

## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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The Senate convened at 11:45 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 26, 1955.

The President in the Chair.

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

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

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A quorum present.

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

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

Our Heavenly Father we thank Thee that Thou hast taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Give us a forgiving spirit. We also thank Thee that Thou hast taught us to pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." We pray not for our kingdom, but for Thy Kingdom to come. We pray, not for our will to be done, but that Thy Will may be done. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Senate daily Journal of Monday, September 26, 1955, was corrected and as corrected was approved.

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 26, 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 Senator Morrow—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25-X(55):

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

WHEREAS, Honorable LeRoy Collins, Chief Executive and Governor of Florida, has expressed a desire to address the extraordinary session of the Senate and House of Representatives, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

FLORIDA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 12:00 noon on the 27th day of September, 1955, in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25-X(55), contained in the above message, was referred to the Secretary of the Senate as Ex Officio Enrolling Clerk, for enrolling.

Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25-X(55), 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	Crews	Livingston	Sheppard
Alexander	Cross	Maness	Shipp
Andrews	Dickinson	Marshburn	Smith, S. C.
Arrington	Dukes	McAlpin	Smith, S. N., Jr.
Ballinger	Gibbons	Merritt	Stewart, C. D.
Bartholomew	Gleaton	Moody	Stewart, E. L.
Beasley	Griffin	Murray	Surles
Beck	Grimes	Musselman	Sweeny
Belser	Hathaway	Okell	Tillett
Bishop	Herrell	Orr	Turlington
Bodiford	Hopkins	Papy	Usina
Boyd	Horne	Patton	Varn
Brewer	Inman	Petersen	Weinstein
Bryant	Jernigan	Pittman	Westberry
Burton	Johnson,	Pratt	Williams, G. W.
Carmine	C. R., Jr.	Pruitt	Williams,
Chaires	Johnson, Tom	Putnal	J. R. A.
Chappell	Jones, D. C., Jr.	Revelle	Williams,
Cleveland	Jones, E. B.	Roberts, E. S.	V. A., Jr.
Coleman	Jones, O. W.	Roberts, H. W.	Youngberg
Conner	King	Rowell	Zelmenovitz
Cook	Knight	Saunders	
Costin	Land	Shaffer	

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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	Carlton	Gautier(13th)	King
Baker	Carraway	Getzen	Melvin
Barber	Clarke	Hodges	Morgan
Beall	Connor	Houghton	Morrow
Black	Douglas	Johns	Neblett
Bronson	Edwards	Johnson	Pearce
Cabot	Floyd	Kickliter	Pope

Rawls            Rood            Stenstrom      Tapper  
Rodgers        Shands        Stratton

—35.

A quorum of the Senate was declared present.

The President announced a quorum of the joint assembly present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Barney Andrews of the Marietta Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Senator Carlton 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. Williams of Hardee, Roberts of Palm Beach and Arrington of Gadsden, on the part of the House of Representatives; and Senators Carlton and Pope, 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 Speaker of the House of Representatives 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.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber in processional order and resumed its session at 12:41 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. President	Clarke	Johns	Pope
Baker	Connor	Johnson	Rawls
Barber	Douglas	Kicklitter	Rodgers
Beall	Edwards	King	Rood
Black	Floyd	Melvin	Shands
Bronson	Gautier(13th)	Morgan	Stenstrom
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Carlton	Hodges	Neblett	Tapper
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—35.

A quorum present.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS, BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Senator Tapper—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27-X(55):

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RECESSING OF THE 1955 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, this extraordinary session of the legislature has been in session for a period of several months, and

WHEREAS, everything possible has been done toward solving the problem of reapportionment, and

WHEREAS, it now appears that we are still further away from any possible solution of reapportionment, and

WHEREAS, each day we are in session it is costing the taxpayers of this state several thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, in view of these things the most sensible action to be taken at this time is to recess for a period of time sufficient for us to further consider this matter, then return with the hope that during the period of this additional recess, we may be able to arrive at a solution to the problem, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That this 1955 extraordinary session of the legislature do stand recessed until January 16, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. and that all per diem expense compensation of the members be suspended and discontinued during the period of such recess.

Which was read the first time in full and referred to the Committee on Reapportionment.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 12:45 o'clock P.M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, September 28, 1955.