

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Beginning the thirty-eighth Biennial Session of the Legislature of the State of Florida, under the Constitution of the State, A. D., 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, the fourth day of April, A. D., 1961, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the convening of the legislature.

Tuesday, April 4, 1961

The Senate was called to order by Senator Dewey M. Johnson, President of the Senate, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon.

By direction of the President, the Secretary of the Senate called the roll of the holdover members of the Senate in numerical order of Senatorial Districts, and the following answered to their names:

Senator Philip D. Beall—2nd District
 Senator John Rawls—4th District
 Senator Dewey M. Johnson—6th District
 Senator Wilson Carraway—8th District
 Senator W. T. Davis—10th District
 Senator Harry J. Kicliter—12th District
 Senator G. T. Melton—14th District
 Senator Harry O. Stratton—16th District
 Senator Wayne E. Ripley—18th District
 Senator L. K. Edwards, Jr.—20th District
 Senator S. D. Clarke—22nd District
 Senator Travis A. Gresham, Jr.—24th District
 Senator B. C. Pearce—26th District
 Senator E. William Gautier—28th District
 Senator J. Emory Cross—32nd District
 Senator Sam M. Gibbons—34th District
 Senator Ed H. Price, Jr.—36th District
 Senator J. C. Getzen, Jr.—38th District

Senator Charley E. Johns—15th District
 Senator Houston W. Roberts—17th District
 Senator John A. Sutton—19th District
 Senator W. Randolph Hodges—21st District
 Senator J. A. Boyd—23rd District
 Senator Dempsey J. Barron—25th District
 Senator G. W. Williams—27th District
 Senator Edwin G. Fraser—29th District
 Senator Thomas E. David—30th District
 Senator Verle A. Pope—31st District
 Senator Irlo O. Bronson—33rd District
 Senator Ralph J. Blank, Jr.—35th District
 Senator Bernard Parrish—37th District

The oath of office was then administered to the newly elected Senators by the Honorable Glenn Terrell, Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

The roll of the Senate, as then constituted, was called by the Secretary in alphabetical order and the following members of the Senate answered to their names:

Barron	Davis	Johns	Rawls
Beall	Edwards	Johnson	Ripley
Blank	Fraser	Kelly	Roberts
Boyd	Galloway	Kicliter	Stratton
Bronson	Gautier	Mapoles	Sutton
Carraway	Getzen	Melton	Tucker
Clarke	Gibbons	Parrish	Williams
Connor	Gresham	Pearce	Young
Cross	Herrell	Pope	
David	Hodges	Price	

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A quorum of the Senate was announced.

The following prayer was offered by the Senate Chaplain, Reverend James H. Paddock, retired Baptist Minister, Cedar Key, Florida:

“Our Father in Heaven, great lover of mankind. May this senate chamber be made sacred with Thy hallowed presence.

“Give unto Thy servants, these senators, a great measure of Thy grace, as they search for truth, righteousness and justice.

“May the work done by them be the best for their constituency and well pleasing to Thee.

“We pray also that the spirit of love, friendship and goodwill may prevail through their cooperation unto the completion of their work.

“Kind Father our prayer is offered in Jesus’ name—Amen.”

At this point the President requested Senator Irl O. Bronson, a past President Pro Tempore, to preside.

Senator Bronson presiding.

The Senate then proceeded to the organization of the Body for the 1961 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Senator Davis presented the name of Senator W. Randolph Hodges of the 21st Senatorial District to be President of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Senator Clarke seconded the nomination of Senator Hodges to be President of the Senate.

Senator Johns moved that the nominations be closed.

The question was put on the motion by Senator Johns.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

The question was then put on the election of Senator Hodges and upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—37.

Mr. President	David	Johns	Ripley
Barron	Davis	Kelly	Roberts
Beall	Edwards	Kicliter	Stratton
Blank	Fraser	Maples	Sutton
Boyd	Galloway	Melton	Tucker
Bronson	Gautier	Parrish	Williams
Carraway	Getzen	Pearce	Young
Clarke	Gibbons	Pope	
Connor	Gresham	Price	
Cross	Herrell	Rawls	

Nays—None.

Senator Hodges not voting.

So Senator Hodges was unanimously elected President of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Senator Davis moved that a committee of four be appointed to escort the newly elected President to the rostrum of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer appointed Senators Davis, Clarke, Johns and Johnson, all former Presidents of the Senate, as the committee.

The newly elected President was escorted by the committee to the Bar of the Senate where the Honorable Glenn Terrell, Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, administered to him the special oath of office, following which the President was escorted to the rostrum, and seated.

Senator Connor moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort Mrs. W. Randolph Hodges, wife of the newly elected President of the Senate, to a seat on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer appointed Senators Connor, Edwards and Pearce as the committee.

The committee escorted Mrs. Hodges to the rostrum where she was received courteously by the Presiding Officer and seated beside the newly elected President.

Senator Carraway moved that a committee be appointed to escort Mrs. Eva Perkins of Williston, Florida, mother of the newly elected President of the Senate, to a seat on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer appointed Senators Carraway, Pope and Gresham as the committee which escorted Mrs. Perkins to the rostrum where she was welcomed by the Presiding Officer and seated.

Senator Kelly moved that Mr. and Mrs. Don Duden, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hodges, son and daughter-in-law; and Hal Hodges, son, of President and Mrs. Hodges; Mrs. Pearl Baggs, mother of Mrs. Hodges; Mrs. Marie Johnson and Mr. Orton Yearty, sister and brother of Mrs. Hodges, all be asked to stand and be recognized by the Senate.

Which was agreed to, and, upon standing, they were recognized by applause of the Senate.

The Presiding Officer then presented the newly elected and sworn President of the Senate to the Body, surrendered to him the Senate Gavel, and resumed his seat as the Senator of the 33rd Senatorial District.

President W. Randolph Hodges addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President, Justice Terrell, fellow Senators and your charming wives and lovely children, ladies and gentlemen, and my good friends of the 21st Senatorial District and adjoining counties:

It is difficult for me to put into words the emotions that stir my heart on this occasion and my feeling of humbleness as I accept this position of high honor and solemn responsibility to which you, my colleagues, have elected me.

Senators, I shall forever be grateful to you for repositing your trust in me and I shall strive at all times and under all conditions to justify your faith.

I am particularly thankful today that God has seen fit to make it possible for my mother, Mildred, and children to share with me this honor.

Senators, it is true that you have voted me the highest honor within your power to bestow upon a member of this body, but it is my good friends and neighbors of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist Counties to whom I am indebted for allowing me the privilege of being a member of this distinguished body. I shall at all times conduct myself in a manner in which they will be proud.

I express my appreciation to the members of the press for the consideration and courtesy that they have shown me over the years. I also appreciate the cooperation which the press has so readily given us in our efforts to make more space available to the members of the Senate, and I assure them and the people of Florida that this move should in no way be interpreted as an effort to suppress the activities of the press, but rather one to help them and at the same time give the people of this State more efficient operation of their Legislature.

Quite often in the past I have disagreed with some segments of the press. However, we all realize that a free and independent press is one of the greatest safeguards of our democracy.

I also want to express my appreciation, and the appreciation of the Senate, to Secretary of State Tom Adams for rushing to completion the construction of the Senate hearing rooms and space for the press.

Senators, I am sure that you realize that today we are beginning what could well be the most critical Legislative Session in the history of Florida. It will require all the ingenuity at our command to meet the tremendous governmental needs of a great and growing State at a time when the economy of our State and Nation is fading.

As your Presiding Officer I can offer you no panacea for our problems. We must face the issue squarely and do the very best that we can with the resources at our command. Perhaps the easy way out of the dilemma in which we find ourselves at the end of six years of free spending, would be to levy new taxes and give everyone

the money that they are requesting. But I caution Senators, and I trust that you will keep in mind, that the power to tax is the power to destroy, and I urge you to explore every avenue of elimination of duplication of State Agencies and the elimination of every unnecessary service before we direct our thoughts toward the position of new taxes upon the people of Florida.

I regret that it is humanly impossible for me to name every Senator to the exact committee of his choice. In the selection of committee memberships, I have considered seniority, interest of the area served by a particular Senator, philosophy and other pertinent factors. In naming the committees, I have done my best.

I shall expect every Senator to be conscientious in his committee work and attend every meeting possible. Nothing would please me more than to have the word "proxy" become a forgotten word this Session.

I shall at no time seek to impose my will upon the Senate and I ask that any legislation that I may propose be considered solely on its merits.

I shall endeavor to be fair and impartial in all my dealings and I shall demand dignity and order in all the proceedings of this body, but I assure you that no Senator will at any time be denied the right to be heard on any issue.

We are extremely fortunate today to have serving in this body four past presiding officers who are among the best Presidents ever to serve this body.

Senators, since we last convened in this Chamber, a new Administration has taken office. Governor Bryant has expressed a desire to cooperate fully with the Legislature in a joint effort to build a greater Florida. I trust that his program will be one in which we can all work together for the common good of all the citizens of this fabulous State.

Following the President's address, Senator Edwards placed in nomination the name of Senator John Rawls of the 4th Senatorial District to be President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

The question was put and Senator Rawls was unanimously elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate by a rising vote of the members.

Senator Beall moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the newly elected President Pro Tempore to a seat on the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Beall, Parrish and Barron as the committee.

And Senator Rawls, the President Pro Tempore, was escorted to the rostrum and seated.

Senator Cross moved that a committee be appointed to escort Mrs. John Rawls, wife of the newly elected President Pro Tempore, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Cross, Tucker and Galloway as the committee which escorted Mrs. Rawls to the rostrum where she was received courteously by the President, and seated beside the President Pro Tempore.

Senator Melton moved that a committee be appointed to escort Mrs. Ruth Hodges, mother of the newly elected President Pro Tempore, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to, and the President appointed Senators Melton, Williams and Mapoles as the committee which escorted Mrs. Ruth Hodges to the rostrum where she was

welcomed by the President and seated.

Senator Fraser moved that Miss JoLen Rawls, daughter of the newly elected President Pro Tempore, be requested to stand and be recognized by the Senate.

Which was agreed to, and, upon standing, she was recognized by applause of the Senate.

Senator Boyd placed in nomination the name of Robt. W. Davis to be Secretary of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

The question was put on the nomination of Robt. W. Davis and upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—38.

Mr. President	David	Johns	Rawls
Barron	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Beall	Edwards	Kelly	Roberts
Blank	Fraser	Kicliter	Stratton
Boyd	Galloway	Mapoles	Sutton
Bronson	Gautier	Melton	Tucker
Carraway	Getzen	Parrish	Williams
Clarke	Gibbons	Pearce	Young
Connor	Gresham	Pope	
Cross	Herrell	Price	

Nays—None.

So Robt. W. Davis was elected Secretary of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Justice Terrell thereupon administered the oath of office to Robt. W. Davis as Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Stratton placed in nomination the name of LeRoy Adkison to be Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

The question was put on the nomination of LeRoy Adkison and upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—38.

Mr. President	David	Johns	Rawls
Barron	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Beall	Edwards	Kelly	Roberts
Blank	Fraser	Kicliter	Stratton
Boyd	Galloway	Mapoles	Sutton
Bronson	Gautier	Melton	Tucker
Carraway	Getzen	Parrish	Williams
Clarke	Gibbons	Pearce	Young
Connor	Gresham	Pope	
Cross	Herrell	Price	

Nays—None.

So LeRoy Adkison was elected Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Justice Terrell thereupon administered the oath of office to LeRoy Adkison as Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate.

Senator Sutton moved that George Inman and Guy Hamilton be named Reading Secretary and Assistant Reading Secretary respectively, of the Senate.

Which was agreed to and George Inman and Guy Hamilton were named Reading Secretary and Assistant Reading Secretary, respectively, of the Senate.

Senator Getzen placed in nomination the names of Mrs. Clelia Pugh, Mrs. Hester Wahnish and Mrs. T. C. Coody to be Head Stenographer, Assistant Head Stenographer and Chief Clerk of the Journal Mailing Room, respectively, of the Senate.

Which was agreed to and Mrs. Clelia Pugh, Mrs. Hester Wahnish and Mrs. T. C. Coody were elected Head Stenographer, Assistant Head Stenographer and Chief Clerk of the Journal Mailing Room, respectively, of the Senate.

Senator Ripley moved that a committee be appointed to

wait upon the Governor and inform His Excellency that the Senate was organized 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 Ripley, Gautier and Gibbons as the committee.

The committee withdrew.

Senator Herrell moved that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the Session.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Herrell, Roberts and Blank as the committee.

The committee withdrew.

Senator Davis moved that the Rules of the 1959 Regular Session, so far as they relate to procedure, be adopted to govern the Senate until such time as the Committee on Rules and Calendar, when announced by the President, may report Rules for the 1961 Session, and the same may be adopted by the Senate.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 48 the President announced the appointment of the following standing committees for the 1961 Session:

COMMITTEES OF THE 1961 FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, OIL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senator Pearce, Chairman; Senator Roberts, Vice Chairman; Senators Boyd, Bronson, Fraser, Kelly, Kicliter, Parrish, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Carraway, Chairman; Senator Edwards, Vice Chairman; Senators Boyd, Connor, Cross, Fraser, Gibbons, Gresham, Johns, Kelly, Parrish, Pope, Rawls, Ripley, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING

Senator Connor, Chairman; Senator Clarke, Vice Chairman; Senators Bronson, Carraway, Davis, Gautier, Herrell, Johns, Kelly.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

Senator Roberts, Chairman; Senator Boyd, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Blank, Kicliter, Stratton, Young.

COMMITTEE ON CITIES AND TOWNS

Senator Ripley, Chairman; Senator Kicliter, Vice Chairman; Senators Blank, Cross, Sutton, David, Young.

COMMITTEE ON CITRUS FRUITS

Senator Parrish, Chairman; Senator Sutton, Vice Chairman; Senators Boyd, Bronson, Connor, Edwards, Gautier, Getzen, Kelly, Kicliter, Price, Williams, Young.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION

Senator Rawls, Chairman; Senator Johnson, Vice Chairman; Senators Bronson, Clarke, Davis, Gautier, Getzen, Gresham, Herrell, Johns, Pearce, Ripley, Stratton.

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Senator Kicliter, Chairman; Senator David, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Blank, Johnson, Sutton, Young.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Senator Beall, Chairman; Senator Parrish, Vice Chairman; Senators Connor, Galloway, Gresham, Herrell, Johnson, Kicliter, Stratton.

COMMITTEE ON DRAINAGE AND WATER CONSERVATION

Senator Gibbons, Chairman; Senator Bronson, Vice Chairman; Senators Blank, Roberts, Sutton, Tucker, Young.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Melton, Chairman; Senator Gautier, Vice Chairman; Senators Carraway, Cross, Davis, Galloway, Gibbons, Mapoles, Pope, Price, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION

Senator Edwards, Chairman; Senator Pearce, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Bronson, Connor, Davis, Galloway, Getzen, Herrell, Johns, Johnson, Melton, Rawls, Stratton, Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY AND PARKS

Senator Boyd, Chairman; Senator Pope, Vice Chairman; Senators Bronson, Fraser, Galloway, Mapoles, Ripley, Roberts, Stratton, David, Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES

Senator Tucker, Chairman; Senator Mapoles, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Galloway, Gresham, Melton, Pearce, Ripley, Sutton.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LEGISLATION

Senator Johnson, Chairman; Senator Rawls, Vice Chairman; Senators Carraway, Clarke, Connor, Gresham, Johnson, Melton, Pearce.

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL AND ATOMIC ENERGY

Senator David, Chairman; Senator Barron, Vice Chairman; Senators Fraser, Kelly, Pope, Roberts, Sutton, Tucker, Young.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Senator Johns, Chairman; Senator Stratton, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Clarke, Davis, Edwards, Gautier, Johnson, Kelly.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY "A"

Senator Gautier, Chairman; Senator Gibbons, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Davis, Price, Rawls, Sutton.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY "B"

Senator Barron, Chairman; Senator Young, Vice Chairman; Senators Blank, Getzen, Gresham, Parrish, David.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY "C"

Senator Cross, Chairman; Senator Ripley, Vice Chairman; Senators Clarke, Edwards, Herrell, Mapoles, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Senator Stratton, Chairman; Senator Price, Vice Chairman; Senators Fraser, Gibbons, Johns, Pope, Rawls, Roberts, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND POPULATION

Senator Bronson, Chairman; Senator Beall, Vice Chairman.

Senator Carraway, Gresham, Parrish, Rawls, Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK

Senator Bronson, Chairman; Senator Williams, Vice Chairman; Senators Edwards, Johnson, Kelly, Mapoles, Melton, Price, Roberts.

COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATION

Senator Gresham, Chairman; Senator Getzen, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Boyd, Connor, Fraser, Herrell, Johns, Johnson, Parrish, Pearce, Stratton, Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES

Senator Price, Chairman; Senator Melton, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Cross, Pope, Ripley, Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS AND CLAIMS

Senator Williams, Chairman; Senator Kelly, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Blank, Boyd, Gibbons, Melton.

COMMITTEE ON PRISONS AND CONVICTS

Senator Galloway, Chairman; Senator Johns, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Blank, Cross, Getzen, Kicliter.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

Senator Blank, Chairman; Senator Cross, Vice Chairman; Senators Boyd, Gautier, Gibbons, Pope, Sutton, David, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Senator Getzen, Chairman; Senator Herrell, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Davis, Edwards, Fraser, Kelly, Mapoles, Melton, Roberts, Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Senator Kelly, Chairman; Senator Tucker, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Boyd, Carraway, Clarke, Connor, Galloway, Gresham, Johns, Johnson, Melton, Ripley.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Senator Clarke, Chairman; Senator Carraway, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Blank, Cross, Davis, Melton, Pearce, Stratton.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING

Senator Mapoles, Chairman; Senator Blank, Vice Chairman; Senators Fraser, Gautier, Herrell, Kicliter, Pope, David, Young.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND CALENDAR

Senator Davis, Chairman; Senator Gresham, Vice Chairman; Senators Bronson, Carraway, Clarke, Connor, Edwards, Johns, Johnson, Pearce, Rawls, Ripley, Stratton.

COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS

Senator Pope, Chairman; Senator Fraser, Vice Chairman; Senators Barron, Cross, Getzen, Gibbons, Mapoles, Price, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Senator Fraser, Chairman; Senator Davis, Vice Chairman; Senators Clarke, Connor, Getzen, Gresham, Johns, Johnson, Pearce, Roberts, Stratton.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

Senator Sutton, Chairman; Senator Connor, Vice Chairman; Senators Beall, Galloway, Gautier, Herrell, Parrish, Pearce, Price.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS, AVIATION, RADIO AND TELEVISION

Senator Young, Chairman; Senator Gibbons, Vice Chairman; Senators Boyd, Edwards, Rawls, David, Williams.

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE

Senator Herrell, Chairman; Senator Galloway, Vice Chairman; Senators Fraser, Gautier, Getzen, Gibbons, Kicliter, Mapoles, Pope, Roberts, Tucker.

Senator Kicliter moved that the flowers and floral arrangements, which had been so generously and thoughtfully contributed to the members of the Senate for the beautification of the Chamber on the opening day, be given to the patients of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and W. T. Edwards Hospital, Tallahassee, with the permission of the respective Senators.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

A committee from the House of Representatives, composed of Messrs. Horne of Leon, Eldredge of Dade and Karl of Volusia, appeared at the Bar of the Senate, and after being received with due courtesy, notified the Body that the House of Representatives was duly organized and ready to proceed with the business of the Session.

The President expressed the appreciation of the Senate for the report and the committee withdrew.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor appeared at the Bar of the Senate and reported to the President that its duty had been performed, and the Governor had requested the committee to convey the following message to the Senate:

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

April 3, 1961

*Honorable W. Randolph Hodges
President, Florida State Senate
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida*

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the authority and direction of Section 9 of Article IV of the Florida Constitution, I desire to address your Honorable Body, in joint session with the House of Representatives, April 4, 1961, convening at three o'clock.

Respectfully,

Farris Bryant
Governor

The committee having performed its duty was thereupon 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 having performed its duty was thereupon discharged.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 4, 1961

Pope
Price
Rawls

Ripley
Roberts
Stratton

Sutton
Tucker
Williams

Young

The Honorable W. Randolph Hodges
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 Mr. Horne of Leon—

H. C. R. No. 1—A Concurrent Resolution providing that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 2:50 P.M., April 4, 1961.

WHEREAS, His Excellency Farris Bryant, Governor of Florida, has expressed a desire to address the Legislature of Florida in Joint Session on this day, Tuesday, April 4, 1961;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 2:50 P.M. this day, Tuesday, April 4, 1961, for the purpose of receiving the Governor's message.

—and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,
LAMAR BLEDSOE
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, contained in the above message, was read the first time in full.

Senator Davis moved that the rules be waived and House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 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. 1 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. 1 was unanimously adopted and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives immediately, by waiver of the rule.

Senator Davis moved that the Senate recess until 2:45 o'clock P. M., this day.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate recessed at 1:03 o'clock P. M., until 2:45 o'clock P. M., this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 2:45 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	Galloway	Johnson
Barron	Connor	Gautier	Kelly
Beall	Cross	Getzen	Kicliter
Blank	David	Gibbons	Mapoles
Boyd	Davis	Gresham	Melton
Bronson	Edwards	Herrell	Farrish
Carraway	Fraser	Johns	Pearce

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A quorum present.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 the Senate formed in processional order and marched in body to the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the order of length of service as Senators, with the President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate leading, who were preceded by the Secretary of the Senate the way being opened to the Chamber of the House of Representatives by the Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate.

The House of Representatives received the Senate due form.

Honorable William V. Chappell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, invited the President and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to the rostrum, and requested the President of the Senate to preside over the Joint Session.

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 their names:

Mr. Speaker	Fagan	Matthews, C.	Saunders, S. J.
Allsworth	Frederick	Mattox	Scott, B. J.
Anderson	Fuqua	McAlpin	Scott, W. R.
Arrington	Griffin, B.H., Jr.	McClain	Sims
Askew	Griffin, J.J., Jr.	McDonald	Smith, K.
Askins	Hill	Miner	Smith, R. J.
Ayers	Hollahan	Mitchell	Smith, S. C.
Bass	Holley	Nash	Stallings
Beck	Horne	Nelson	Stone
Bedenbaugh	Hosford	Nichols	Strickland
Bennett	Inman	O'Neill	Sweeny
Boyd	Johnson	Papy	Thomas, A. J., Jr.
Byrom	Jones	Peavy	Thomas, J.
Carter	Karl	Peebles	Turlington
Chaires	Knowles	Pruitt	Usina
Chiles	Lancaster	Riddle	Vocelle
Cleveland	Land	Reedy	Wadsworth
Costin	Liles	Roberts, C. A.	Walker
Craig	Livingston	Roberts, E. S.	Westberry
Crews	Loeffler	Rowell	Whitaker
Daniel	Mann	Russ	Williams, J. J.
Ducker	Markham	Russell	Williams, R.
Eldredge	Marshburn	Ryan	Wise
Erickson	Mathews, J.E., Jr.	Saunders, J. A.	

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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 members answered to their names:

Mr. President	David	Johns	Rawls
Barron	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Beall	Edwards	Kelly	Roberts
Blank	Fraser	Kicliter	Stratton
Boyd	Galloway	Mapoles	Sutton
Bronson	Gautier	Melton	Tucker
Carraway	Getzen	Parrish	Williams
Clarke	Gibbons	Pearce	Young
Connor	Gresham	Pope	
Cross	Herrell	Price	

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A quorum of the Senate was declared present.

The President announced a quorum of the Joint Session present.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Leo C. King, pastor, St. Pauls Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida.

Senator Carraway moved that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate and the House of Representatives were assembled in Joint Session, and ready to receive His Excellency's message.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Carraway and Edwards, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Griffin of Osceola, Bennett of Bay and Strickland of Citrus, on the part of the House of Representatives, as the committee.

The committee withdrew.

The President of the Senate requested the Speaker of the House of Representatives to take the Chair.

The Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Griffin of Polk moved that a committee be appointed to escort Honorable Thos. D. Beasley, a Judge of the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit of Florida, former member of the House of Representatives from Walton County and a former Speaker of that Body, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Griffin of Polk and Craig of St. Johns, on the part of the House of Representatives, and Senator Galloway, on the part of the Senate, as the committee which escorted Judge Beasley to the rostrum where the Speaker, on behalf of the St. Petersburg Times, presented him with a plaque, the recipient of which was selected by a poll of legislative correspondents and editors of Florida newspapers as a member of the House of Representatives, 1959 Session of the Florida Legislature, on the basis of outstanding service to the State of Florida, personal and public integrity.

Judge Beasley accepted the plaque with an expression of gratitude.

The President in the Chair.

Senator Price moved that a committee be appointed to escort Senator Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., former Senator of the 27th Senatorial District, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Price and Williams, on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Smith of DeSoto, on the part of the House of Representatives, as the committee which escorted Senator Carlton to the rostrum where the President of the Senate presented him with a plaque, on behalf of the St. Petersburg Times, the recipient of which was selected by a poll of legislative correspondents and editors of Florida daily newspapers at the end of the 1959 Session of the Florida Legislature, on the basis of outstanding service to the State of Florida, personal and public integrity as a member of the Senate, 1959 Session of the Legislature.

Senator Carlton accepted the plaque with an expression of gratitude.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor reappeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives escorting His Excellency, Farris Bryant, Governor of Florida, accompanied by Honorable Tom Adams, Secretary of State; Honorable Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General; Honorable Ray E. Green, Comptroller; Honorable J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer; Honorable Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, Superintendent of Public Instruction, constituting the Cabinet of the State of Florida, and Mr. Chief Justice Elwyn Thomas, Mr. Justice Glenn Terrell, Mr. Justice T. Frank Hobson, Mr. Justice B. K. Roberts, Mr. Justice E. Harris Drew, Mr. Justice

Campbell Thornal and Mr. Justice Stephen C. O'Connell, constituting the Supreme Court of Florida.

The Governor was received by the Joint Assembly standing, and was escorted to the rostrum.

The members of the Cabinet and the members of the Supreme Court were seated in front of the rostrum.

At this point Honorable R. A. Gray, retired Secretary of State, was recognized by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and received a standing ovation by the Assembly.

Senator Kelly moved that a committee be appointed to escort Mrs. Farris Bryant, Florida's First Lady, to the rostrum.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Senators Kelly and Johnson, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Stallings and Westberry of Duval, and Anderson of Jefferson, on the part of the House of Representatives, as the committee which escorted Mrs. Bryant to the rostrum where she was presented to the Joint Assembly by the President.

Mr. Horne of Leon moved that Mrs. Daniel F. Burnett and Dr. Lovett Burnett, mother and brother, respectively, of Mrs. Bryant; and the Misses Julie, Cecelia and Adair Bryant, daughters of Governor and Mrs. Bryant, be asked to stand and be recognized by the Joint Assembly.

Which was agreed to, and, upon standing, they were recognized by applause of the Assembly.

The President of the Senate then presented the Governor, who delivered his message to the Legislature concerning the condition of the state and made his recommendations as required by Article IV, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Following the Governor's address, the committee, consisting of Senators Carraway and Edwards, and Messrs. Griffin of Osceola, Bennett of Bay and Strickland of Citrus, then escorted the Governor from the rostrum and from the House Chamber, followed by members of the Cabinet and the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Senator Davis, of the 10th Senatorial District, moved that the Senate withdraw from the Joint Assembly and resume its session in the Senate Chamber.

Which was agreed to.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber in processional order and resumed its session at 4:34 o'clock, P. M.

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

Mr. President	David	Johns	Rawls
Barron	Davis	Johnson	Ripley
Beall	Edwards	Kelly	Roberts
Blank	Fraser	Kicliter	Stratton
Boyd	Galloway	Mapoles	Sutton
Bronson	Gautier	Melton	Tucker
Carraway	Getzen	Parrish	Williams
Clarke	Gibbons	Pearce	Young
Connor	Gresham	Pope	
Cross	Herrell	Price	

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A quorum present.

Senator Davis moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Business.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate went into Executive Session at 4:35 o'clock P. M.

The Senate emerged from Executive Session at 4:59 o'clock P.M., and resumed its Session.

Roberts
Stratton

Sutton
Tucker

Williams
Young

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

Mr. President	Connor	Getzen	Mapoles
Barron	Cross	Gibbons	Melton
Beall	David	Gresham	Parrish
Blank	Davis	Herrell	Pearce
Boyd	Edwards	Johns	Pope
Bronson	Fraser	Johnson	Price
Carraway	Galloway	Kelly	Rawls
Clarke	Gautier	Kicliter	Ripley

—38.

A quorum present.

Senator Davis moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 11:00 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, April 5, 1961.