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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, July 31, 1911.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, O. B. Corquitt, Governor of Texas, convening the Thirty-second Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of Government, this the thirty-first day of July, A. D. 1911, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall, and, at 10 o'clock a. m., the House was called to order by Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker.

Speaker Rayburn then directed the Clerk to call the roll, and the following members were present:

Aston.
Baker of Hood.
Baker of Panola.
Barrett.
Bierschwale.
Birdsong.
Bolin.
Bonner.
Brooks.
Brookshire.
Broughton.
Brown.
Brownlee.
Buchanan.
Buffington.
Burns.
Byrne.
Cable.
Camp.
Campbell.
Cathey.
Caves.
Chapin.
Coffey.
Corder.
Cox of Eastland.
Cox of Rockwall.
Craven.
Crisp.
Cureton.
Davis.
Dillard.
Dotson.
Dunn.
Fant.
Flournoy.
Gaither.
German.
Gieptner.
Gilmore.
Graham.
Gross.
Hall.
Hamilton of McCulloch.
Haney.
Harmon.
Haxthausen.
Heilig.
Henry.
Herder.
Highsmith.
Hill.
Hillyer.
Hornby.
Hubbard.
Humphrey.
Hunt.
Keeble.
Kennedy.
Landry.
Lane.
Lawson.
Leach.
Lee.
Logan.
Maddox.
Mangum.
Martin.
Maxwell.
McDaniel.
McDowra.
McGown.
McKinney.
McNeal.
Mikeska.
Minton.
Morris.
Mulcahy.
Nickels of Hill.
Nichols of Hunt.
Oliver.
Parker.
Pharr.
Robertson of Bell.
Robertson of Travis.
Rogers.
Ross.
Rucks.
Russell.
Savage.
Schlick.
Schluter.
Self.
Shannon.
Singleton.
Smith of Houston.
Spradley.
Stamps.
Standifer.
Stead.
Stepter.
Stevens.
Stevenson.
Stone.
Tarver.
Terrell of Bexar.
Terrell of Cherokee.
Wahrmund.
Walker.
Watson.
White.
Williams of Dallas.
Williams of McLennan.
Woods.
Wortham.

Absent.

Bagby.
Cranke.
Donegan.
Fountain.
Goodner.
Hamilton of Childress.
Johnston.
Porter.
Randolph.
Rowell.
Smith of Atascosa.
Teel.
Wood.
Yarbrough.

Total number present, including the Speaker in the chair, 119.

Necessary to a quorum, 89.

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. M. Renick, Chaplain.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

The Speaker then handed to the Clerk the proclamation of the Gov-

ernor, which was read to the House as follows:

Governor's Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, June 20, 1911.

I, O. B. Colquitt, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State, do hereby call a Special Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, to convene in the City of Austin, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, July 31, 1911, an emergency having arisen by reason of the fact that the Regular Session of the Legislature adjourned without making appropriations for the support of the State Government and for the public service for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1911, and September 1, 1912, and having failed to pass bills apportioning the State into Senatorial Districts and into Representative Districts, as required by the Constitution.

Therefore, an extraordinary session of the Thirty-second Legislature is hereby called, for the date above indicated, for the following purposes, to wit:

1. To make appropriations for the support of the State Government and for the public service for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1911, and September 1, 1912.

2. To apportion the State into Senatorial Districts and into Representative Districts and to fix the basis of representation therefor.

3. To consider and act upon such other matters as may be presented by the Governor, pursuant to Section 40 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of State at Austin, this the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1911.

O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor.

By the Governor:
C. C. McDONALD,
Secretary of State.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

On account of important business:

Mr Porter until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Gilmore.

Mr. Yarbrough for this week, on motion of Mr. Spradley.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Teel for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Gilmore.

Mr. Rowell for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Nichols of Hunt.

NEW MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. Terrell of Bexar moved that the oath of office be now administered to the new members of the House who had been elected to fill the vacancies caused by death and resignations since the adjournment of the Regular Session.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker then appointed the following committee to escort the new members to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Aston, Stead and Standifer.

The committee having performed its duty, the oath of office was administered by the Chief Clerk, Bob Barker, to the following new members:

Hon. Jos. O. Boehmer of Maverick county, representing the Ninety-ninth Representative District, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. A. M. Turney.

Hon. A. C. Murray of Burleson county, representing the Forty-eighth Representative District, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Thomas Kraitcher.

Hon. H. W. Witcher of Grayson county, representing the Thirty-fifth Representative District, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. R. Elliott.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO FILL VACANCIES.

The Speaker announced that he had received the resignations of Sebe Newman, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, and Chas. P. Burkes, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, and also announced the death of W. J. L. Sullivan, Doorkeeper of the House, and stated that it is now in order to elect officers to fill the vacancies thus created.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Hon. Marvin H. Brown of Tarrant county nominated Chas. P. Burkes of Bell county for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Hon. A. W. Walker of Tarrant county nominated Sam Higgins of Denton county.