

# EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

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Thursday, June 30, 1955

The Senate convened at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, June 29, 1955.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President	Clarke	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Connor	Houghton	Phillips
Barber	Douglas	Johns	Pope
Beall	Edwards	Johnson	Rawls
Black	Floyd	Kicklitter	Rodgers
Bronson	Fraser	King	Rood
Cabot	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	Stenstrom
Carlton	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	Stratton
Carraway	Getzen	Neblett	

—35.

A quorum present.

Senators Morgan, Shands and Tapper were excused from attendance upon the Session.

The following Prayer was offered by the Senate Chaplain, Reverend E. E. Snow:

O God, Thou hast taught us in Thy word that we must always do to others as we would have them do to us. We pray that Thou wilt cleanse our hands and hearts from all wrong that we may hurt nobody by word, deed, but be true in all our dealings in that place of service that is ours. Help us to do the things that are right that we may have the peace of a clear conscience.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, by whose providence the duties of men are variously ordered, grant to us all Thy Spirit that we may labor heartily to do the work well that is committed to us. Teach us to put to good account whatever talents Thou hast given us, and enable us to redeem our time by steadfast patience and zeal. We ask it all through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Senate daily Journal of Wednesday, June 29, 1955, was corrected and as corrected was approved.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Communication from the Governor was received and read:

STATE OF FLORIDA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
TALLAHASSEE

June 29, 1955

Honorable W. Turner Davis  
President of the Senate  
Capitol Building  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. President:

I would like the privilege of addressing a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives on Thursday, June 30, concerning the problem of apportionment now before the Legislature.

I suggest the time of 12:10 p.m., if the same is agreeable to you and the other members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,  
LeROY COLLINS  
Governor

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 30, 1955.

The Honorable W. T. Davis,  
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. Okell of Dade—

H. C. R. No. 12-X—

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING THE HONORABLE LeROY COLLINS, GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

Section 1. That the Honorable LeRoy Collins, Governor of the state of Florida, is invited to address a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives, now meeting in extraordinary session, at 12:10 p.m. on the 30th day of June, 1955, in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

—and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X, contained in the above message, was read the first time in full.

Senator Melvin moved that the rules be waived and House Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X 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. 12-X was read the second time in full.

The question was put on the adoption of the Concurrent Resolution.

Which was agreed to and House Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X was adopted and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives immediately, by waiver of the rule.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X, the Senate formed in processional order and marched in a body to the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the order of their services as Senators, preceded by the President of the Senate, who was 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.

Honorable Ted David, Speaker of the House of Representatives, received the President of the Senate on the rostrum and requested him to 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	Costin	Land	Saunders
Alexander	Crews	Livingston	Shaffer
Allen	Cross	Mahon	Sheppard
Andrews	Dickinson	Maness	Shipp
Arrington	Dukes	Marshburn	Smith, S. C.
Ballinger	Duncan	McAlpin	Smith, S. N., Jr.
Bartholomew	Gibbons	Merritt	Stewart, C. D.
Beasley	Gleaton	Moody	Stewart, E. L.
Beck	Griffin	Murray	Surles
Belser	Grimes	Musselman	Sweeny
Bishop	Hathaway	Okell	Tillett
Bodiford	Herrell	Orr	Usina
Boyd	Hopkins	Papy	Varn
Brewer	Horne	Patton	Webb
Bryant	Inman	Peeples	Weinstein
Burton	Jernigan	Petersen	Williams, G. W.
Carmine	Johnson,	Pittman	Williams,
Chaires	C. R., Jr.	Pratt	J. R. A.
Chappell	Johnson, Tom	Pruitt	Williams,
Cleveland	Jones, D. C., Jr.	Putnal	V. A., Jr.
Cobb	Jones, E. B.	Revelle	Youngberg
Coleman	Jones, O. W.	Roberts, E. S.	Zelmenovitz
Conner	Knight	Roberts, H. W.	
Cook	Lancaster	Rowell	

—91.

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	Clarke	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Connor	Houghton	Phillips
Barber	Douglas	Johns	Pope
Beall	Edwards	Johnson	Rawls
Black	Floyd	Kickliter	Rodgers
Bronson	Fraser	King	Rood
Cabot	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	Stenstrom
Carlton	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	Stratton
Carraway	Getzen	Neblett	

—35.

A quorum of the Senate was declared present.

The President announced a quorum of the joint assembly present.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Oliver Carmichael.

Senator Pope moved that a Committee be appointed to inform His Excellency, LeRoy Collins, Governor of Florida, that the Joint Session of the Legislature was assembled and ready to receive his Message.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Zelmenovitz of Okeechobee, Musselman of Broward and Hopkins of Escambia as the committee on the part of the House of Representatives; and Senators Pope and Carlton on the part of the Senate, as the committee.

The committee reappeared in the Chamber of the House of Representatives escorting Honorable LeRoy Collins, Governor of Florida.

Governor Collins was received by the joint assembly standing and was escorted to the rostrum.

Governor Collins was presented to the Body by the President of the Senate and addressed the joint assembly.

At the conclusion of Governor Collins' address, he was escorted to his office by the committee previously appointed by the President. The committee was then discharged.

Senator Melvin moved that the joint session dissolve and the Senators resume their session in the Senate Chamber.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber in processional order and resumed its session at 12:32 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. President	Clarke	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Connor	Houghton	Pope
Barber	Douglas	Johns	Rawls
Beall	Edwards	Johnson	Rodgers
Black	Floyd	Kickliter	Rood
Bronson	Fraser	King	Stenstrom
Cabot	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	Stratton
Carlton	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	
Carraway	Getzen	Neblett	

—34.

A quorum present.

Senator Phillips was excused from further attendance upon the session.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55):

A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO ATTACHES.

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

Section 1. That the employment of a personal secretary by each senator be discontinued on Friday, July 1, 1955, for the duration of the extraordinary session of the legislature.

Section 2. That a pool of not more than twelve (12) secretaries be established and made available for furnishing secretarial assistance to Senators during the remainder of the extraordinary session.

Was taken up and read in full.

Pending consideration of Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55), Senator Rodgers moved that the rules be waived and the time of adjournment be extended until final disposition of Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55).

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

Senator Gautier (13th) offered the following amendment to Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55):

Strike out Section 2 of said Resolution.

A roll call was demanded.

Upon call of the roll on the motion made by Senator Gautier (13th), the vote was:

Yeas—26.

Mr. President	Carraway	Hodges	Pearce
Baker	Clarke	Houghton	Pope
Barber	Douglas	Kickliter	Rodgers
Beall	Edwards	King	Rood
Bronson	Gautier (28th)	Melvin	Stenstrom
Cabot	Gautier (13th)	Morrow	
Carlton	Getzen	Neblett	

Nays—8.

Black	Floyd	Johns	Rawls
Connor	Fraser	Johnson	Stratton

So the amendment was adopted.

The question was put on the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55), as amended, which reads as follows:

Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55)—

A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO ATTACHES.

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

Section 1. That the employment of a personal secretary by each senator be discontinued on Friday, July 1, 1955, for the duration of the extraordinary session of the legislature.

Which was agreed to and Senate Resolution No. 14-X(55), as amended, was adopted and was referred to the Secretary of the Senate as Ex Officio Engrossing Clerk, for engrossing.

Senator Melvin moved that the rules be waived and when the Senate adjourns at this session it adjourn to reconvene at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, Friday, July 1, 1955.

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

The hour of adjournment having arrived, a point of order was called and the Senate stood adjourned at 1:09 o'clock, P. M., until 12:00 o'clock, Noon, Friday, July 1, 1955, pursuant to the motion made by Senator Melvin.