

SPECIAL SESSION

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Wednesday, January 31, 1968

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9:30 a.m.
A quorum present—47:

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

Excused: Senator Haverfield.

Prayer by Senator L. A. Bafalis of the 33rd Senatorial District:

Father God, we thank thee for all of the beautiful blessings of our earthly stay, our conduct justifies not the measure. All things good come of thee and this truth we respect. Guide us, in our companionship with the Holy Spirit, through the misunderstandings we possess this hour, in trying to resolve a question that affects the citizenry of our state. May the minds of our governmental leaders ferment decision into that which would satisfy this ill. May the result be segmentary of thy will be done. Applying our every talent, we pray for an early solution. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Journal of January 30 was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION

By Senators Fisher, Slade, Mathews, Pope and Stockton—

SB 27-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the establishment of a maritime academy at the Florida Junior College at Jacksonville; providing authority to match available federal funds; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; and Appropriations.

By Senators Haverfield, Askew, Shevin, Barrow, Hollahan, Poston, Gong, Stone, Mathews, Friday, Weissenborn and Spencer—

SB 28-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to institutions of higher learning; providing for the establishment of a degree granting institution in Dade County; making an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Higher Learning and Appropriations.

By Senators Mathews, Pope, Stockton, Fisher, Askew and Slade—

SB 29-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to institutions of higher learning; providing for the establishment of a degree granting institution in Duval County; making an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Higher Learning and Appropriations.

The President Pro Tempore presiding.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the Senate recessed at 9:45 a. m. to reconvene at 10:40 a. m.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10:40 a.m.
A quorum present.

MOTION RELATING TO COMMITTEE REFERENCES

On motion by Senator Boyd, by two-thirds vote, SB 17-X(68)

was withdrawn from the Committee on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Verle A. Pope
President of the Senate

January 30, 1968

Sir:

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SCR 26-X(68).

Respectfully,
ALLEN MORRIS
Clerk, House of Representatives

The bill contained in the above message was ordered enrolled.

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to SCR 26-X(68) the Senate formed in processional order and marched to the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

Honorable Ralph D. Turlington, Speaker of the House of Representatives, invited the President and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to the rostrum.

The Speaker declared a quorum of the Joint Session present and requested the President to preside over the session.

The President in the Chair.

The Honorable Tom Adams, Secretary of State, Honorable Earl Faircloth, Attorney General, and Honorable Doyle E. Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, were received in the Chamber and seated at the rostrum.

Prayer by Senator John R. Broxson of the 1st Senatorial District:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, together we give thanks to you for the multitude of blessings which each of us has received from your bountiful hand. We beseech you to give divine direction and guidance to the President of the United States and the assembled Congress and also to all our national leaders and decision makers in these times of worldwide turmoil and crisis. Give to us here in Florida, who have been entrusted by the people and your sovereign will with the reins of government, a special sense of your divine leadership today and throughout these deliberations. In this historic moment for our great state, help us, O God, to toil in unity for edification of our children and our children's children forgetting all we can of the pettiness which can assert itself in politics. In Christ's name. Amen.

On motion by Senator Mathews that a Committee be appointed to notify the Honorable Floyd T. Christian, Superintendent of Public Instruction, that the Senate and House of Representatives were assembled in Joint Session and ready to receive his message, the President appointed Senators Mathews, Boyd and Askew on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Matthews, Schultz and Rowell on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Committee withdrew and returned escorting Mr. Christian who was received by the Joint Session and seated at the rostrum.

The President of the Senate presented Mr. Christian who addressed the Joint Session.

Following the Superintendent's address, the Committee previously appointed escorted him from the rostrum and from the Chamber, followed by members of the Florida Cabinet.

On motion by Senator Mathews, the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session and resumed its Session at 11:45 a.m.

The President Pro Tempore presiding. A quorum present—47:

Mr. President	de la Parte	Horne	Shevin
Askew	Edwards	Johnson	Slade
Bafalis	Elrod	Knopke	Spencer
Barron	Fincher	Lane	Stockton
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Cross	Henderson	Reuter	Young
Deeb	Hollahan	Sayler	

The President presiding.

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

INTRODUCTION

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Weber, Fisher, Bafalis and Johnson—

SB 30-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public education; providing the organizational framework for a state system of public education; creating and providing for the composition, organization, powers and staffing of the Florida education commission, the Florida public school board, the Florida junior college board, the Florida vocational-technical and adult education board; providing for operational junior college boards of trustees and an organization in which public schools are under district school boards; repealing sections 228.03, 228.04, 228.041, 228.13, 228.14, 229.012, 229.021-229.061, 229.511, 229.521, 230.01-230.05, 230.061, 230.08, 230.10-230.12, 230.15-230.19, 230.201, 230.21, 230.24-230.33, 230.34-230.43, 230.0100-230.0104, 230.0109 and 230.0119, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; Education-Higher Learning; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

On motions by Senator Mathews, the rule was waived as to Senate Joint Resolutions 31-X(68) and 32-X(68), and the first committee of reference was granted permission to have the respective joint resolutions retyped in conformity with rule 6.14.

By Senators Young, Plante, Stolzenburg, Weber, Bafalis, Johnson and Fisher—

SJR 31-X(68)—A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Article XII of the state constitution; providing for the establishment and operation of the public education system in the state, including a twelve mill limitation on taxes levied by district school boards; proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article IX of the state constitution to prohibit the issuance of county or district bonds for public school purposes; proposing an amendment to section 7 of Article XVI of the state constitution to authorize terms of office in excess of four years when provided by the constitution; proposing an amendment to section 20 of Article IV of the state constitution to remove the superintendent of public instruction from the administrative officers provided for therein; proposing to repeal section 25 of Article IV relating to the duties of the state superintendent of public instruction; proposing an amendment to section 6 of Article VIII of the state constitution to remove the county superintendent of public instruction from the list of elected county officers; proposing to repeal section 6A of Article VIII of the state constitution relating to appointive county superintendents of public instruction.

Was read the first time in full and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; Finance and Taxation; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Bafalis and Fisher—

SJR 32-X(68)—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article IX of the State Constitution to provide for the issuance of bonds of the State of Florida and determining the terms and conditions under which such state bonds may be issued and the security therefor.

Was read the first time in full and referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Bafalis and Fisher—

SB 33-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act creating and establishing a State Board of Finance for the purpose of the issuance of bonds of the state of Florida and of agencies of the state of Florida; authorizing such State Board of Finance to adopt the necessary resolutions or other proceedings for the issuance of such bonds and authorizing said State Board of Finance to determine the terms, conditions and the rights, remedies and security of the holders of such bonds; authorizing said State Board of Finance to have all the powers relating to the issuance of bonds of state agencies; providing for the method of sale and other details of such bonds; and providing when this act shall take effect.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; and Judiciary "B".

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Bafalis, Johnson and Fisher—

SB 34-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to scholarships; amending section 239.451, Florida Statutes, 1967, providing for Florida regents scholarships; amending sections 239.38 and 239.42, Florida Statutes, to provide for additional teaching scholarship loans and disbursement thereof; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Higher Learning and Appropriations.

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Bafalis, Johnson and Fisher—

SB 35-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; creating the state board of equalization; defining its powers and duties with respect to property taxation, and transferring to it the property tax duties and responsibilities of the railroad assessment board, the state comptroller and the state budget commission; requiring it to conduct a continuous study of assessment ratios for the purpose of bringing the average level of assessment in each county to one hundred per cent (100%) of full market value within specified tolerances; making an appropriation for salaries and expenses; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; and Judiciary "B".

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Bafalis, Johnson and Fisher—

SB 36-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school funds; providing for such funds and investments of idle funds; defining district current operating fund and capital outlay fund; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; and Appropriations.

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Plante, Bafalis, Johnson and Fisher—

SB 37-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the taxation of cigarettes; amending sections 210.02(3), (4), and (5) and 210.20(2)(a), Florida Statutes, to increase the cigarette tax that is shared with municipalities and counties having no municipality by two cents (2¢) per package; adding section 210.025, Florida Statutes, imposing an additional state tax of three cents (3¢) per package; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senators Young, Stolzenburg, Bafalis and Fisher—

SB 38-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school system personnel; amending chapter 231, Florida Statutes, by adding section 231.60, creating the Professional Standards Board; providing for the membership, powers, and duties of

the board; repealing section 231.10, Florida Statutes, creating the teacher advisory council; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; and Appropriations.

By Senators Weissenborn and Fisher—

SB 39-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public schools, providing for additional kindergarten units in the minimum foundation program grades K-12; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wilson and Fisher—

SB 40-X(68)—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; granting emergency powers to the state superintendent of public instruction with regard to the apportionment and allotment of minimum foundation program funds to the sev-

eral counties of this state in the event of mass resignations, mass walkouts, or mass dismissals of school teachers in any of the several counties of this state; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing an effective date.

Was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education-Public Schools and Junior Colleges; and Appropriations.

ENROLLING REPORT

Your Enrolling Clerk to whom was referred—

SCR 26-X(68)

—reports same has been enrolled, signed by the required Constitutional officers and presented to the Governor on January 30, 1968.

EDWIN G. FRASER
Secretary of the Senate

On motion by Senator Mathews, the rules were waived and the Senate adjourned at 11:42 a. m. to reconvene at 9:30 a. m., February 1, 1968.