

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1931

The Senate convened at 11:00 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

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, Dell, English, Futch, Gary, Getzen, Gomez, Harris, Harrison, Hilburn, Hinely, Hodges, Howell, Irby, Johns, King, Lewis, Neel, Parker, Parrish, Swearingen, Taylor, Turner, Wagg, Young—34.

A quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of Saturday, July 25, was corrected, and as corrected was approved.

Senator Anderson moved that the rules be waived and the Senate do take up the consideration of messages from the House of Representatives as they are received from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the Joint Conference Committee Report on Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 80-XX—

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 80-XX:

The introduction of which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members of the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for salaries of the officers of the State and for all the current operating expenses of the departments and branches of the State Government for two (2) years from June 30th, 1931.

Copy of report is herein attached:

Tallahassee, Fla.,
July 25, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President Florida State Senate.

Hon. E. Clay Lewis, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs:

WE, your Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives as a Conference Committee to consider the Senate amendment to Committee Substitute for House Bill Number 80-XX, request that the House of Representatives adopt the following amendments to said Senate amendment to Committee Substitute for House Bill Number 80-XX, the same being a bill entitled An Act making appropriations for salaries of the officers of the State and for all the current operating expenses of the departments and branches of the State government (2) years from June 30th, 1931.

That the following amendments be adopted to said Senate amendment:

	Per Annum
Governor	\$9,000.00
Secretary of State	5,400.00
Commissioner of Agriculture	5,400.00
Comptroller	5,400.00
State Treasurer	5,400.00
State Superintendent of Public Instruction.....	5,400.00

Attorney General	5,400.00
Chairman of the State Road Department.....	5,000.00
Each of the four members of the State Road Dept.....	600.00
Motor Vehicle Commissioner	4,500.00
State Hotel Commissioner	4,500.00
State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commissioner.....	4,500.00
Shell Fish Commissioner	4,500.00
State Forester	4,500.00
Public Welfare Commissioner	3,600.00
Director of Child Welfare	2,700.00
State Auditor	4,500.00
Each of the Assistant State Auditors	3,600.00
State Market Commissioner	5,400.00
Adjutant General	5,000.00
Each of the several Circuit Judges	6,750.00
Each of the several Justices of the Supreme Court.....	8,500.00
Each of the Supreme Court Commissioners	5,400.00
Each of the several State Attorneys heretofore receiving \$6,000.00 per annum	5,000.00
Two (2) State Attorneys heretofore receiving \$5,000.00 per annum	4,500.00
Two (2) State Attorneys heretofore receiving \$4,800.00 per annum	4,000.00
Each of the several State Attorneys heretofore receiving \$4,200.00 per annum	3,600.00
Each of the several State Attorneys heretofore receiving \$3,600.00 per annum	3,300.00
Court Reporters	1,500.00
Superintendent of the State Prison Farm	4,000.00
State Health Officer	5,000.00
State Veterinarian	4,500.00
Superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors Home.....	1,200.00
Superintendent of Florida Industrial School for Girls	2,500.00
Superintendent of Florida Industrial School for Boys	3,600.00
Superintendent of Florida Farm Colony	3,600.00
Superintendent and Chief Surgeon of Florida State Hospital	5,400.00
Executive Secretary, Board of Control	2,100.00
President of University of Florida	9,000.00
President, Florida State College for Women	7,500.00
President, Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes	4,500.00
President, Florida School for Deaf and Blind	4,000.00
Director, Agricultural Experiment Station	2,500.00
State Plant Board Commissioner	500.00
Secretary, State Library Board	3,000.00
Each of the three (3) Railroad Commissioners.....	5,000.00
State Geologist	3,600.00
Assistant State Geologist	2,400.00

Section 2. All of the salaries provided for in this Act shall be paid in equal monthly installments or warrants to be issued by the Comptroller in accordance herewith.

Section 3. No State officer, board or commission shall under any circumstances increase any salary or salaries provided for or referred to in this Act.

Section 4. All sums herein appropriated are for the two (2) years beginning July 1, 1931, but it is expressly provided that all sums which have been expended by virtue and under authority of the Special Emergency Appropriation Bill of the first extraordinary session of the Legislature of 1931, shall be deducted from the appropriations herein set forth in Section 1, and shall not be considered additional appropriations thereto.

Section 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect as of the first day of July, 1931.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Also—
The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, July 25, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

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

By Senator Wagg—
Senate Bill No. 201-XX:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for annually raising revenue to defray expenses of the State and to provide an annual levy of taxes in the several counties of the State.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 201-XX was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Senator Anderson moved that the rules be waived and the Senate do now take up the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX, which was reconsidered on July 24, 1931, and placed on the Calendar, pending adoption.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX:

WHEREAS, the present Extraordinary Session of the Legislature will complete its purpose by Saturday, July 25, 1931.

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

That the present Extraordinary Session of the Florida Legislature shall adjourn sine die, twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard time, Saturday, July 25, A. D. 1931.

Was taken up.

The question was put on the adoption of the Resolution.

By unanimous consent Senator Anderson offered the following amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX:

In line two, strike out the words and figures "Saturday, July 25, 1931," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Sunday, July 26, 1931."

Senator Anderson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the amendment was adopted.

By unanimous consent Senator Anderson offered the following amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX:

In the last two lines strike out the words and figures "twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, Saturday, July 25, A. D. 1931," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Four o'clock afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, Sunday, July 26, A. D. 1931."

Senator Anderson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the amendment was adopted.

The question recurred on the adoption of the Resolution as amended.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX, as amended, was adopted.

And the action of the Senate was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately, the rule having been waived.

The President announced the appointment of Senators Harrison and Hodges as the Committee on the Part of the Senate under the terms of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4-XX.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that in accordance with provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4-XX—

By Mr. Coffee—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4-XX:

WHEREAS, the ad valorem tax system of Florida has failed, and

WHEREAS, many counties are facing an immediate complete collapse in their finances, and

WHEREAS, the political subdivisions of the State have no power to raise revenue except through authority given by the Legislature, therefore

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

1. That a committee composed of three members of the House and two members of the Senate be appointed to work out a property tax system for the State and its political subdivisions, and

2. That this committee make a report to the next meeting of the Legislature.

The Speaker of the House has appointed Messrs. Coffee of DeSoto, Westbrook of Lake, and Wood of Liberty, to act with a like committee from the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, to serve on said Committee.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
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 consideration of—

By Mr. Wood (Chairman of Special Committee)—

House Bill No. 25-XX:

The introduction of which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members of the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to raise revenue, providing for a license and other taxes, and the means and methods of collecting and enforcing the same.

With its several Senate amendments.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives concurs in Senate amendment to House Bill No. 215-XX.

By Mr. Rogers of Broward—

House Bill No. 215-XX:

The introduction of which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members of the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the compensation of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and County Judge in all counties in the State of Florida having a population of not less than nineteen thousand nor more than twenty-five thousand, according to the last Federal census; and prescribing the time when this Act shall become a law.

Which amendment is as follows:

In Section 1, line 11, strike out the words and figures "\$5000.00 Dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Six Thousand Dollars".

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in Senate Amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX:

By Mr. Kanner of Martin—
House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX:
WHEREAS, the present Extraordinary Session of the Legislature will complete its purpose by Saturday, July 25, 1931.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SENATE CONCURRING:
That the present Extraordinary Session of the Florida Legislature shall adjourn sine die, twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard time, Saturday, July 25, A. D. 1931.
Which amendments are as follows:

No. 1—
In line 2 strike out the words and figures "Saturday, July 25, 1931" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Sunday July, 26, 1931."

No. 2—
In the last two lines strike out the words and figures "twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard time Saturday, July 25, A. D. 1931" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Four o'clock afternoon Eastern Standard time, Sunday, July 26, A. D. 1931."
Very respectfully,
FRANK WEBB,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

By permission the following Resolution was introduced:

By Senator Futch—
Senate Resolution No. 6-XX:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Florida that the Sergeant at Arms be allowed and paid fifty (\$50.00) dollars each for making up the payrolls of the Senate for the regular session and the two extraordinary sessions.
Which was read.
Senator Futch moved the adoption of the Resolution.
Which was agreed to.
And Senate Resolution No. 6-XX was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS

Senator Watson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report.

Senate Chamber
Tallahassee, Florida, July 25, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred (with amendments) after third reading—

Senate Bill No. 201-XX:
A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for annually raising revenue to defray expenses of the State and to provide an annual levy of taxes in the several counties of the State.
Have carefully examined same, and find same correctly engrossed, and return same herewith.

Very respectfully,
JOHN W. WATSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 201-XX, contained in the above report, was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—
Senator Watson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 25, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred, (with amendments), after passage, as amended—

Re-Engrossed Senate Bill No. 54-XX:
A bill to be entitled An Act to fix the annual salaries of certain State officers and employees.

Have carefully examined same, and find same correctly engrossed, and return same herewith.

Very respectfully,
JOHN W. WATSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Re-Engrossed Senate Bill No. 54-XX, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Senator Turner, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 54-XX):
An Act to fix the annual salaries of certain State officers and employees.

Have carefully examined same, and find same correctly enrolled and herewith present the same for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
J. W. TURNER,
Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate.

The bill contained in the above report was thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate in open session, and ordered referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate to be conveyed to the House for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Also—
Senator Turner, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 201-XX):
An Act to provide for annually raising revenue to defray expenses of the State and to provide an annual levy of taxes in the several counties of the State.

Have carefully examined same, and find same correctly enrolled and herewith present the same for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
J. W. TURNER,
Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate.

The bill contained in the above report was thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate in open session, and ordered referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate to be conveyed to the House for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Also—
Senator Turner, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Sir:

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

(Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 80-XX):
An Act making appropriations for salaries of the officers of the State and for all the current expense of the departments and branches of the State Government for Two (2) Years from June 30th, 1931.

Also—

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX):

RESOLVING that the Second Extraordinary Session of the Florida Legislature shall adjourn sine die, four o'clock Sunday afternoon, July 26, A. D. 1931.

Have carefully examined same, and find same correctly enrolled and herewith present the same for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. W. TURNER,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate.

The Bill and Resolution contained in the above report were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate in open session, and ordered referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate to be conveyed to the House for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Also—

Senator Turner Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate.
Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 54-XX):

An Act to fix the annual salaries of certain State officers and employees.

Beg leave to report that the same has this day been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. W. TURNER,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate.

Also—

Senator Turner Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate.
Sir:

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

(Senate Bill No. 201-XX):

An Act to provide for annually raising revenue to defray expenses of the State and to provide an annual levy of taxes in the several Counties of the State.

Beg leave to report that the same has this day been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. W. TURNER,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate.

Also—

Senator Turner Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate.
Sir:

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

(Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 80-XX):

An Act making appropriations for salaries of the officers of the State and for all the current expense of the departments and branches of the State Government for two (2) years from June 30th, 1931.

Also—

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 5-XX):

RESOLVING that the Second Extraordinary Session of the

Florida Legislature shall adjourn sine die, four o'clock, Sunday afternoon, July 26, A. D. 1931.

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

Very respectfully,

J. W. TURNER,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of Senate.

Senator English moved that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate had finished its business and was now ready to adjourn sine die.

Which was agreed to

The President appointed Senators English and Futch as such committee.

Senator Anderson moved that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had finished its business and was ready to adjourn sine die.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Anderson and Harrison as such committee.

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Messrs. McRory, Black and Horne, appeared at the bar of the Senate and notified the Senate that the House of Representatives had finished its business and was ready to adjourn sine die.

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that they had performed the duty assigned to them and asked to be discharged.

Whereupon the committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that they had performed the duty assigned to them and asked to be discharged.

Whereupon the committee was discharged.

The hour of 4:00 o'clock P. M., having arrived, the President sounded the gavel and declared the Senate in 1931 Extraordinary Session adjourned sine die.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE PAY ROLLS FOR SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 1931

NOTE.—This also includes Extra or Additional Pay Rolls for the Regular and two Special Sessions of 1931.)

	Senate	House
Members 19 days	\$ 6,127.30	\$15,877.60
Members 1 day	228.00	570.00
Attaches (elective)—19 days	3,067.00	1,900.00
Attaches (elective)—1 day	163.00	92.00
Attaches (appointive)—19 days	7,854.00	7,611.00
Attaches (appointive)—1 day	426.00	333.00
Enrolling Room—19 days	306.00
Enrolling Room—1 day	84.00
Extra or Additional Pay Roll	1,470.00	2,219.64
TOTAL (both houses)	\$19,725.30	\$28,603.24
		\$48,328.54

ELECTIVE ATTACHES SENATE—SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 1931

Name	Position	Days	Rate	Amount
Charles A. Finley,	Advisory Secretary	19	\$6.00	\$ 114.00
Robt. W. Davis,	Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
J. W. Kelly,	Sergeant-at-Arms	19	6.00	114.00
Kate Inman,	Reading Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
B. H. Simmons,	Bill Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
Douglas Bell,	Asst. Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
Ray Y. Walden,	Asst. Reading Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
Kathrine Sherman,	Asst. Bill Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
W. G. Starry,	Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms	19	6.00	114.00
Mrs. George McRory,	Journal Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
Mrs. Rose Toohy,	Enrolling Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
Mrs. J. C. Sasser,	Engrossing Secretary	19	6.00	114.00
Mrs. Ruth Roberts,	Head Stenographer	19	6.00	114.00