

## SPECIAL SESSION

# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Wednesday, August 2, 1967

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9:30 a. m. The following Senators were recorded present:

Mr. President	Edwards	Horne	Shevin
Askew	Elrod	Johnson	Slade
Bafalis	Fincher	Knopke	Spencer
Barron	Fisher	Lane	Stockton
Barrow	Friday	McClain	Stolzenburg
Bell	Gibson	Mathews	Thomas
Boyd	Gong	O'Grady	Weber
Broxson	Griffin	Ott	Weissenborn
Chiles	Gunter	Plante	Wilson
Clayton	Haverfield	Poston	Young
Deeb	Henderson	Reuter	
de la Parte	Hollahan	Sayler	

46. A quorum present.

Excused: Senators Cross and Stone.

Prayer by Senator Richard J. Deeb of the 22nd Senatorial District:

Heavenly Father, help us to realize that the doctrine of separation of church and state was never intended to remove your influence from the affairs of government. Let us be reminded that our founding fathers, with your guidance, designed for us a government free from the influence of men of the church but not to be void of your guidance in our deliberations.

Dear Father, inspire us now, as we build a new foundation; that it will be built on a bedrock of Christian principal and dedicated to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of August 1 was corrected and approved.

On motion by Senator Mathews, pursuant to Rule 5.12 the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of further discussion, explanation and study of SJR 2-XXX(67).

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Senator Pope presiding.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the rules were waived and the Honorable John J. Crews, Jr., technical advisor on constitutional revision, was accorded the privileges of the floor for the purpose of answering questions relative to SJR 2-XXX (67).

Explanation and study of SJR 2-XXX(67) was resumed.

Senators Mathews and Chiles explained certain provisions of SJR 2-XXX(67).

Senator Mathews moved that the Committee of the Whole rise. Which was agreed to.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 11:03 a. m. The following Senators were recorded present:

Mr. President	Edwards	Horne	Shevin
Askew	Elrod	Johnson	Slade
Bafalis	Fincher	Knopke	Spencer
Barron	Fisher	Lane	Stockton
Barrow	Friday	McClain	Stolzenburg
Bell	Gibson	Mathews	Thomas
Boyd	Gong	O'Grady	Weber
Broxson	Griffin	Ott	Weissenborn
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Clayton	Haverfield	Poston	Young
Deeb	Henderson	Reuter	
de la Parte	Hollahan	Sayler	

46. A quorum present.

On motion by Senator Friday, by two-thirds vote, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of—

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

By direction of the President, the Secretary of the Senate read the following communication from Honorable Claude R. Kirk, Jr., Governor of Florida:

*Honorable Verle A. Pope  
President of the Senate  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida*

August 2, 1967

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, I have the honor to transmit for the consideration of your Honorable Body an Executive Order of Suspension in the case of Flanders Thompson, Sheriff of Lee County, Florida, and hereby recommend the removal of this official.

Sincerely,  
CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.  
Governor

Senator Friday moved that pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 15.2 the President appoint a Select Committee to make inquiry and give the Sheriff of Lee County, Flanders Thompson, an opportunity to be heard either in or out of Executive Session, whichever he may request. Which motion was adopted.

The President appointed Senator Hollahan, Chairman; Senators Friday, McClain and Mathews as the Committee.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the Senate recessed at 11:05 a. m.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Askew at 11:25 a. m. A quorum present.

On motion by Senator Mathews, pursuant to Rule 5.12 the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Senator Askew presiding.

The Committee of the Whole resumed discussion of SJR 2-XXX(67).

Senator Pope presiding.

The hour of recess having arrived, a point of order was called and the Committee of the Whole recessed at 12:00 noon.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Senator Barron at 1:30 p. m. A quorum present.

Explanation of SJR 2-XXX(67) was resumed.

Senators Mathews, Friday and Chiles explained certain provisions of SJR 2-XXX(67).

Senator Broxson presiding.

Senator Mathews moved that the Committee of the Whole rise. Which was agreed to.

The Senate was called to order by the President Pro Tempore at 3:55 p. m. The following Senators were recorded present:

Mr. President	Bafalis	Barrow	Boyd
Askew	Barron	Bell	Broxson

Chiles	Gong	McClain	Spencer
Clayton	Griffin	Mathews	Stockton
Deeb	Gunter	O'Grady	Stolzenburg
de la Parte	Haverfield	Ott	Thomas
Edwards	Henderson	Plante	Weber
Elrod	Hollahan	Poston	Weissenborn
Fincher	Horne	Reuter	Wilson
Fisher	Johnson	Sayler	Young
Friday	Knopke	Shevin	
Gibson	Lane	Slade	

46. A quorum present.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the rules were waived and the Senate reverted to the order of receiving—

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of the Committee on Rules and Calendar was read:

*The Honorable Verle Pope, President  
The Florida Senate*

August 2, 1967

Sir:

Your Committee on Rules and Calendar met and recommends the following Rule changes for the Special Session on Constitutional Revision:

1. While the Senate is in the Committee of the Whole, the Rule precluding more than one reconsideration and the Rule requiring a motion to reconsider to be made by one on the prevailing side are suspended.
2. The Rule providing for the previous question is suspended.

3. Amendments to be considered in the Committee of the Whole shall be pre-filed with the Secretary of the Senate no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the presentation of the proposed amendment to the Committee. Copies of said proposed amendments which must be typed on the amendment forms provided for Constitutional Revision will be distributed to each Senator the morning following the pre-filing of the same. Amendments to the amendment and substitute amendments shall be in accordance with the Rules; provided that any complex amendment to the amendment or substitute amendment, in the discretion of the Chairman, on a point of order, may be temporarily passed without prejudice to further consideration at a later time so that copies of the same may be made and distributed to all of the Senators.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN E. MATHEWS, JR.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the rules were waived and time of adjournment was extended until final action on the foregoing report of Committee.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Senator Mathews moved that on August 3 the rules be waived and amendments be permitted to be pre-filed up to the time of reaching consideration of the Preamble as contained in SJR 2-XXX(67). Which was agreed to.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, a point of order was called and the Senate adjourned at 4:15 p. m. to reconvene at 9:30 a. m., August 3, 1967.