

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Wednesday, June 22, 1955

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The Senate convened at 10:45 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment on Saturday, June 18, 1955.

The President in the Chair.

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

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

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A quorum present.

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

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

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the ability and integrity of the members of our Florida Legislature and Governor. Yet they have been strangely unable to work out the problem of the re-apportioning of the representation in our Legislature.

We come to Thee this day confessing our failure. We confess our desperate need of Thy Spirit to guide. We ask forgiveness for our mistakes, our failures, our sins. We ask Thy forgiveness for our lack of ability and statesmanship to get together and solve our problem.

Hear us in Thy mercy today and help us to solve the problem before us. Amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Senate daily Journal of Saturday, June 18, 1955, was corrected and as corrected was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, Senator Melvin, on behalf of Senator Davis who was presiding, withdrew Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3-X(55) from the further consideration of the Senate.

CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3-X was taken up in its order and, by unanimous consent, the consideration thereof was informally passed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6-X(55) was taken up in its order and, by unanimous consent, the consideration thereof was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 9-X(55), with pending House Amendment thereto, was taken up in its order and, by unanimous consent, the consideration thereof was informally passed.

Senator Pope moved that the rules be waived and the hour for convening on Thursday, June 23, 1955, and on Friday, June 24, 1955, be fixed at 12:00 o'clock, Noon.

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

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 11:04 o'clock, A. M., until 12:00 o'clock, Noon, Thursday, June 23, 1955, pursuant to the motion made by Senator Pope.

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The Senate convened at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, June 22, 1955.

The President in the Chair.

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

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

—36.

A quorum present.

Senators Barber and Gautier (28th) were excused from attendance upon the Session.

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

Hear us, Almighty God, as we confess to Thee our desperate need of Thy Help. Grant that the deliberations of our Florida Legislature may be acceptable unto Thee this day. Help us to help ourselves, do our own part, remembering that even the Lord can best help those who help themselves.

We know that we are not worthy to call upon Thee. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art merciful. Grant us, gracious Lord, Thy Mercy and Thy forgiveness. Help us to bring our problems to Thee. We do have faith to believe that nothing is impossible with Thee. Bless the large group of boys with us today.

Hear us then, Merciful God, as we cry unto Thee in our distress and deliver us. Amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Senate daily Journal of Wednesday, June 22, 1955, was corrected and as corrected was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

By Senators Rodgers, Stenstrom, King, Carlton, Cabot, Pope and Rood—

Senate Resolution No. 11-X(55):

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 Saturday, June 25th, 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.

Which was read the first time in full and referred to the Committee on Legislative Management and Population.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 22, 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 passed—

By Mr. Cross of Alachua—

H. B. No. 9-X—A bill to be entitled An Act to apportion the representation in the Senate of the State of Florida; amending Section 10.01, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date November 6, 1956.

—and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 9-X, contained in the above message, was read the first time by title only.

Senator Shands moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 9-X be read the second time by title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 9-X was read the second time by title only.

Senator Houghton offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 9-X:

In Section 1, (typewritten bill) strike out Sub-section 2 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

(2) There shall be thirty-eight (38) senatorial districts in the State of Florida which shall be each represented in the Senate of the State of Florida by one (1) Senator, and be designated by numbers, and the said thirty-eight (38) districts shall be composed each of the counties mentioned and named after the respectively numbered districts as follows, to-wit:

First District—Santa Rosa County and Okaloosa County.

Second District—Escambia County.

Third District—Walton County, Holmes County and Washington County.

Fourth District—Jackson County.

Fifth District—Gulf County, Franklin County and Calhoun County.

Sixth District—Gadsden County.

Seventh District—Polk County.

Eighth District—Leon County.

Ninth District—Sarasota County.

Tenth District—Madison County and Taylor County.

Eleventh District—Pinellas County.

Twelfth District—St. Lucie County and Indian River County and Martin County.

Thirteenth District—Dade County.