

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Monday, June 18, 1945

The Senate convened at 2:00 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment on Thursday, June 14, 1945.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President	Bryant	Griner	Moon
Ausley	Carroll	Johns	Perdue
Barringer	Clarke	Johnson	Riddle
Baynard	Coleman 13th	King 7th	Sanchez
Beacham	Coleman 28th	King 27th	Shands
Black	Davis	Lewis	Sturgis
Boyle	Fraser 29th	Lindler	Thomas
Brackin	Fraser 31st	Mathews	Wilson
Branch	Gray	McArthur	

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A quorum present.

Senators McKenzie and Sheldon were excused from attendance upon the session.

The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain:

"O Thou Great Shepherd, that leadest Thy people like a flock, lead us this day. We shrink back but for Thee. The tasks are so great, and we are so small. The burdens are so heavy, and we are so weak. Let Thy Heavenly Spirit sustain us with Thy power, making us to be not unworthy sons of our fathers, so that, like them, we may have an outlook toward the best. Help us to take seriously Thy unfailing promises. Save us from superstition. Give us the attitude of soul that sings, 'My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.' Amen."

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of Thursday, June 14, 1945, was corrected and as corrected was approved.

Senator Mathews arose to a point of personal privilege and addressed the Senate as follows:

In accordance with my promise to pay my respects to the Senator from the 3rd, I wish to make the following observations:

It was my original intention to have considerable to say about him for charging me on the floor of the Senate with having inserted in the Journal, without authority, the speech I made as a part of another speech. Under the circumstances, however, I recognize that good men make erroneous statements and when I reflect back on my own life and realize that I have made many mistakes, and will probably make many more, I will have nothing further to say about the incident.

I, at one time, thought I would have something to say about ministers in general entering politics. I had some difficulty in ascertaining whether or not the Senator from the 3rd is a shouting Methodist or a shouting Baptist. Then I reflected upon my own religious situation and realized that I am supposed to be a shouting Methodist. As a reminder of that, I spent 4 long years at Emory University sitting at the feet of the greatest Statesman Southern Methodism has ever produced—Bishop Warren A. Candler—and listened to the words of wisdom as they came from his venerate lips. I reflected also upon the fact that many of the young Methodist preachers of Georgia and Florida have gotten their initial training from Bishop Candler and felt that when they died they must go to him for a little while before going on to the Pearly Gates. Then I reflected again upon my own convictions about religion and the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own individual consciences and that one of the foundation stones of the American Government is separation of Church and State, so I decided this would be an unappropriate subject to discuss concerning the Senator from the 3rd.

In addition to these thoughts, he told me personally that he did not make his living preaching the Gospel but made it from teaching school. I could not help but think of the remarks I had made on the floor of the Senate concerning this

important subject—that any one who devotes his life to the rearing and training of American boys and girls is rendering the greatest public service. I also reflected on the fact that in my early manhood I spent 3 whole years in this work as a teacher of boys and girls.

I have therefore concluded that I have no words of criticism or condemnation to direct at the Senator from the 3rd.

Senator Ausley moved that the foregoing remarks made by Senator Mathews be spread upon the Journal.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Tallahassee, Florida, June 18, 1945.

Hon. Walter W. Rose,
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 Messrs. Fuqua of Manatee and Roberts of Brevard—

H. B. No. 7-X—A bill to be entitled An Act amending Section 10.03, Florida Statutes, 1941, relating to apportionment of members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature by making such apportionment according to the State Census of 1945, and fixing the effective date thereof.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,
LAMAR BLEDSOE,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 7-X, contained in the above Message, was read the first time by title only and placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, June 18, 1945.

Hon. Walter W. Rose,
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 Members Nilsson and Walker of Volusia, Burwell and Stirling of Broward, McDonald and Holland of Hillsborough, Carlton and Crews of Duval, Okell, Oelkers and Peters of Dade, Baker, Clement and Harris of Pinellas, Rivers of Clay, Stewart of Hendry, Ingraham of DeSoto, Bronson of Osceola, Saunders of St. Lucie, Wotitzky of Charlotte, Bollinger and Elliott of Palm Beach, Cobb of Orange, Collins of Sarasota, Crary of Martin, Curtis of Marion, Ferran and Sellar of Lake, Fuqua and Ray of Manatee, Hardin, Murray and Smith of Polk, Jenkins of Alachua, Kelly of Collier, MacWilliam of Indian River, Mann and Smith of Seminole, Papy of Monroe, Shepherd and Turner of St. Johns.

House Memorial No. 1-X:

A Memorial to the Senate of the State of Florida requesting that it perform its constitutional duty by re-apportioning the representation of the Senate of the State of Florida as required by Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,
LAMAR BLEDSOE,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 1-X, contained in the above Message, was read the first time in full.

Senator Beacham moved that the rules be waived and House Memorial No. 1-X be read the second time in full and put upon its adoption.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Memorial No. 1-X was read the second time in full.

The question was put upon the adoption of the Memorial.

Pending adoption of House Memorial No. 1-X Senator Ausley moved that the further consideration thereof be informally passed until 11:00 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, June 19, 1945.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Senator Gray moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to and the Senate stood adjourned at 2:42 o'clock P. M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, June 19, 1945.