

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

At an extraordinary session of the Florida Legislature convened by proclamation of His Excellency, LeRoy Collins, hereinafter set forth, begun and held at the Capitol in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida.

Monday, June 6, 1955

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In pursuance of the Proclamation of Honorable LeRoy Collins, Governor of the State of Florida, the Senate met in Extraordinary Session at 2:00 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the President of the Senate, Honorable W. T. Davis; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Honorable George G. Tapper, and the Secretary of the Senate, Honorable Robt. W. Davis, being at their posts.

The Proclamation of the Governor convening the Legislature in Extraordinary Session was read to the Senate, as follows:

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature convened in regular session on April 5, 1955, has adjourned sine die without having reapportioned the representation in the Legislature, as required by Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution, viz.

For the House of Representatives:

"three (3) Representatives to each of the five most populous counties, and two (2) Representatives to each of the next eighteen more populous counties, and one Representative of each of the remaining counties of the State"

For the Senate:

"thirty-eight (38) Senatorial Districts, such Districts to be as nearly equal in population as practicable, but no county shall be divided in making such apportionment, and each district shall have one Senator;" and

WHEREAS, Said Section 3 of Article VII requires that, upon failure of the Legislature in regular session to reapportion the representation as required therein, the Governor shall call the Legislature together in extraordinary session to provide such reapportionment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LeROY COLLINS, AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, in obedience to the requirements of said Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution, do hereby call the duly elected and qualified Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Florida together in extraordinary session to be convened at two o'clock p. m., on June 6, A. D. 1955, to consider the question of reapportionment of the representation in the Legislature, as mandatorily required by said Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Governor and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be here-to affixed at Tallahassee, Florida, the Capital, on this June 3, A. D. 1955.

(Seal)

ATTEST:

R. A. GRAY
Secretary of State

LeROY COLLINS
Governor

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

Senator Woodrow M. Melvin—1st District

Senator Philip D. Beall—2nd District
Senator H. B. Douglas—3rd District
Senator John Rawls—4th District
Senator C. H. Bourke Floyd—5th District
Senator Dewey M. Johnson—6th District
Senator Harry E. King—7th District
Senator Wilson Carraway—8th District
Senator James E. (Nick) Connor—9th District
Senator W. T. Davis—10th District
Senator J. Frank Houghton—11th District
Senator Merrill P. Barber—12th District
Senator R. B. (Bunn) Gautier—13th District
Senator J. O. (Jack) Phillips—14th District
Senator Harry O. Stratton—16th District
Senator J. Graham Black—17th District
Senator Fletcher Morgan—18th District
Senator J. B. Rodgers, Jr.—19th District
Senator L. K. Edwards, Jr.—20th District
Senator W. Randolph Hodges—21st District
Senator S. D. Clarke—22nd District
Senator William R. Neblett—24th District
Senator George G. Tapper—25th District
Senator B. C. Pearce—26th District
Senator Doyle E. Carlton—27th District
Senator Edwin G. Fraser—29th District
Senator Ted Cabot—30th District
Senator Verle A. Pope—31st District
Senator W. A. Shands—32nd District
Senator Paul Kickliter—34th District
Senator Joe Bill Rood—36th District
Senator Douglas Stenstrom—37th District
Senator J. C. Getzen, Jr.—38th District
—33.

A quorum present.

Senators Johns, Baker, Gautier (28th), Bronson and Morrow were excused from attendance upon the Session.

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

Breathe upon us O Breath of God!

Hear our prayer this day. Hear and answer us in Mercy.

Spirit of the Living God, move in upon this Capital City of ours. Something is wrong! Move in Spirit of God and move it out.

Move in upon this Capitol Building, its corridors and offices. Move in upon our Governor's office. Move upon him and those who counsel with him. Guide him in his thinking. Bend his will, not to the Legislature, but to the will of God. Work on him, Spirit of the living God.

Spirit of God, move in upon our House of Representatives. Move in upon the Speaker. Guide him and those who counsel with him in their thinking. Move upon every Representative, guide them in their thinking. Bend their will, not to the will of the Governor, nor to the will of the Senate. Bend their will to the will of God. Work upon them, work on them, Spirit of the Living God.

Spirit of God, move in upon the Senate. Move in upon our President; guide him and those who counsel with him, in their thinking. Move in Spirit of the Living God, upon every Senator. Guide them in their thinking. Bend their will, not to the will of the Governor, nor to the will of the House of Representatives. Bend their will to the will of God. Work on them, work on them, Spirit and Will of the Living God.

Hear us Almighty God, hear us in mercy and answer our prayer. Amen.

Senator Douglas moved that the Prayers of the Chaplain be spread upon the daily Senate Journals.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Senator Tapper placed in nomination the name of Robt. W. Davis to be Secretary of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

Upon call of the roll on the election of Robt. W. Davis the vote was:

Yeas—33.

Mr. President	Douglas	Kickliter	Rodgers
Barber	Edwards	King	Rood
Beall	Floyd	Melvin	Shands
Black	Fraser	Morgan	Stenstrom
Cabot	Gautier (13th)	Neblett	Stratton
Carlton	Getzen	Pearce	Tapper
Carraway	Hodges	Phillips	
Clarke	Houghton	Pope	
Connor	Johnson	Rawls	

Nays—None.

So Robt. W. Davis was elected Secretary of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

The Honorable B. K. Roberts, Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, administered the oath of office to Robt. W. Davis, as Secretary of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

Senator Johnson placed in nomination the name of LeRoy Adkison to be Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

Upon call of the roll on the election of LeRoy Adkison the vote was:

Yeas—33.

Mr. President	Cabot	Connor	Fraser
Barber	Carlton	Douglas	Gautier (13th)
Beall	Carraway	Edwards	Getzen
Black	Clarke	Floyd	Hodges

Houghton	Morgan	Rawls	Stenstrom
Johnson	Neblett	Rodgers	Stratton
Kickliter	Pearce	Rood	Tapper
King	Phillips	Shands	
Melvin	Pope		

Nays—None.

So LeRoy Adkison was elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

Justice Roberts administered the oath of office to LeRoy Adkison, as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

Senator Rodgers moved that Miss Kate Inman be named Reading Secretary of the Senate for the Extraordinary Session.

The question was put.

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

Senator Pope moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform His Excellency that the Senate is duly organized in Extraordinary Session 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 Pope, Carlton and Stenstrom as the Committee.

The Committee withdrew.

Senator Morgan moved that a Committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is duly organized in Extraordinary Session and ready to proceed to the business for which the Session was called.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Morgan, Rood and Stratton as the Committee.

The Committee withdrew.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform His Excellency of the organization of the Senate appeared at the Bar of the Senate and reported to the President that its duty had been performed.

The Committee was then 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.

The Committee was then discharged.

A Committee from the House of Representatives, composed of Messrs. Knight of Calhoun, McAlpin of Hamilton, Revelle of Wakulla and Westberry of Duval appeared at the Bar of the Senate and stated that the House of Representatives was duly organized in Extraordinary Session and ready to proceed with the business of the Session.

The Committee withdrew.

Senator Melvin, Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, moved that the Rules of the 1955 Session be adopted to govern this Extraordinary Session of the Senate.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to and the Senate stood adjourned at 2:30 o'clock P. M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 7, 1955, pursuant to Senate Rule 14.