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The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Daniel.

The reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 8th, 1899, was dispensed with and the same approved.

Upon the call of the House by the Clerk the following members answer to their names:

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Petitions and memorials are presented, read by their titles and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Speaker, a petition of the citizens of Davie county to prohibit the sale of liquor in the vicinity of Salem Church.

Also, a petition from the citizens of Nash county in regard to the stock law as established at the last session of the Legislature.

Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Bills and resolutions are introduced, read the first time and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Winston, H. R. 2079, resolution to get certain information from the State Treasurer.

Passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. Robinson of Cumberland, H. R. 2081, resolution for the appointment of a committee to draft resolutions in regard to the death of certain members of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, the resolution is amended by striking out the words "and that a committee, composed of the Chairmen of the Committees on Education, Appropriations and Military Affairs" be appointed, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof, "and a suitable committee be appointed by the Speaker."

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Pursuant to said resolution, the Speaker appoints the following committee: Messrs. Craig, Abbott and Brown of Johnston.
By Mr. Craig, H. R. 2082, resolution indorsing the proposed Appalachian National Park.

Passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

A message is received from the Senate transmitting the following bills, which are read the first time and disposed of as follows:

S. B. 439, H. B. 2080, an act to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 125 of the Private Laws of 1895.

Passes its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the House adjourns until 4 o'clock p. m. in honor of Messrs. J. M. Trotman, H. C. Wall and S. L. Hart, who died during the recess of this General Assembly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House meets at 4 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Bills and resolutions are reported from Standing Committees, read by their title, together with the reports accompanying them, and take their place on the calendar as follows:

By Mr. Moore, from the Committee on Rules, S. B. 791, H. B. 1512, a bill to be entitled an act to abolish the office of county treasurer of Henderson county, to take effect in 1900, with a favorable report.

By Mr. Craig, from the same committee, H. R. 2082, resolution indorsing the proposed Appalachian National Park.
Also, H. R. 2079, resolution to get certain information from the State Treasurer.

Also, S. B. 439, H. B. 2080, an act to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 125 of the Private Laws of 1895, with favorable reports.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Winston introduces H. B. 2083, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 507 of the Public Laws of 1899, entitled an act to regulate elections.

Which passes its first reading and takes its place on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its second reading and takes its place on the calendar.

Mr. Winston moves that the rules be suspended and the bill be put upon its third reading.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Winston withdraws his motion and the bill is made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Craig moves that the rules be suspended and the House proceed with the calendar.

Motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Haywood, the House adjourns until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY.

House of Representatives,
June 13, 1900.

The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock A. M. and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hubbard.
The Journal of yesterday is read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Curtis is appointed on the committee to select a site for the Vance Monument, in place of Mr. S. L. Hart, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the rules are suspended and the special order, it being H. B. 2083, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 507 of the Public Laws of 1899, entitled an act to regulate elections, is taken up.

Mr. Winston sends forward an amendment.

Mr. Johnson of Sampson sends forward an amendment.

Mr. Winston calls for the previous question.

Call sustained.

Mr. Johnson of Sampson calls for the ayes and noes on the amendment proposed by him.

Call not sustained.

The question is called on the amendment offered by Mr. Johnson of Sampson.

Amendment lost.

Mr. Giles sends forward an amendment.

Mr. Winston calls for the previous question on the original bill and all the amendments offered.

Mr. Giles calls for the ayes and noes on his amendment.

Call not sustained and the amendment lost.

The amendment offered by Mr. Winston is adopted.

The bill as amended passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

Mr. Smith rises to a question of personal privilege in relation to an article in the Caucasian and other papers reflecting on him and his race.

On motion of Mr. Willard, the House adjourns until 4:30 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock p. m. and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.
Upon a call of the roll by the Clerk, the following members answer present:


INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Bills and resolutions are introduced, read the first time and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Giles, by request, H. B. 2084, a bill to regulate labor in the State.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Winston, H. R. 2085, resolution appointing a committee to obtain certain information from the State Treasurer.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Moore, H. B. 2086, an act supplemental to an act
entitled an act to amend the Constitution of North Carolina, ratified February 21, 1899, the same being chapter two hundred and eighteen of the Public Laws of 1899.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its second reading by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative are:


Those voting in the negative are:


On motion of Mr. Stevens, Mr. Johnson of Sampson is excused from voting.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the rules are suspended and his call for the previous question is sustained.

The bill passes its third reading by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment:
Those voting in the affirmative are:

Those voting in the negative are:

By Mr. Gattis, H. B. 2087, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Clarence Barker Memorial Hospital and Dispensary.

Passes its first reading and is placed on the calendar.
On motion of Mr. Gattis, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

By Mr. Rountree, H. R. 2088, resolution to furnish certain Supreme Court Reports to the State University.
Placed on the calendar.
On motion of Mr. Rountree, the rules are suspended and
the resolution passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

By Mr. Hoey, H. R. 2089, resolution to elect Mr. A. C. Miller a Director of the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb of Morganton, N. C.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Davis of Hyde, a petition to amend the Oyster Law.
Referred to the Committee on Fish and Oysters.
By Mr. Ray, H. B. 2090, a bill for dangerous insane.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Allen of Wayne, H. R. 2091, resolution to print copies of Election Law and Constitutional Amendment.
On motion of Mr. Allen of Wayne, the rules are suspended and the resolution passes its several readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
By Mr. Boushall, S. B. 1383, H. B. 1945, a bill to be entitled an act to make appropriations for the dangerous insane.
On motion of Mr. Julian, the consideration of the bill is indefinitely postponed.
By Mr. Justice, H. B. 2092, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Western District Criminal Courts.
Placed on the calendar.
Mr. Holman moves to lay on the table.
Motion lost.
On motion of Mr. Justice, the rules are suspended.
Mr. Davis of Haywood offers an amendment, which is accepted by Mr. Justice.
The bill, as amended, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
Mr. Foushee moves to adjourn until ten o'clock to-morrow.
Motion lost.
By Mr. Ray of Macon, H. B. 2093, a bill to be entitled
an act to regulate the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in Macon county.
    Placed on the calendar.
    Also, H. B. 2094, a bill to be entitled act to amend chapter 325, Public Laws of 1899.
    Placed on the calendar.
    Also, H. B. 2095, a bill to be entitled an act to submit the question of dispensary or no dispensary to the qualified voters of Swain county at the coming November election, and to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in said county.
    Placed on the calendar.
    By Mr. Redding, H. B. 2096, an act to incorporate the Bank of Montgomery county.
    Placed on the calendar.
    By Mr. Nicholson of Beaufort, H. B. 2097, a bill to be entitled an act to increase the number of commissioners of Beaufort county.
    Placed on the calendar.
    On motion of Mr. Ray of Macon, the rules were suspended and H. B. 2093, a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in Macon county, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
    Also, H. B. 2094, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 325, Public Laws of 1899, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
    Also, H. B. 2095, a bill to be entitled an act to submit the question of dispensary or no dispensary to the qualified voters of Swain county at the coming November election, and to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in said county, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
By Mr. Reinhardt, a petition to change the prohibitory act of 1897, relative to Friendship Baptist Church in Stokes county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Williams of Dare, H. B. 2098, a bill to be entitled an act to pay certain claims to persons for services rendered the State in the interest of the shell-fish industry of North Carolina.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Thompson of Davidson, H. B. 2099, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Center Methodist Church in Davidson county.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2100, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Ebenezer Methodist Church in Davidson county.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Wayne, the vote by which H. R. 2091, resolution to print copies of Amendment and Election Law passed its third reading, is reconsidered.

Mr. Allen of Wayne offers an amendment, which is adopted, and the resolution, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

By Mr. Julian, H. B. 2101, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 238, Laws of 1899.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, H. B. 2102, an act to amend chapter 260 of the Public Laws of 1876 and 1877.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

S. B. 439, H. B. 2080, an act to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 125, Private Laws of 1895.

Passes its second and third readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

By Mr. Carroll, H. B. 2103, a bill to be entitled an act to increase the number of commissioners of Alamance county.
Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Carroll, the rules are suspended.

Mr. Robinson moves to refer to the Committee on Rules.

Motion lost.

The bill passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

By Mr. Russell, H. B. 2104, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 18, section 1, of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to the oyster industry of North Carolina.

Referred to the Committee on Oysters

Also, H. B. 2105, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 13 of the Public Laws of 1897, entitled an act to provide and promote the oyster industry of North Carolina, ratified the 23d day of February, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Oysters and Fish Interests.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the House adjourns until 10 o'clock to-night.

**Evening Session.**

The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock p. m. and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

**Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.**

Bills and resolutions were introduced, read the first time and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Overman, H. B. 2108, an act to incorporate the Salisbury Street Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. Overman, the rules are suspended, and the bill passes its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Willard, the bill is amended so as to read thirty years instead of ninety-nine years.

The bill as amended passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
By Mr. Redding, petition to incorporate Mountain Public School House.

Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Robinson, H. B. 2109, a bill to be entitled an act to ascertain by a primary vote the sentiment of the white people of Cumberland county as to a dispensary law.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Currie of Moore, H. B. 2110, a bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 228, Private Laws of 1899.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Gattis, H. B. 2111, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Randleman, N. C.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Kennett, H. B. 2112, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Nannie C. Duffie, a school-teacher of Craven county.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Reinhardt, H. B. 2113, a bill for the relief of John Roper.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Burrow, H. B. 2114, a bill to be entitled an act to pay Mrs. Lucy J. Ingram a school claim.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2115, a bill to be entitled an act to pay G. F. Garner a school claim.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Reeves, H. B. 2116, an act to be entitled an act to amend chapter 348, Public Laws of 1899.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Thompson of Onslow, H. B. 2118, a bill to be entitled an act to allow the commissioners of Onslow county to use a surplus special tax fund.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Davis of Hyde, H. B. 2119, a bill to be entitled
an act to authorize the payment of certain oyster claims in Hyde county.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Leigh, H. B. 2120, a bill to be entitled an act to construct water-works in the town of Elizabeth City.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Willard, H. B. 2121, a bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the Guardian Security, Trust and Deposit Company of Wilmington, N. C., to the People's Savings Bank of Wilmington, N. C.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Ellen, H. B. 2122, a bill to be entitled an act to establish a stock law in certain portions of Jackson's, Bailey's and Ferrell's townships in Nash county.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Ellen, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

By Mr. Cochran, H. B. 2123, a bill to be entitled an act to appoint H. C. Ingram a justice of the peace for Montgomery county.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Mauney, H. B. 2124, a bill relating to Lodge No. 146 of Masons.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2125, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the town of Murphy so as to allow the town authorities to issue bonds.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2126, an act entitled an act to authorize the treasurer of Cherokee county to pay Elisha Craig $9.86.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2127, an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the Murphy Graded School.

Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Carraway, H. R. 2128, a resolution in favor of the pages of the House and Senate.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Fleming, H. B. 2129, a bill to be entitled an act to appoint W. J. Mason a justice of the peace in Shooting Creek township in Clay county.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Clarkson, H. B. 2130, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal certain sections of chapter 11, Public Laws of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Council, by request, H. B. 2131, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Mason Academy at Hickory, N. C.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Gilliam, H. B. 2132, a bill to be entitled an act to consolidate the several public school districts in the town of Rocky Mount.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Overman, H. B. 2134, a bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3724 of The Code.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Foushee, H. B. 2135, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. J. Holloway, former treasurer of Durham county.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Lane, H. B. 2136, a bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to provide for the better working of the public roads and highways of the State, it being chapter 581 of the Laws of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Russell, H. B. 2104, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 18, section 1 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to the oyster industry of North Carolina, and H. B. 2105, a bill to be entitled an act to amend
chapter 13, Public Laws of 1899, are taken from the Committee on Oysters and placed on the calendar.

S. B. 791, H. B. 1512, a bill to be entitled an act to abolish the office of county treasurer in Henderson county, to take effect in 1900.

On motion of Mr. Patterson of Robeson, the bill is tabled.

H. R. 2085, resolution to appoint a committee to obtain certain information from the State Treasurer.

Mr. Allen of Wayne, offers an amendment, which is accepted, and the resolution is adopted.

By Mr. Reinhardt, H. B. 2137, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the completion of the buildings of the State Hospital at Morganton, heretofore organized.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Thompson of Onslow, H. R. 2138, resolution in favor of the clerks and door-keepers.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Thompson of Davidson, H. B. 2139, a bill to be entitled an act to appoint A. B. Byerly and others justices of the peace of Davie county.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Patterson of Robeson the vote by which S. B. 791, H. B. 1512, a bill to be entitled an act to abolish the office of county treasurer in Henderson county, was tabled is reconsidered and the bill is ordered placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Patterson, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 715, H. B. 1588, a bill to be entitled an act to place Bald Mountain in the stock law territory.

On motion of Mr. Overman, the bill is laid upon the table.

H. B. 1159, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the
Private Laws of 1895, chapter 70, to extend the time for organizing the North Carolina Slate Company in Stanly county.

Passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

In pursuance of H. R. 2085, "to appoint a committee to obtain certain information from the State Treasurer," the Speaker appoints Messrs. Holman and Davis of Haywood as said committee.

Mr. Boushall moves to reconsider the vote by which S. B. 1383, H. B. 1945, a bill to be entitled an act to make appropriations for the dangerous insane, was indefinitely postponed.

The motion fails for want of a quorum.

Mr. Willard demands a call of the roll, and upon the call of the House by the Clerk the following members answered present:


Showing a total of 77 members present.

H. R. 2141, joint resolution regarding the election of a
director for the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton.

Mr. Allen of Wayne sends forward an amendment, which is accepted by Mr. Hoey.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Wayne, the rules are suspended and the resolution is adopted and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

Mr. Hoey, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reports the following bills and resolutions as properly enrolled, which are duly ratified and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

S. B. 439, H. B. 2080, an act to repeal chapter 125 of the Private Laws of 1895.

S. R. 1606, H. R. 2091, resolution to print and distribute copies of the Election Law and Constitutional Amendment.

S. R. 1604, H. R. 2088, a resolution to furnish certain Supreme Court Reports to the State University.

S. B. 1602, H. B. 2086, an act supplemental to an act entitled an act to amend the Constitution of North Carolina, ratified February 21, 1899, the same being chapter 218 of the Public Laws of 1899.

S. B. 1601, H. B. 2083, an act supplemental to an act entitled an act to regulate elections, ratified March 6th, 1899, the same being chapter 507 of the Public Laws of 1899.

S. B. 1603, H. B. 2087, an act to incorporate the Clarence Barker Memorial Hospital and Dispensary.

On motion of Mr. Gattis, the House adjourns till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.
FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
June 14, 1900.

The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock A. M. and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Adams.

The Journal of yesterday is read and approved.

Leave of absence is granted as follows: Mr. Willard on account of the death of Senator Jackson.

On motion of Mr. Carroll, H. B. 2117, an act relating to the public schools of Forsyth county, is withdrawn from the calendar and the record of its introduction is ordered expunged from the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Reinhardt, H. B. 2133, a bill for the relief of the State Hospital at Morganton, is withdrawn from the calendar and the record of its introduction ordered expunged from the Journal.

Mr. Holman, from the special committee to get certain information from the State Treasurer, submits the following report or statement from the State Treasurer:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
Raleigh, N. C., June 14, 1900.

Hons. J. B. Holman, and J. S. Davis of Haywood, Committee:

Gentlemen:—Nothing has been paid out of the State Treasury to Theophilus White, Chief Inspector of Shell Fish, on account of salary or for any other purpose, except for the approved accounts for expense of repairing and running the steamer Lillie, since the day the Oyster Laws of 1899 went into operation.

W. H. WORTH,
State Treasurer.

By J. W. DENMARK,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Gattis, from the special committee appointed to investigate the Department of Agriculture and the State Prison, submits his report as follows:
To the Senate and House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned members of the committee appointed by the General Assembly, chapter 669, Laws of 1899, to investigate the affairs of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the State Prison, beg to submit the following report, together with copies of the evidence taken in the investigation:

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

In the act authorizing the investigation of these institutions you instructed the committee to make an investigation of the books, records, and management for the past four years. We have examined the books of the Agricultural Department since June 1st, 1895, and in addition thereto we have examined a number of witnesses as to the general management of this institution, with the following general results:

We find that the expenditures of the department were reasonably economical up to June 1st, 1898, and do not find a single instance of extraordinary extravagance up to that time. We do find, however, that from June 1st, 1898, to June 1st, 1899, the expenses of the department were increased very largely, and so far as your committee is able to ascertain, without any apparent reason other than to give employment to the friends of those in authority, or with the avowed purpose of spending what money was at the command of the department. The fiscal year of the department begins June 1st, and ends May 31st and we beg to submit the following report of the expenditures for the two years from June, 1895, to June, 1897, and from
June, 1897, to June 1899, making comparison between the two periods.

The accounts of the expenditures of the department have been kept practically under the following heads:

- Gas, water, telephones, paper, printing, etc.;
- Postage, express, freight, telegrams and incidentals;
- Board and committee meetings;
- Inspection account;
- Special appropriations.

Under the last head is included all appropriations for the Experiment Station analytical work, improvements and buildings, repairs, heating plant, and other miscellaneous matters. We find that the department spent for meetings of the Board of Agriculture and committee meetings during the years 1895 and 1897, $3,674.95; and for the same purpose during the years 1897 and 1899, $5,279.85, an increase for the last two years of $1,694.90. For the inspection account (for the inspection of fertilizers) the expenditures from June, 1895, to June, 1897, were $8,446.04; and for the same purpose from June, 1897, to June, 1899, $21,138.33, being an increase for the two years ending June, 1899, of $12,692.29. Of this enormous increase we find that $10,450.22 was incurred between June, 1898, and June, 1899.

Under the head of special appropriations we find that the department spent from June, 1895, to June, 1897, $58,765.30, but out of this amount $31,600 was spent in the construction of a new annex building, the publication of "North Carolina and Its Resources," the installation of a new heating plant, purchase of real estate adjoining the Agricultural Building, repairs on State Museum, all of which may be entitled permanent improvements. Allowing this amount as spent for permanent improvements, only $27,165.30 was expended for the ordinary running expenses of the department, including the analytical work, etc., which
might be termed general expenses. Under this same head, from June, 1897, to June, 1899, the expenditures amounted to $37,559.94, making an increase of $10,394.64, with no permanent improvements being made. We find that a considerable portion of this expenditure was for increased salaries of employees in the analytical department, and in putting on extra force. From the above figures it will be seen that the total increase in expenditures of the department for the fiscal year ending June 1st, 1899, amounted to $24,781.83, under the heads above enumerated. We believe that the expenditure of this $24,000 was unnecessary, and was caused by reckless extravagance and incompetency. The most reckless extravagance in the expenditure of money probably occurred in the appointment of an excessively large number of fertilizer inspectors, employed with large expense accounts. The salaries of employees and extra employees were increased so as to about absorb the extra appropriation for that department.

Members of the Board of Agriculture took employment in the department in different capacities, and among others, your committee finds that one man, employed as mailing-clerk at a salary of $1,200 per year, being also a member of the Board of Agriculture, and his work being in the Agricultural Building, attended meetings of the Board and charged $4 per diem and $2 per day for expenses, and in addition to this charged $4 per day and $2 per day for selecting carpets, spittoons, etc., for the building and inspecting them after they were laid. Another member of the Board, employed as clerk in the analytical department on a salary of $1,500 per year, received his per diem and expenses for attending Board meetings. Four other members of the Board were employed as fertilizer inspectors at a salary of $75 per month and expenses, and were allowed $4 per diem and expenses for attending Board meetings. Your committee is of the opinion
that the Board has been guilty of distributing its patronage among its own members; in other words, the employment of themselves for the delicate and accurate work required in the proper conduct of the work of the department, and we recommend the passage of such law as will prohibit any employee of the department holding more than one position at a time.

Another example of the extravagance displayed in the management of the institution is in the matter of attorneys' fees. We find that two law firms were employed to defend the Department of Agriculture in a suit brought by the Patapsco Guano Company against the department to test the validity of the tonnage tax, and that each firm was allowed a fee of $2,000. After these two firms had conducted the suit up to the time of the final hearing before the United States Supreme Court, another attorney was employed as special counsel for the Board, and was allowed a fee of $2,000 for one appearance before the court. In addition to this he filed bills of expense while on his trip to Washington, including the fee for his license to practice in the United States Supreme Court, and they were allowed by the Board. This was in addition to $250 per annum which was allowed him as general counsel for the Board, $150 for making up the report of the Board of Agriculture to the General Assembly, and $100 for services as a special legislative committee, whose duty it was (to use the words of the resolution passed by the Board) "to look after the Legislature." He was also a member of the Board of Agriculture, and received on these various accounts $448.22, the total amount paid him during the two fiscal years ending June 1st, 1899, being $3,375.08. The department spent for attorneys' fees during the last four years $6,926.86. We believe this amount to be excessive, and that it should not have been allowed by the Finance Committee.

We do not deem it necessary to go into any lengthy
review of the evidence taken, but beg to present it here-
with for your consideration, only pointing out some of the
more prominent features developed.

STATE PRISON.

If your committee found incompetency and extravagance
in the management of the Agricultural Department, it was
only to be surpassed by the recklessness which characterized
the management of almost every department of the State
Prison. Before the adjournment of the Legislature this
committee reported that the State Prison was in debt at
least $110,000; we found upon further investigation that
the indebtedness amounted practically to $120,000. This
one item of loss is not all that should be taken into con-
sideration in the treatment of this matter. The deprecia-
tion in the value of the State's property amounted to at
least $75,000 in addition to the above indebtedness: and
we estimate that the total loss to the State on account of
incompetency and mismanagement amounted to at least
$200,000. After visiting the farms, and looking carefully
into the general management and condition of the prison,
your committee are of the opinion that under proper
management this institution could be made self-sustaining,
if not a source of revenue to the State, and such was the
opinion of almost every witness examined among the em-
ployees of the institution and others familiar with its work-
ings.

The evidence taken is too voluminous to undertake to
review it in detail in this report, but we beg to submit a
copy of the same herewith, and ask for it your careful con-
sideration. We think it only necessary to call attention to
a few of the more prominent points developed by the testi-
mony.
1. Incompetency.—The evidence of almost every witness examined shows the absolute incompetence of the management of the prison for the past two years. As this committee was only instructed to investigate the management during a period of four years, and as we had no authority to go back of that time, we found it difficult to make a complete summary of the affairs of the institution during this period. To go into this fully would have been not only expensive to the State, but would have required months of labor. It will be seen from the evidence, however, that up to the year 1897, so far as your committee is able to ascertain, the management was competent, business-like, economical and honest, and a great many permanent improvements were made on the property under control of the State during that time, which should have been of great assistance to the future management in helping to put the prison on a self-sustaining basis. The testimony of the Superintendent who took charge in 1897 shows that the institution was not in debt more than $15,000 or $20,000 at that date; and a consideration of the evidence will show that the management up to that time had been prudent and economical. But since that time, so far as your committee has been able to go into the workings of the institution, we find incompetency and extravagance on almost every hand. The present Superintendent of the State Prison testified that when he took charge he found everybody, from the bell-boy to the Superintendent, making purchases; the system of book-keeping was poor, and practically no business rules or principles were applied to any of the departments. Incompetent men were employed as supervisors of the farms, negro guards were put in charge of the prisoners, and one of the supervisors testified that 500 barrels of corn were thrown on the ground where a large per cent. of it was destroyed by blackbirds and the balance allowed to stay on the ground and rot. It was
estimated by the supervisor of Caledonia Farm, No. 2, that at his camp alone 300 bales of cotton and 500 barrels of corn were allowed to go to waste. Drunkenness, incompetence, extravagance and a disregard for the health and protection of the convicts were shown to exist in many cases, and it was the almost unanimous opinion of the witnesses examined by this committee that this state of affairs was brought about by the appointment of officials and employees for political purposes. Numerous witnesses were examined who testified that the State lost heavily by shortage in the weights of cotton sold from the farms. One supervisor testified that the State lost from 10 to 40 pounds per bale on the cotton sold from his farm. At the Castle Hayne farm we found that drunken men were employed as stewards, and the physician in charge of this farm was not only incompetent, but addicted to habits of drunkenness, and was utterly unfit for the care of these unfortunate people.

The books and accounts of the different branches of the institution were kept in such manner as to make possible almost any amount of loss to the State by dishonesty and misappropriation of funds without detection, and we found it almost impossible to follow out many questionable transactions; to have done so would have necessitated the summoning of witnesses from every section of the State, as well as adjoining States, and would have required a great deal of time and expense.

2. Treatment of Convicts.—Many charges of cruelty and mistreatment of the convicts have been called to the attention of the committee, both by the public press and private individuals, and this subject was made the object of special investigation. We found that at some of the camps there was no reason for complaint, while at others the neglect and cruelty was such as to startle any civilized community. There is abundant evidence to show that Castle Hayne
camp was sadly neglected from a sanitary stand-point; that nearly fifty per cent. of the convicts there were victims of an epidemic of fever resulting from this condition; that they were allowed to become covered with vermin, and that in this deplorable condition they were transferred in midwinter to the extreme northeastern portion of our State and put to work in weather as severe as is ever known in North Carolina, with the result that several of the convicts had their hands frozen, some of them to the extent that amputation was necessary, while others were released from prison with their hands maimed for life. One of the number, who was a consumptive, was forced, when found to be unable to work, to sit down in the field without fire, blanket or other protection from the cold, for three hours, waiting for the squad to go to camp, and when carried to his quarters only lived for a few days. The evidence shows that another convict was severely beaten in the field until death occurred within a few minutes. Several other persons were so severely beaten with straps and cudgels that they were disabled for days, and the committee examined the persons of convicts who will undoubtedly carry the marks of the lash through their lives. While this matter was under consideration, some of the employees of the prison felt that they wanted to counteract some of the impressions made by witnesses, and asked for the examination of a number of witnesses, with the benefit of an attorney. The committee gladly gave these parties every facility for making such defense as they saw fit, and a number of witnesses were examined and their evidence recorded.

As a result of this investigation this committee is convinced that there is something lacking in our Penitentiary system, and we recommend the revision of the laws governing this institution, so that, in some way, the convicts of the State may be governed without the necessity of such cruel treatment. After an examination of the prison laws
of some of the other States, we commend to your consideration the laws governing the Indiana State Prison, especially their parol system, and we think that with proper revision their system would be a decided improvement over that now in use in our State Prison.

We are of the opinion that this institution can be made self-sustaining, but this result will not be obtained so long as its patronage is used for political purposes. We would recommend first the working of all the convicts on the public roads and other public works; if this cannot be done we are of the opinion that the present system of working them on the farms is the best disposition that can be made of them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BROWN,
S. M. GATTIS,
G. B. PATTERSON,
Committee.

The report is adopted and ordered spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Graig, from the special committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the deceased members of the House, sends forward resolutions in respect to the memory of Henry Clay Wall, which are read, unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the Journal:

"Whereas, it has pleased Him to whose decrees we bow with reverence to take from us one of the most valued and honored citizens of this State;

"And whereas, we, the members of the House of Representatives, desire to express our appreciation of his high character, his ability and patriotic devotion to North Carolina; be it

"Resolved, That in the death of Henry Clay Wall, mem-
ber of the House from Richmond county, the State of North Carolina has lost one of her most useful and best beloved citizens and a public servant who at all times consecrated himself to the good of his State and the welfare of his people.

"Resolved, That the House of Representatives has lost a member whose ability, culture and nobility of character endeared him to his associates in this body and won for him the love and highest esteem of all his fellow-members.

"Resolved, That we commend the noble example of his pure and upright life and of his love and devotion to the welfare of his native State to all the people of North Carolina.

"Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt sympathy to the family of our deceased brother in this the hour of their great sorrow and irreparable loss, and commend them in their great affliction to Him who doeth all things well and who will never forget the tears of the broken-hearted.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and be made a part of the records of this House.

CRAIG of Buncombe,
ABBOTT of Camden,
BROWN of Johnston."

Mr. Abbott, from the same committee, sends forward resolutions in respect to the memory of John M. Trotman, which are read, unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the Journal:

"Whereas, it has pleased Him who presides over the destiny of States to take from among us one of our collaborators and one of North Carolina's most esteemed citizens:

"And whereas, we desire to express our appreciation of his earnest Christian character and conscientious devotion to duty; be it
"Resolved, That in the death of John M. Trotman, member of the House from Gates county, the State has lost one of its most unselfish and patriotic citizens and the General Assembly one of its most courageous, conscientious and valuable members, whose acts were always governed by the dictates of duty and whose counsel was always wise in the deliberations of this body.

"Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives, are most deeply grieved by the fact that we can no longer be guided by the example of his noble Christian character and sustained and aided by his words and acts of purity and unselfish consecration for the good of his State and the betterment of his fellow-man.

"Resolved, That the sympathy of the House of Representatives of North Carolina be extended to his bereaved family in this their great and irreparable loss; that we commend them, in this the hour of their great sorrow, to Him who alone can heal their afflictions and bind up the broken heart.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and that they be spread upon and made a part of the records of this House.

CRAIG of Buncombe,
ABBOTT of Camden,
BROWN of Johnston."

Mr. Brown of Johnston, from the same committee, sends forward the following resolutions in respect to the memory of S. L. Hart, which are read, unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the Journal:

"Whereas, in a mysterious orderings of Providence this State has been deprived of one of its best citizens and most useful public servants, whose lamented death fills our hearts with sorrow;
And whereas, we desire to express our appreciation of his virtue and high character and our love and admiration for his personal worth; be it

Resolved, That in the death of S. L. Hart, member of the House from Edgecombe county, the State has been deprived of a conscientious and upright legislator, whose earnestness, integrity and ability have made him known and valued by the people of North Carolina.

Resolved, That we, his associates in public service, have been deprived of the wisdom and counsel and social intercourse of one whom we all admire and most highly esteem, and of one whose rectitude of purpose stands out as an example to be emulated by all true men in North Carolina.

Resolved, That the sympathy and condolence of the Legislature of North Carolina be extended to his sorrowing family, whose affliction is greater than ours, and whose grief can only be alleviated by Him whose sustaining arm can best support them in the hour of their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and made a part of the record of this body.

CRAIG of Buncombe,
ABBOTT of Camden,
BROWN of Johnston."

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

A message is received from the Senate transmitting the following bills, which are read the first time and disposed of as follows:

S. B. 1607, H. B. 2142, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 605, section 1, Public Laws of 1899.

Placed on the calendar.

S. B. 1612, H. B. 2143, a bill to be entitled an act to protect the crops and lands of certain portions of Alleghany county.
Placed on the calendar.

S. R. 1632, H. R. 2144, resolution to appoint a committee to accompany the remains of Senator Jackson.

Placed on the calendar.

The rules are suspended and the resolution is adopted on its several readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

In pursuance of said resolution, the Speaker appoints Messrs. Carraway, Sugg, Noble and Russell as said committee.

S. B. 1609, H. B. 2176, a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the issuing of liquor licenses in Northampton county.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the bill is made a special order for 8 o'clock to-night.

A telegram from the Teachers' Assembly of North Carolina, convened at Morehead City, is received and read to the House, inviting the members of the General Assembly of North Carolina to be present at a session of their Assembly on Saturday night, the 16th inst., to hear the address of Dr. Curry.

On motion of Mr. Hoey, the special order, it being the election of a Director of the School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton, N. C., is taken up.

Mr. Hoey nominates Mr. A. C. Miller to fill the expired term of Mr. Greer, of Mecklenburg.

The Speaker appoints Messrs. Hoey and Reinhardt as tellers on the part of the House. The Clerk calls the roll and a vote is taken.

The tellers on the part of the Senate and House submit a joint report as follows:

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint tellers on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives to ascertain the vote of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives for a Director of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Morganton, N. C., in accordance with S. R. 1631, H. R. 2141, beg leave to report that Mr. A. C. Miller received the following votes:

On the part of the Senate:

Messrs. Black, Brown, Bryan, Butler, Cocke, Collie, Cooley, Daniels, Davis, Fields, Fuller, Glenn, Hairston, Hicks, Hill, James, Jerome, Jones of Johnston, Justice, Lambert, Lindsay, Lowe, Mason, Miller, McIntyre, Osborne, Robinson, Satterfield, Skinner, Smith, Speight, Stanback, Thomas, Travis, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—38.

On the part of the House:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Bills and resolutions are introduced, read the first time and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. McLean of Harnett, H. B. 2145, an act to amend chapter 678 of the Acts of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2146, an act to incorporate Cokesbury and Blackhorn Churches.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Thompson of Davidson, H. B. 2147, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 426, Public Laws of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2148, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 375, Public Laws of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Noble, H. B. 2149, a bill to be entitled an act to appoint additional justices of the peace in certain townships in North Carolina.
Placed on the calendar.
H. B. 2150, a bill to be entitled an act to appoint cotton weighers for the county of Jones.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2151, a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the obstruction of Tuckahoe creek, in Tuckahoe township, in Jones county.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2152, a bill to be entitled an act to allow the
town commissioners of the town of Trenton to erect gates
across the public roads leading into said town.
Referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.
By Mr. Cochran, H. B. 2153, a bill to be entitled an act
to prohibit the sale and manufacture of liquor within four
miles of Wadesville Presbyterian Church.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Bunch, H. B. 2154, a bill to be entitled an act
for the relief of Ambros W. Stewart.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Boushall, by request, H. B. 2155, an act to be
entitled an act for the relief of H. T. Jones, ex-Sheriff of
Wake county.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Boggs, by request, H. B. 2156, an act to amend
chapter 698, Laws 1899.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2157, an act to amend chapter 395, Laws of
1897.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2158, a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit
the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors within two
miles of Lanier's Chapel in Catawba county, N. C.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Carroll, H. B. 2159, a bill to be entitled an act
appointing S. F. Lashly and others justices of the peace in
Alamance county.
Placed on the calendar.
By Mr. Council, H. R. 2160, resolution authorizing the
Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint a com-
mitee of three members to arrange a calendar.
By Mr. Gilliam, H. B. 2161, a bill to be entitled an act
direct the commissioners of Edgecombe county to draw
a jury list.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Wilson, H. B. 2163, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Miss Alice Dunn, a public school-teacher of Transylvania county.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2162, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the treasurer of Transylvania county to pay Lorenzo Mull thirty-three dollars and fourteen cents.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2164, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the treasurer of Transylvania county to pay H. P. Nicholson sixty-five dollars and forty-five cents.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2165, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the treasurer of Transylvania county to pay Nannie Sitton sixty-six dollars and twenty cents.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2166, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the treasurer of Transylvania county to pay B. C. and Luther Anderson forty-four dollars and forty-three cents.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Beasley, H. B. 2167, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the commissioners of Currituck county to levy a special tax.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. James, H. B. 2168, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 581, section 25, Laws of 1899, as applied to Pender county.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Clarkson, H. B. 2169, an act to be entitled an act to amend section 27 of chapter 11 of the Public Laws of 1899.

Placed on the calendar.

Also, H. B. 2170, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 581, Laws of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Reinhardt, by request, H. B. 2171, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 360, Laws of 1899, relative to hunting in Wilkes county.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Brown of Johnston, by request, H. B. 2172, a bill entitled an act to repeal chapter 564 of the Public Laws of 1899, entitled an act to establish a dispensary at Selma, N. C.

Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Yarborough, H. B. 2173, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the treasurer of Caswell county to pay Miss Lillie F. Low the sum of thirteen dollars and forty-five cents.

Placed on the calendar.

H. R. 2160, resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to arrange a calendar.

Mr. Overman offers an amendment, which is accepted.

Mr. Council calls the previous question and the resolution is lost.

By Mr. Gattis, H. R. 2174, joint resolution as to adjournment.

Placed on the calendar.

The rules are suspended and the resolution is adopted on its several readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message is received from the Senate transmitting the following bills and resolutions, which are read the first time and disposed of as follows:

S. R. 1633, H. R. 2175, a resolution to pay the expenses of the funeral of Senator Jackson.

Placed on the calendar.
The rules are suspended and the resolution passes its second and third readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, the rules are suspended and H. B. 2161, a bill to direct the commissioners of Edgecombe to draw a jury, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

By Mr. Foushee, H. R. 2177, resolution directing the printing of the reports of the special investigating committee relative to the State Prison and Agricultural Department.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Foushee, the rules are suspended and the resolution is adopted on its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

Mr. Hoey, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reports the following bills and resolutions as properly enrolled, which are duly ratified and sent to the office of Secretary of State:

S. R. 1631, H. R. 2141, a joint resolution regarding the election of a Director for the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton, N. C., and other Directors.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Wayne, the House adjourns till 8 o'clock to-night.

Evening Session.

The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock p. m. and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Abbott sends forward a petition from Mr. W. P. Barco and sixty-eight other citizens of Camden county, relative to fishing with certain nets in the waters of North river.

Referred to the Committee on Fish and Oyster Interests.
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message is received from the Senate transmitting the following bills and resolutions, which are read the first time and disposed of as follows:

S. R. 1605, H. R. 2092, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Western District Criminal Court.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the House concurs in the Senate amendment and the bill is ordered enrolled for ratification.

S. R. 1636, H. R. 2178, joint resolution in regard to paying clerks and other employees mileage for attendance upon this sitting of the General Assembly.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Clarkson, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its second and third readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 1635, H. B. 2179, a bill to be entitled an act to pay Eugene C. Beddingfield his salary for the time he served as a Corporation Commissioner.

Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the rules are suspended and the bill passes its second and third readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 1630, H. B. 2180, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of certain teachers and the treasurer of Craven county.

Placed on the calendar.

S. B. 1618, H. B. 2181, a bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of the public road fund of Louisburg township, Franklin county.

Placed on the calendar.
S. B. 1620, H. B. 2182, a bill to be entitled an act to restore good government to Brunswick county.
Placed on the calendar.
H. R. 2128, resolution in favor of the pages of the House and Senate.
Mr. Gilliam offers an amendment, which is accepted.
The resolution, as amended, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
By unanimous consent, Mr. Allen of Wayne introduces H. B. 2183, an act in regard to printing Senate and House Journals and Public and Private Laws.
Placed on the calendar.
Also, H. B. 2184, a bill to be entitled an act supplemental to and amendatory of an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment of property and the collection of taxes, it being chapter 15 of the Public Laws of 1899.
Placed on the calendar.
On motion of Mr. Allen of Wayne, the rules are suspended and H. B. 2183, an act in regard to printing Senate and House Journals and Public and Private Laws, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
And also, H. B. 2184, a bill to be entitled an act supplemental to and amendatory of an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment of property and the collection of taxes, it being chapter 15 of the Public Laws of 1899, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.
Mr. Hoey, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reports that the following bills and resolutions are correctly enrolled, and the same are ratified and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:
S. B. 1626, H. B. 2094, an act to amend chapter 325, Public Laws of 1899.
S. B. 1627, H. B. 2095, an act to submit the question of dispensary or no dispensary to the qualified voters of Swain county at the coming November election, and to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in said county.


S. B. 791, H. B. 1512, an act to abolish the office of county treasurer in Henderson county.

S. B. 1625, H. B. 2093, an act to regulate the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in Macon county.

S. B. 1073, H. B. 1073, an act to establish graded schools for the town of Lexington, N. C.

S. R. 1633, H. R. 2175, a resolution to pay the expenses of the funeral of Senator Jackson.

S. R. 1632, H. R. 2144, a resolution to appoint a committee to accompany the remains of Senator Jackson.

S. R. 1640, H. R. 2085, a resolution appointing a committee to obtain certain information from the State Treasurer.

S. R. 1639, H. R. 2177, resolution directing the printing of the report of the special investigating committee relative to the State's Prison and Agricultural Department.

S. B. 1638, H. B. 2161, an act to direct the commissioners of Edgecombe county to draw a jury.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the special order, it being S. B. 1609, H. B. 2176, a bill to regulate the issuing of liquor licenses in Northampton county, is postponed until 9 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson of Beaufort, the rules are suspended and H. B. 2097, a bill to increase the number of commissioners of Beaufort county, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Onslow, the rules are
suspended and H. B. 2118, a bill to be entitled an act to allow the commissioners of Onslow county to use a surplus special tax fund, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Julian, the rules are suspended and H. B. 2101, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 238, Laws of 1899, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Julian, H. B. 2102, an act to amend chapter 260, Public Laws of 1876 and 1877, is, by unanimous consent, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Hoey, H. B. 2140, an act to amend and enlarge the charter of the Cleveland Cotton Mills is, by unanimous consent, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Winston, the rules are suspended and H. B. 2104, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 18, section 1 of Public Laws of 1899, relating to the oyster industry of North Carolina, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

Also, H. B. 2105, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 13 of the Public Laws of 1877, etc., passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

H. B. 2098, a bill to pay certain claims to persons for services rendered to the State in the interest of the fish industry, passes its second and third readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Rountree, H. B. 2121, a bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the Guardian Security Trust and Deposit Company of Wilmington, N. C., to the "People's Savings Bank of Wilmington, N. C.," is, by unanimous consent, withdrawn.

H. B. 2111, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the bank of Randleman, N. C., passes its second and third
readings and is ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Ray of Macon, the rules are suspended and S. B. 1620, H. B. 2182, a bill to be entitled an act to restore good government to Brunswick county, is taken up.

During the pendency of this bill the hour for the special order having arrived, it being S. B. 1609, H. B. 2176, a bill to regulate the issue of liquor license, in Northampton county, on motion of Mr. Ray of Macon, the consideration of the same is postponed for five minutes.

Mr. Ray of Macon calls the previous question on the bill under consideration.

Call sustained.

The bill fails to pass its second reading for want of a quorum.

Mr. Ray of Macon demands a roll-call.

Upon the call of the roll the following gentlemen answer present:


The hour for the special order having arrived, it being the consideration of S. B. 1609, H. B. 2176, a bill to regulate the issue of liquor licenses in Northampton county,
the bill passes its second and third readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

S. B. 1620, H. B. 2182, a bill to be entitled an act to restore good government to Brunswick county.

Fails to pass its second reading for want of a quorum.

Mr. Ray of Macon demands a roll-call.

Upon a call of the House the following gentlemen answer present:


Mr. Hoey, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reports that the following bills and resolutions are correctly enrolled and they are ratified and ordered sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

S. R. 1636, H. R. 2178, joint resolution in regard to paying clerks and other employees mileage for their attendance upon the present sitting of the General Assembly.

S. B. 1635, H. B. 2179, an act to pay Eugene C. Beddington the salary for the time he served as a Corporation Commissioner.

S. B. 1605, H. B. 2092, an act to amend the Western District Criminal Court.
S. B. 1644, H. B. 2184, an act to be entitled an act supplemental to and amendatory of an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment of property and the collection of taxes, it being chapter 15 of the Public Laws of 1899.

S. B. 1643, H. B. 2183, an act in regard to printing the Senate and House Journals and Public and Private Laws.

S. B. 1648, H. B. 2098, an act to pay certain claims to persons for services rendered the State in the interest of the shell-fish industry of North Carolina.

S. B. 1630, H. B., 2180, an act for the relief of certain teachers and the treasurer of Craven county.

S. B. 1645, H. B. 2104, an act to amend chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to the oyster industry of North Carolina.

S. B. 1609, H. B. 2176, an act to regulate the issuing of liquor licenses in Northampton county.

S. R. 1646, H. R. 2128, resolution to pay pages.

S. B. 1647, H. B. 2118, an act to enable the commissioners of Onslow county to use a surplus special tax fund for county purposes.

S. R. 1634, H. R. 2174, joint resolution to adjourn.

Mr. Ray of Macon offers the following resolution which is unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, our esteemed colleague, Mr. Reeves of the county of Ashe, has recently given us additional proofs of his good judgment by taking to himself a very excellent woman for a wife; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this House extend to him our sincere congratulations and wish them a long and happy life."

The Journal of to-day is read and approved.

On motion of Mr. McNeill, and pursuant to a joint reso-
The House meets pursuant to adjournment at 12 o'clock m. and is called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. A. A. Marshall.

On motion of Mr. Overman, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with.

A message is received from the Senate transmitting the following resolution, which is read the first time and takes its place on the calendar:

S. R. 1635, H. R. 2185, resolution in regard to the adjournment of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, the rules are suspended and S. R. 1635, H. R. 2185, passes its second and third readings and is ordered enrolled for ratification.

Mr. Leak, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reports the following resolution properly enrolled, which is duly ratified and sent to the office of Secretary of State:

S. R. 1635, H. R. 2185, resolution in regard to the adjournment of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to S. R. 1635, H. R. 2185, resolution in regard to the adjournment of the General Assembly, the House
adjourns to meet again in the city of Raleigh on Monday, the 30th day of July, 1900, at 12 o'clock M.

H. G. CONNOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BREVARD NIXON,
Principal Clerk.

SIXTIETH DAY.

House of Representatives,
July 30, 1900.

The House of Representatives met pursuant to adjournment at 12 o'clock M. on this July 30th, 1900, and was called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

Principal Clerk Nixon being absent, the Speaker appointed W. W. Willson to act as Principal Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Gattis, the roll-call was dispensed with.

Mr. Boushall introduced the following resolution, H. R. 2186, joint resolution in regard to adjournment:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That this General Assembly adjourn till Tuesday, July 31st, at 4 o'clock p. M., 1900."

The resolution was read the first time and, on motion of Mr. Boushall, the rules were suspended and the resolution put upon its immediate passage.

The resolution passed its several readings and was ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported as properly enrolled:

H. R. 2186, S. R. 1636, joint resolution in regard to adjournment.
The same was signed and ratified.

At 1:30 p.m. the Speaker of the House of Representatives declared, in accordance with said joint resolution, that the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, July 31st, at 4 o'clock p.m., 1900.

H. G. CONNOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. W. WILLSON,

Clerk.

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SIXTY-FIRST DAY.

House of Representatives,
July 31, 1900.

The House of Representatives met pursuant to adjournment at 4 o'clock p.m. on this July 31, 1900, and was called to order by Mr. Speaker Connor.

On motion of Mr. Boushall, the House of Representatives adjourned sine die.

H. G. CONNOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. W. WILLSON,

Clerk.
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