

# EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

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Thursday, June 23, 1955

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.

Fourteenth District—Columbia County, Gilchrist County and Dixie County.

Fifteenth District—Clay County and Bradford County.

Sixteenth District—Nassau County, Baker County and Union County.

Seventeenth District—Suwannee County, Hamilton County and Lafayette County.

Eighteenth District—Duval County.

Nineteenth District—Orange County.

Twentieth District—Marion County.

Twenty-first District—Citrus County, Hernando County and Levy County.

Twenty-second District—Jefferson County, Wakulla County and Liberty County.

Twenty-third District—Lake County.

Twenty-fourth District—Monroe County.

Twenty-fifth District—Bay County.

Twenty-sixth District—Putnam county.

Twenty-seventh District—Hardee County, DeSoto County, Charlotte County and Glades County.

Twenty-eighth District—Volusia County.

Twenty-ninth District—Lee County, Hendry County and Collier County.

Thirtieth District—Broward County.

Thirty-first District—St. Johns County and Flagler County.

Thirty-second District—Alachua County.

Thirty-third District—Osceola County, Okeechobee County and Highlands County.

Thirty-fourth District—Hillsborough County.

Thirty-fifth District—Palm Beach County.

Thirty-sixth District—Manatee County.

Thirty-seventh District—Seminole County and Brevard County.

Thirty-eighth District—Pasco County and Sumter County.

Senator Houghton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to so the amendment failed of adoption.

Senators Shands and Johnson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 9-X:

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

(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 Senator, and be designated by numbers, and the said thirty-eight districts shall be composed each of the counties mentioned and named after the respective numbered districts as follows:

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—Liberty County, Franklin County, Gulf County and Calhoun County.

Sixth District—Gadsden County.

Seventh District—Polk County.

Eighth District—Leon County.

Ninth District—Pasco County and Hernando County.

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Twenty-first District—Levy County, Dixie County and Gilchrist County.

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Twenty-eighth District—Volusia County.

Twenty-ninth District—Charlotte County, Lee County, Hendry County and Collier County.

Thirtieth District—Broward County.

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Thirty-fourth District—Hillsborough County.

Thirty-fifth District—Palm Beach County.

Thirty-sixth District—Manatee County and Sarasota County.

Thirty-seventh District—Seminole County and Brevard County.

Thirty-eighth District—Citrus County and Sumter County.

(3) Those Senators holding over in office shall, during that part of their respective terms of office succeeding the sixth day of November, A. D., 1956, each be deemed and held to be the Senator representing the Senatorial district embracing the county in which he resides; provided, he shall not have removed his place of residence in the meantime from said Senatorial district.

(4) This section shall take effect on the sixth day of November, A.D., 1956, the same being the date of the next general election to be held in the State of Florida, at which election Senators to represent the odd-numbered districts as herein described shall be elected.

Senator Shands moved the adoption of the amendment.

A roll call was demanded.

Upon call of the roll on the motion made by Senator Shands, the vote was:

Yeas—20.

Mr. President	Beall	Bronson	Clarke
Baker	Black	Carraway	Connor

Douglas	Getzen	Johnson	Phillips
Edwards	Hodges	Melvin	Rawls
Fraser	Johns	Pearce	Stratton

Nays—15.

Cabot	Houghton	Morrow	Rood
Carlton	Kicklitter	Neblett	Stenstrom
Floyd	King	Pope	Tapper
Gautier (13th)	Morgan	Rodgers	

So the amendment was adopted.

#### PAIRING

The following Pair was announced by the Secretary in accordance with Senate Rule 12:

I am paired with Senator Gautier (28th) on the amendment to H. B. No. 9-X.

If he were present he would vote "No" and I would vote "Aye."

W. A. SHANDS,  
Senator 32nd District.

Senator Shands moved that the rules be further waived and House Bill No. 9-X, as amended, be read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 9-X, as amended, was read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 9-X, as amended, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—19.

Mr. President	Carraway	Fraser	Melvin
Baker	Clarke	Getzen	Pearce
Beall	Connor	Hodges	Rawls
Black	Douglas	Johns	Stratton
Bronson	Edwards	Johnson	

Nays—15.

Cabot	Houghton	Morrow	Rood
Carlton	Kicklitter	Neblett	Stenstrom
Floyd	King	Pope	Tapper
Gautier (13th)	Morgan	Rodgers	

So House Bill No. 9-X passed, as amended, and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives immediately, by waiver of the rule.

#### PAIRINGS

The following Pairs were announced by the Secretary in accordance with Senate Rule 12:

I am paired with Senator Barber on the passage of H. B. No. 9-X, as amended.

If he were present he would vote "No" and I would vote "Aye."

J. O. PHILLIPS,  
Senator 14th District.

I am paired with Senator Gautier (28th) on the passage of H. B. No. 9-X, as amended.

If he were present he would vote "No" and I would vote "Aye."

W. A. SHANDS,  
Senator 32nd District.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate recess until 4:00 o'clock, P. M., this day.

Which was agreed to and the Senate took a recess at 12:52 o'clock P. M., until 4:00 o'clock P. M., this day.

The Senate reconvened at 4:00 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	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.

Senator Carraway moved that the rules be waived and the Senate revert to the introduction of Resolutions.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By the Committee on Legislative Management and Population—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X(55):

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF SECRETARIES BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.**

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

That the employment of secretaries by members of the House of Representatives and the Senate be discontinued during the remainder of this extraordinary session effective Saturday, June 25th, 1955, except as to secretaries of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Which was read the first time in full.

Senator Carraway moved that the rules be waived and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X(55) be read the second time in full and put upon its adoption.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X(55) was read the second time in full.

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

Upon the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X(55) the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—30.

Mr. President	Douglas	Melvin	Rodgers
Baker	Edwards	Morgan	Rood
Beall	Fraser	Morrow	Shands
Bronson	Getzen	Neblett	Stenstrom
Cabot	Hodges	Pearce	Stratton
Carlton	Houghton	Phillips	Tapper
Carraway	Johns	Pope	
Clarke	Johnson	Rawls	

Nays—3.

Black                      Connor                      Floyd

So Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12-X(55) was adopted, and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives immediately, by waiver of the rule.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 23, 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 refused to concur in Senate Amendment to—

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.

Which amendment reads as follows:

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

(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 senator, and be designated by numbers, and the said thirty-eight districts shall be composed each of the counties mentioned and named after the respective numbered districts as follows:

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(4) This section shall take effect on the sixth day of November, A.D., 1956, the same being the date of the next general election to be held in the State of Florida, at which election senators to represent the odd-numbered districts as herein described shall be elected.

And respectfully requests the President of the Senate to appoint a Conference Committee on the part of the Senate to confer with a like Committee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjust the differences existing between the two bodies on the Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 9-X.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senator Melvin moved that the consideration of the foregoing message from the House of Representatives be temporarily postponed.

Pending consideration of the motion made by Senator Melvin, Senator Morrow moved as a substitute motion that the request of the House of Representatives for the appointment of a conference committee, as contained in the foregoing message, be granted.

The question was put on the substitute motion made by Senator Morrow.

A roll call was demanded.

Upon call of the roll on the substitute motion made by Senator Morrow, the vote was:

Yeas—13.

Bronson	Houghton	Neblett	Stenstrom
Cabot	King	Pope	
Carlton	Morgan	Rodgers	
Floyd	Morrow	Rood	

Nays—20

Mr. President	Clarke	Getzen	Pearce
Baker	Connor	Hodges	Phillips
Beall	Douglas	Johns	Rawls
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So the substitute motion made by Senator Morrow failed of adoption.

PAIRING

The following Pair was announced by the Secretary in accordance with Senate Rule 12:

I am paired with Senator Gautier (28th) on the motion made by Senator Morrow.

If he were present he would vote "aye" and I would vote "no."

W. A. SHANDS,  
Senator 32nd. District.

The question recurred on the motion made by Senator Melvin.

Which was agreed to and the consideration of the foregoing message from the House of Representatives was temporarily postponed.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate recess until 5:00 o'clock, P. M., this day.

Which was agreed to and the Senate took a recess at 4:13 o'clock P. M., until 5:00 o'clock P. M., this day.

The Senate reconvened at 5:00 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	Clarke	Houghton	Pearce
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A quorum present.

Senator Shands moved that the rules be waived and the Senate revert to the consideration of Messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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And respectfully requests the President of the Senate to appoint a Conference Committee on the part of the Senate to confer with a like Committee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjust the differences ex-

isting between the two bodies on the Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 9-X.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senator Shands moved that the request of the House of Representatives for the appointment of a Conference Committee, as contained in the foregoing message, be granted.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Johnson, Johns, Morgan,

Pearce and Rawls as the Committee on the part of the Senate to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjust the differences existing between the Senate and the House of Representatives on the Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 9-X, and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 5:36 o'clock P.M., until 12:00 o'clock, Noon, Friday, June 24, 1955, pursuant to the motion made by Senator Pope on June 22, 1955.