

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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Tuesday, June 5, 1956

The Senate convened at 11:00 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 4, 1956.

The President in the Chair.

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

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

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A quorum present.

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

Almighty God, we thank Thee for this beautiful day. We thank Thee for the great prosperity of our State. In the words of the Hymn writer—

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

We deplore the spirit of gambling in our State. At the same time we thank Thee that the proceeds from legalized gambling is being used to carry on many of the necessary projects of State and County government, and especially for the relief it gives to our aged. To that extent we thank Thee that even the curse of gambling is being turned into a blessing.

We pray for the success of the efforts to exterminate the medfly that threatens our citrus. We pray for more rain to refresh our parched regions.

In this spirit of thankfulness for our many blessings we pray for divine wisdom to guide our Governor, our Legislature, and all other agencies of our government in their thinking. Help us to realize the truth of Thy word that teaches us: "The wisdom from above is first of all pure, free from vacillation, and free from insincerity". In this wisdom may we truly strive for uprightness, godliness, faith, love, fortitude, and gentleness. In the Name of Christ we pray. Amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Senate daily Journal of Monday, June 4, 1956, was corrected as follows:

Page 81, column 2, line 9, counting from the bottom of the column, strike out the name "Houghton."

And as corrected was approved.

The President announced the appointment of Senator B. C. Pearce to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Reapportionment created by the death of Senator J. O. Phillips.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS, BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Senator Tapper—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30-X(56):

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A RECESS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

That this extraordinary session of the Legislature, which is mandatorily required to reapportion the representation in the Legislature of the State of Florida by the provisions of Article VII, Section 3 of our Constitution, do stand recessed at the hour of high noon this fifth day of June, 1956, and do reconvene at the hour of four P. M. upon Tuesday, November 13th, 1956.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 5, 1956.

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 Messrs. Surles of Polk, Turlington and Cross of Alachua, Crews of Baker, Allen and Bodiford of Bay, Conner of Bradford, Brewer and Burton of Brevard, Musselman and David of Broward, Knight of Calhoun, Hathaway of Charlotte, Gleaton of Citrus, Saunders of Clay, Jones of Collier, Williams of Columbia, Okell, Orr and Herrell of Dade, Smith of De Soto, Chaires of Dixie, Mahon, Westberry and Maness of Duval, Jernigan and Hopkins of Escambia, Cook of Flagler, Inman and Arrington of Gadsden, Lancaster of Gilchrist, Peoples of Glades, Costin of Gulf, McAlpin of Hamilton, Williams of Hardee, Stewart of Hendry, Varn of Hernando, Livingston of Highlands, Moody, Johnson and Gibbons of Hillsborough, Belser of Holmes, Smith of Indian River, Dukes and Shipp of Jackson, Pruitt of Jefferson, Putnam of Lafayette, Boyd and Duncan of Lake, Carmine and Sheppard of Lee, Horne and Ballinger of Leon, Marshburn of Levy, Alexander of Liberty, Jones of Madison, Grimes and Pratt of Manatee, Bryant and Chappell of Marion, Rowell of Martin, Papy of Monroe, Page of Nassau, Stewart of Okaloosa, Zelmanovitz of Okeechobee, Land and Coleman of Orange, Griffin of Osceola, Roberts and Blank of Palm Beach, Williams of Pasco, Petersen, Johnson and Shaffer of Pinellas, Tillett and Griffin of Polk, Beck of Putnam, Usina and Weinstein of St. Johns, King of St. Lucie, Pittman of Santa Rosa, Youngberg and Bartholomew of Sarasota, Cleveland and Frederick of Seminole, Merritt of Sumter, Roberts of Suwannee, Jones of Taylor, Andrews of Union, Cobb and Sweeny of Volusia, Revelle of Wakulla, Beasley of Walton, Mitchell of Washington, and Mrs. Patton of Franklin—

H. C. R. No. 34-X—A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF REPRESENTATIVE PERRY EARL MURRAY.

WHEREAS, in the untimely death of our beloved colleague and friend, Perry Murray, Florida has suffered an irreparable loss; and

WHEREAS, members of this Legislature have been deprived, not only of the pleasure of his physical presence among us, with his unflinching cheerfulness, courtesy and consideration, but also of his wise counsel and leadership, in the day by day

proceedings of the Legislature, leaving a void of unfillable dimensions; and

WHEREAS, in eight terms in the Florida Legislature, Perry Murray, through his nobility of character and a determination to serve his people, established a record of accomplishments which will stand for all time as an example of public service in its noblest and highest form; and

WHEREAS, the people of Florida will for many years reap the benefit of his contributions to the progress of state government through his efforts on behalf of constitutional revision, education, public health, agriculture, and sound fiscal policies of government; and

WHEREAS, his proven leadership and ability was recognized by his colleagues in the House of Representatives, of which he was elected Speaker for the 1949 session; and

WHEREAS, his statesmanship was equaled by his devotion to the people of all Florida and to his family, whom he loved and cherished, now sadly do we pay our last respects to his memory, and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Lois Marie Murray, and son, Robert Murray, NOW THEREFORE,

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

IN MEMORIAM

REPRESENTATIVE PERRY EARL MURRAY

Perry Earl Murray was born December 16, 1899 in Vienna, Georgia. He attended Georgia Normal College and Business Institute and received A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Mercer University. He worked in various capacities to defray educational expenses in a law office, telephone company and as an instructor in English. He was president of his senior law class, class orator and was elected member of an honorary legal fraternity. After graduation he served one year as instructor in English at Norman Junior College and was later a reporter for the Savannah Morning News. He practiced law in Macon for two years, moved to Frostproof in 1926 where he continued to practice law, and later was City Attorney for Avon Park and for Frostproof. His education was interrupted by World War I when he enlisted in the Navy. He served aboard the USS New Hampshire, was transferred to the hospital ship USS Solace, and was discharged in April, 1918. He married Lois Marie Johnston of Honea Path, Anderson County, South Carolina, May 11, 1925. One son, Robert Perry, was born January 31, 1936. He was elected to and served eight sessions in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature, being chosen Speaker in the 1949 Session. He was a member of Rotary Club, American Legion, Scottish Rite Mason 32 Degree, Shriner, and of the Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon a page of the Journal of the House of Representatives and the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Murray and Robert Murray.

—and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 34-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. 34-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. 34-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. 34-X was adopted and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Senator Tapper moved that the Senate recess until 12:00 o'clock, Noon, this day.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood in recess at 11:19 o'clock A. M., until 12:00 o'clock, Noon, this day.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 12:00 o'clock, Noon.

The roll was called to determine the presence of a quorum and the following Senators answered to their names:

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

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A quorum present.

Senator Tapper moved that the Senate recess until 2:00 o'clock P. M., this day.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood in recess at 12:03 o'clock P. M., until 2:00 o'clock P. M., this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 2:00 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	Hodges	Rawls
Baker	Connor	Houghton	Rodgers
Barber	Dickinson	Johns	Rood
Beall	Douglas	Johnson	Shands
Bishop	Edwards	Kicklitter	Stenstrom
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—37.

A quorum present.

Senator Tapper moved that the rules be waived and the Senate revert to the order of Introduction of Resolutions, Memorials, Bills and Joint Resolutions.

Pending consideration of the motion made by Senator Tapper, Senator Shands moved as a substitute motion that the Senate adjourn.

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

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 2:09 o'clock P. M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 6, 1956.