.  
And it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that the President of the Senate be authorized and directed to extend to the American Legion in convention in Tampa the best wishes and heartiest appreciation of the Senate of their efforts in behalf of the State and the Nation.

Which was agreed to.  
And it was so ordered.

Senator Gary moved that the rules be waived and that the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Expense be authorized to hire a clerk for said committee.

Which was not agreed to.

Senator Gary moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which it refused to adopt the motion to authorize the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Expense to hire a clerk for said committee.

Which was not agreed to.

Senator Dell moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.  
Thereupon, the Senate stood adjourned at 12:43 o'clock P. M., until Monday, April 13, 1931.