

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Beginning the thirty-fourth Biennial Session of the Legislature of the State of Florida, under the Constitution of the State, A. D., 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday the seventh day of April, A. D., 1953, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the convening of the Legislature.

Tuesday, April 7, 1953

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The Senate convened at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, and was called to order by Senator Wallace E. Sturgis, President of the Senate.

By direction of the President, the Secretary of the Senate called the roll of the hold-over members of the Senate in numerical order of Senatorial Districts and the following answered to their names:

Senator Philip D. Beall—2nd District.
Senator Amos Lewis—4th District.
Senator Dewey M. Johnson—6th District.
Senator LeRoy Collins—8th District.
Senator W. T. Davis—10th District.
Senator Evans Crary—12th District.
Senator J. Wofford Lindler—14th District.
Senator A. G. McArthur—16th District.
Senator Wayne E. Ripley—18th District.
Senator Wallace E. Sturgis—20th District.
Senator S. D. Clarke—22nd District.
Senator James A. Franklin—24th District.
Senator B. C. Pearce—26th District.
Senator E. William Gautier—28th District.
Senator George W. Leaird—30th District.
Senator W. A. Shands—32nd District.
Senator John Branch—34th District.
Senator F. Onell Rogells—36th District.
Senator George C. Dayton—38th District.

The Secretary of the Senate announced that the Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, had certified to the election of certain Senators at the General Election on the 4th day of November, A. D., 1952, and that the certificate of the Secretary of State had been received.

By direction of the President, the Secretary of the Senate called the roll of the newly-elected Senators in numerical order of Senatorial Districts as certified to the Senate by the Secretary of State and the following answered to their names:

Senator Woodrow M. Melvin—1st District.
Senator H. B. Douglas—3rd District.
Senator C. H. Bourke Floyd—5th District.
Senator Harry E. King—7th District.
Senator James E. Connor—9th District.
Senator J. Frank Houghton—11th District.
Senator R. B. Gautier—13th District.
Senator Charley E. Johns—15th District.
Senator J. Graham Black—17th District.
Senator J. B. Rodgers, Jr.—19th District.
Senator W. Randolph Hodges—21st District.
Senator J. Ed Baker—23rd District.
Senator George G. Tapper—25th District.
Senator Doyle E. Carlton, Jr.—27th District.
Senator Edwin G. Fraser—29th District.
Senator Verle A. Pope—31st District.
Senator Irlo Bronson—33rd District.
Senator Russell O. Morrow—35th District.
Senator Lloyd F. Boyle—37th District.

The oath of office was then administered to the newly-elected Senators by the Honorable B. K. Roberts, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

The roll of the Senate, as constituted, was then called by the Secretary and the following members of the Senate answered to their names:

Senators Baker, Beall, Black, Boyle, Branch, Bronson, Carlton, Clarke, Collins, Connor, Crary, Davis, Dayton, Douglas, Floyd, Franklin, Fraser, Gautier (28th.), Gautier (13th.), Hodges, Houghton, Johns, Johnson, King, Leaird, Lewis, Lindler, McArthur, Melvin, Morrow, Pearce, Pope, Ripley, Rodgers, Rogells, Shands, Sturgis, Tapper — 38.

A quorum of the Senate was announced.

Prayer was offered by the Senate Chaplain, Reverend W. E. Hall of Starke, Florida.

The Senate then proceeded to the organization of the Body for the 1953 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Senator Clarke presented the name of Senator Charley E. Johns of the 15th Senatorial District to be President of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Senator Fraser seconded the nomination of Senator Johns to be President of the Senate.

Senator Davis moved that the nominations be closed.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

The question was put and upon call of the roll on the election of Senator Johns the vote was:

Yeas—37.

Mr. President	Connor	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Crary	Houghton	Pope
Beall	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Black	Dayton	King	Rodgers
Boyle	Douglas	Leaird	Rogells
Branch	Floyd	Lewis	Shands
Bronson	Franklin	Lindler	Tapper
Carlton	Fraser	McArthur	
Clarke	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	
Collins	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	

Nays—None

Senator Johns not voting.

And Senator Johns was elected President of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Senator Rogells moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the newly-elected President to the rostrum of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

Senator Sturgis, the retiring President, appointed Senators Rogells, Clarke and Lewis as the committee.

The newly-elected President was escorted by the committee to the rostrum where he was received with due courtesy by the retiring President.

Senator Dayton moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort Mrs. Charley E. Johns, wife of the newly-elected President of the Senate, to a seat on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The retiring President appointed Senators Dayton, Ripley and Johnson as the committee.

The committee escorted Mrs. Johns to the rostrum where she was received courteously by the retiring President and seated beside the newly-elected President.

Senator Shands moved that a committee be appointed to escort Mrs. A. M. Pettit, mother of the newly-elected President of the Senate, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The retiring President appointed Senators Shands, Beall and Davis as the committee, and Mrs. Pettit was duly escorted to the rostrum.

Senator Gautier (28th) moved that a committee be appointed to escort Miss Markleyann Johns, Mr. Jerome Johns, Mrs. A. J. Williams and Miss Gloria Johns, daughter, son, sister and niece, respectively, of the newly-elected President, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The retiring President appointed Senators Gautier (28th), Fraser and Rodgers as the committee and Miss Markleyann Johns, Mr. Jerome Johns, Mrs. Williams and Miss Gloria Johns were escorted to the rostrum.

Mr. Chief Justice Roberts, thereupon administered the oath of office to Senator Johns as President of the Senate.

Senator Sturgis, the retiring President, presented the newly-elected and sworn President of the Senate to the Body and surrendered to him the Senate Gavel.

President Charley E. Johns addressed the Senate as follows:

My fellow Senators, Mr. Chief Justice Roberts, my wife, my mother, my son and daughter, my niece, fellow citizens and friends:

No mortal man could but be filled with gratitude for the great honor you have bestowed upon me today, nor could he fail to have a great personal sense of pride in his selection to serve as President of the Senate of the great State of Florida. My natural feeling of exaltation is tempered by a spirit of humility and a realization of my own limitations to adequately perform the duties of this office.

Today marks for me the attainment of a goal which has ever been before me during my service in the Legislature. It is known to some of you that my dearly beloved brother, Everett Markley Johns, had the honor of serving the people of the Fifteenth Senatorial District for many years, and had been designated as President of this Senate for the 1933 Session. His untimely death before the convening of the Session left not only a lasting sorrow but a cherished ambition in my heart that God willing some day I might be permitted to serve in the office which I know he would have filled so ably and so well.

I want to take this means to again thank you, my fellow Senators for bestowing honor upon honor by passing the resolution at the last Session of the Senate to allow his portrait to be hung on the wall of this Senate Chamber along with those of other Presidents of the Senate. I am also proud that my niece Gloria Johns, my brother's daughter, can be here on the rostrum with me today.

I owe my elevation to this office to you, my fellow colleagues, I owe a lot to my wife and mother for being ever by my side encouraging me when I would despair. I have the finest wife and the best mother that a man could ever have.

I had begun to think that the office of President of the Senate was a "jinx" to my family as I have had two very narrow escapes since having been designated President of the Senate, but with God's willingness and help, I have pulled through them and I know that our Father in Heaven is going to give me a guiding hand and furnish me strength to carry on for the next sixty days.

I first came to the Legislature to serve the people of Bradford County in the House of Representatives during the 1935 Session. In 1937 the good people of the Fifteenth Senatorial

District did me the honor of electing me to the Senate and it has been my privilege to serve them in that capacity since that time, except for the '41 and '43 Sessions.

I am indeed grateful for my many friends from Bradford and Union Counties and from other parts of the State who are here today to see me elevated to this high office.

During the years of my service it has been a constant source of pleasure and inspiration to be associated with the members of this body, and the source of many cherished friendships and associations which I will always treasure. I am fully cognizant of the handicap under which I will labor in succeeding the many able and learned Parliamentarians who have served you in the past, and particularly the model presiding officer who is my immediate predecessor.

I realize that the prerogatives of this office are widespread and most powerful and if not properly used could result in great and lasting abuse of power. I pledge you here and now such will never be my purpose. It will always be my goal to wield the gavel of authority with honesty, fairness and impartiality. In the days to come in all probability I will make mistakes, but I bespeak your compassion and charitable consideration for whatever errors I commit, assuring you now that they will be due to mistaken judgment and not intention. If at any time the decisions of the chair are incorrect or subject to criticism for any reason, I earnestly urge each of you to bring same to my attention in order that prompt correction can be made.

I want to assure you that my every effort will be to cooperate with you in rendering thoughtful, devoted and impartial service to all of the people of Florida, as I have always found your first interest to be the welfare, progress, prosperity, and happiness for the people of Florida. I want to congratulate the people of Florida for sending the type men you are to represent them in the State Senate.

I want to ask each of you to join with me in running an efficient and economical Senate, holding down our expenses at all times. I hope that we can have a working Senate that will be willing to hold afternoon sessions in order to keep our calendar clear since there is not a Senator present with previous service who has not had important Legislation die on the Senate calendar because he could not get his Bill up for consideration.

I know that you join in my confidence that this will be a working Senate, and that all routine matters will be given prompt attention so there will be plenty of time remaining for thoughtful and thorough consideration of the many pressing and serious needs of our state including adequate funds for education, a cost of living increase for all state employees in the lower brackets, an adequate raise in the pay of our school teachers . . . remembering always, that the cost of living has increased greatly in the past two years, and there is every prospect of further increase in the next two years.

This applies with equal force to the necessity for more adequate old age assistance, the cutting of as much red tape as possible and easing the many restrictions that confront our aged people when they make application for their pensions. I also strongly urge you to defeat the bill that is going to be sponsored by the State Welfare Board to put a lien on the homestead of the citizens of Florida who draw old age assistance. If, at the end of this session of the Florida Legislature, we can return to our homes feeling that we have done our full duty to the old silver haired people of our state, we will indeed have had a successful session.

Let us exercise the strictest economy in all functions of government so that the burden of taxation shall not be increased . . . striving to meet any necessary increase in any appropriation with an equal saving in the less necessary things.

Ours is a growing state and we have progressive people. With the millions of tourists who visit our hospitable state each year, and with the natural increase in revenue which follows a growing state development, much can be done without adding to the burden of the taxpayer.

We all agree and want to assist in the efficient and economical operation of our state government and I feel

that we can consolidate numerous boards, bureaus, and commissions thereby reducing the costs of government by many thousands of dollars. In this regard I make no specific recommendation, but earnestly suggest that such matters be given your careful consideration.

I feel that a Senate investigation committee should be appointed with full power to investigate every phase of our government . . . and the gambling and rackets of our State . . . with sufficient appropriation for the committee to do an efficient job and report back at the next session of the Senate all matters pertaining to the administration of our State departments, bureaus, commissions, boards, State institutions and agencies . . . which are legion in number . . . which are ever increasing power and bureaucratic trends.

To me it seems that a firm but a friendly hand of the elected Representative of the people is necessary to restrain bureaucratic trends in our government. A continued study and report to our next Legislature will be a further step in the right direction.

You gentlemen who compose the Senate have played a large part in making our Government sound, economical and efficient. In private life each of you is a leader in his own field. We must set a real example in Democratic Government to make Democracy work so that each man has freedom of thought, religion and opportunity. Everything done for right through moral conviction and for the betterment of our fellowman makes for a strong and united people. Everywhere a burden can be justly lightened, let us lighten it.

Fairness in our Government, to our people and our God is demanded of each of us. Let us give it in full measure for the people we represent, the State we love, and for our Country which is the hope of free men everywhere.

The tremendous tasks which confront us and the comparatively limited time in which we have to perform them, necessitates that the greater part of our labors be performed by committees. The Senate as a whole in many instances will accept the considered judgment and recommendation of these committees as to the worth of proposed legislation which has been referred to them. In the selection of the committees for the 1953 Session your President has been fortunate in having available a wealth of splendid material. So far as possible I have endeavored to assign the several Senators to the committees of their choice. If this has not been done in every instance, I am sure you will appreciate the difficulties facing me in trying to appoint a particular committee which will be representative of the Senate as a whole.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to the Senate and House Appropriation Committee for the wonderful job that they have done on the Appropriation Bill, and it is my earnest desire that we consider this Appropriation Bill in the early days of the Session so that we will be able to devote our time to other important matters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our able and efficient Secretary of the Senate, Bob Davis, and his staff for their efforts in getting the Senate organized and running smoothly. I want to thank our able, efficient and courteous Sergeant-at-Arms, Leroy Adkison and his entire staff for the wonderful job they have done in getting the Senate chamber, and the Senators' offices furnished, and it is my understanding that he even had to go to the Federal Government to borrow sufficient furniture to furnish your offices.

May I at this time, on behalf of my fellow Senators and myself express our appreciation for the many and beautiful floral tributes which adorn the Senate chamber and the desks of the Senators. These evidences of the cordial feelings and good wishes of the Capital City and our friends throughout the State toward the Legislature are most heartwarming.

I conclude these remarks with this thought: May our deliberations be conducted in the true spirit of friendship and co-operation, in an earnest desire to arrive at that goal which is the aim of us all—sound, honest and efficient Government. May an all wise Providence guide and direct us in all that we do. As for myself, the highest reward I could hope to receive would be that when I raise this gavel and sound the sine die adjournment of the 1953 Session, each of you, my friends and fellow Senators, can truthfully say to yourselves "well done, Mr. President."

Senator Gautier (13th) placed in nomination the name of Senator George W. Leaird of the 30th Senatorial District to be President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

The question was put and Senator Leaird was unanimously elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate by a rising vote of the members.

Senator Tapper moved that a committee be appointed to escort the newly-elected President Pro Tempore to a seat on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Tapper, Gautier (13th) and Crary as the committee and Senator Leaird, the President Pro Tempore, was escorted to the rostrum.

Senator Franklin moved that a committee be appointed to escort Mrs. George W. Leaird, wife of the newly-elected President Pro Tempore, to a seat on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Franklin, Pearce and Branch as the committee and Mrs. Leaird was escorted to the rostrum.

Senator Sturgis moved that a committee be appointed to escort the Misses Linda and Vickie Leaird, daughters of the newly-elected President Pro Tempore, to seats on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Sturgis, Shands and Gautier (28th) as the committee, and the Misses Linda and Vickie Leaird were escorted to the rostrum.

Senator Pope placed in nomination the name of Robt. W. Davis to be Secretary of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

The question was put and upon call of the roll on the election of Robt. W. Davis the vote was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	Connor	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Crary	Houghton	Pope
Beall	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Black	Dayton	King	Rodgers
Boyle	Douglas	Leaird	Rogells
Branch	Floyd	Lewis	Shands
Bronson	Franklin	Lindler	Sturgis
Carlton	Fraser	McArthur	Tapper
Clarke	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	
Collins	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	

Nays—None

So Robt. W. Davis was elected Secretary of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Chief Justice Roberts thereupon administered the oath of office to Robt. W. Davis as Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Davis placed in nomination the name of LeRoy Adkison to be Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

The question was put and upon call of the roll on the election of LeRoy Adkison the vote was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	Connor	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Crary	Houghton	Pope
Beall	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Black	Dayton	King	Rodgers
Boyle	Douglas	Leaird	Rogells
Branch	Floyd	Lewis	Shands
Bronson	Franklin	Lindler	Sturgis
Carlton	Fraser	McArthur	Tapper
Clarke	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	
Collins	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	

Nays—None

So LeRoy Adkison was elected Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Chief Justice Roberts thereupon administered the oath of office to LeRoy Adkison as Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate.

Senator Black moved that Miss Kate Inman be named Reading Secretary of the Senate.

Which was agreed to and Miss Kate Inman was named Reading Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Collins moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform His Excellency that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to the business of the Session awaiting any message he may wish to convey to the Body.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Collins, Rogells and Branch as the committee.

The committee withdrew.

Senator Bronson moved that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the Session.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Bronson, Tapper and Melvin as the committee.

The committee withdrew.

Senator King moved that the Rules of the 1951 Regular Session be adopted to govern the Senate until such time as the Committee on Rules and Calendar may report Rules for the 1953 Session and the same may be adopted by the Senate.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Senator Baker moved that the flowers and floral arrangements which had been so thoughtfully and generously contributed to the members of the Senate for the beautification of the Chamber on the opening day be given to the patients of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Tallahassee, with the permission of the respective Senators.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Messrs. Floyd of Dade, Pittman of Santa Rosa, and Mahon of Duval, appeared at the Bar of the Senate and notified the Body that the House of Representatives was duly organized and ready to proceed with the business of the Session.

The committee withdrew.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor appeared at the Bar of the Senate and reported to the President that its duty had been performed and that the Governor requested the committee to convey the following message to the Senate:

STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TALLAHASSEE
April 7, 1953

Honorable Charley E. Johns
President of the Senate
State Capitol

Dear Mr. President:

I regret that it is impossible for me to address your honorable body in person. I have therefore asked the Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, to present my message to the Legislature in joint session. Subject to your concurrence, I suggest three o'clock this afternoon, April seventh.

Cordially and sincerely,

DAN McCARTY,
Governor.

Whereupon the Committee was discharged.

The Committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate appeared at the Bar of the Senate and reported that its duty had been performed.

Whereupon the committee was discharged.

Senator Morrow moved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to write the Chief Executive expressing the regrets of the Senate in his illness and wishing him Godspeed in his recovery and return to duty, and assuring him that the Senate wishes to cooperate in any way possible to assist him in his administration.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 7, 1953

Hon. Charley E. Johns,
President of the Senate.
Sir:

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

By Mr. Cobb of Volusia—

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6:

A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 3:00 O'CLOCK, P.M., APRIL 7, 1953.

WHEREAS, His Excellency Dan McCarty, Governor of Florida, has expressed a desire that his message be communicated to the Legislature of Florida in joint session on this day, Tuesday, April 7, 1953, at 3:00 o'clock, P.M.;

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

That the House of Representatives and Senate convene in joint session in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 3:00 o'clock, P.M. this day, April 7, 1953, for the purpose of receiving His Excellency's message.

—and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, contained in the above message, was read the first time in full.

Senator King moved that the rules be waived and House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 be read the second time in full and put upon its adoption.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was read the second time in full.

The question was put on the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was adopted and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives immediately, by waiver of the rule.

Senator King moved that the Senate recess until 2:45 o'clock P. M., this day.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate recessed at 1:45 o'clock P. M., until 2:45 o'clock P. M., this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 2:45 o'clock P. M., pursuant to recess order.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President	Connor	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Crary	Houghton	Pope
Beall	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Black	Dayton	King	Rodgers
Boyle	Douglas	Leaird	Rogells
Branch	Floyd	Lewis	Shands
Bronson	Franklin	Lindler	Sturgis
Carlton	Fraser	McArthur	Tapper
Clarke	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	
Collins	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	

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A quorum present.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 the Senate formed in processional order and marched in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives in the order of length of service as Senators, preceded by the President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who were preceded by the Secretary of the Senate, the way being opened to the hall of the House of Representatives for the Senators by the Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate.

The House of Representatives received the Senate in due form.

Honorable Farris Bryant, Speaker of the House of Representatives, received the President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate on the rostrum and requested the President preside over the joint assembly.

The President in the Chair.

By direction of the President, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives called the roll of the House of Representatives and the following members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker	Darby	Land	Saunders
Akridge	David	Mahon	Shaffer
Alexander	Dekle	Marshburn	W. O. Sheppard
J. E. Andrews	Dowda	Mashburn	C. E. Shepperd
J. F. Andrews	Dukes	McAlpin	S. C. Smith
Atkinson	Duncan	McFarland	S. N. Smith
Ayres	Elliott	McFarlin	Stewart
Ballinger	Fascell	McLaren	Stimmell
Bartholomew	Fee	Medlock	Stokes
Bedenbaugh	Floyd	Mitts	Stratton
Bollinger	Fuqua	Moody	Surles
Boyd	Getzen	Morgan	Sweeny
Burke	Gibbons	Murray	Turlington
Burton	Gleaton	Okell	Usina
Burwell	Griffin	Papy	Varn
Campbell	Griner	Patton	Washburne
Cleveland	Hathaway	Edna Pearce	Webb
Cobb	Inman	Moody Pearce	Westberry
Conner	Jernigan	Peeples	G. W. Williams
Cook	Johnson	Petersen	J. R. Williams
Costin	Jones	Pittman	D. A. Williams
Crews	Keezel	Pruitt	Zelmenovitz
Cross	Knight	Roberts	
Crowder	Lancaster	Rood	

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A quorum of the House of Representatives was declared present.

By direction of the President, the Secretary of the Senate called the roll of the Senate and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President	Branch	Connor	Floyd
Baker	Bronson	Crary	Franklin
Beall	Carlton	Davis	Fraser
Black	Clarke	Dayton	Gautier (28th)
Boyle	Collins	Douglas	Gautier (13th)

Hodges	Lewis	Pearce	Shands
Houghton	Lindler	Pope	Sturgis
Johnson	McArthur	Ripley	Tapper
King	Melvin	Rodgers	
Leaird	Morrow	Rogells	

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A quorum of the Senate was declared present.

The President announced a quorum of the joint assembly present.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Lee W. Davidson, Jr., Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker in the Chair.

Honorable Richard H. Simpson and Honorable Perry E. Murray were called to the rostrum where the Speaker presented to them plaques from the St. Petersburg Times in recognition of their outstanding service to the State of Florida as members of the House of Representatives of the 1951 Legislature selected by Legislative correspondents and newspaper editors.

The President of the Senate in the Chair.

Senator Baynard, former member of the Senate from the 11th Senatorial District, was called to the rostrum where the President of the Senate presented to him a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service to the State of Florida as "the most valuable member of the Senate" of the 1951 Legislature selected by Legislative correspondents and newspaper editors in a poll conducted by the St. Petersburg Times.

Senator Sturgis moved that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate and House of Representatives were now in joint session assembled and ready to receive His Excellency's message.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Moody of Hillsborough, Boyd of Lake, and Morgan of Duval, on the part of the House of Representatives, and Senators Sturgis and Carlton on the part of the Senate, as the committee.

The committee withdrew.

Senator Crary moved that a committee of five members of the Joint Session, composed of three Representatives and two Senators, be appointed to escort Mrs. Dan McCarty and son, Danny, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Ayers of Marion, Land of Orange and Fee of St. Lucie, and Senators Crary of the 12th District and Morrow of the 35th District, as the committee, and Mrs. McCarty and son, Danny, were escorted to the rostrum where they were presented by the President to the Joint Assembly.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor reappeared in the hall of the House of Representatives escorting Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State; Honorable Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General; Honorable Clarence M. Gay, Comptroller; Honorable J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer; Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture; Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, Superintendent of Public Instruction; constituting the Cabinet of the State of Florida.

The Cabinet was received by the Joint Assembly standing, and the committee was discharged.

The Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, was presented to the Joint Assembly and, in the absence of His Excellency, Governor Dan McCarty, delivered the Governor's message and recommendations to the Legislature of Florida.

Senator King of the 7th Senatorial District moved that the Senate withdraw from the joint assembly and resume its session in the Senate Chamber.

Which was agreed to.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber in processional order and resumed its session at 4:17 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. President	Connor	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Crary	Houghton	Pope
Beall	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Black	Dayton	King	Rodgers
Boyle	Douglas	Leaird	Rogells
Branch	Floyd	Lewis	Shands
Bronson	Franklin	Lindler	Sturgis
Carlton	Fraser	McArthur	Tapper
Clarke	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	
Collins	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	

A quorum present.

Senator King moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 4:19 o'clock P. M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 8, 1953.