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FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, May 5, 1919.

In obedience to the call of His Excellency, Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Special Session this, on the 5th day of May, 1919, the Senate met in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol in the city of Austin at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

Temporary Officers.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following temporary officers: Secretary, W. E. Conn of Tarrant County; Journal Clerk, T. H. Yarbrough of Montague County; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. F. Hornbuckle of Bosque County; Doorkeeper, W. H. Brunnett; Calendar Clerk, Miss Lula E. Gardner of Travis County.

Roll Call.

The Chair directed the Secretary to call the roll of the Senate. A quorum was present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Bailey.	Hall.
Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Carlock.	Page.
Clark.	Rector.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Suiter.
Dudley.	Westbrook.
Faust.	Williford.

Absent.

Strickland. Witt.

1—Spec.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston.
Cousins.	Parr.
Dorough.	Woods.
Floyd.	

Prayer by Rev. S. H. Morgan of Bastrop.

Excused.

Senator Woods for this week on account of sickness on motion of Senator Page.

Senator Parr, until May 12th, on account of important business on motion of Senator Caldwell.

Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas.

I, W. P. Hobby, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State, do hereby call an extraordinary session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature to convene in the City of Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock a. m., Monday, May 5th, A. D. 1919. The immediate necessity for convening the Legislature arises from the fact that a State election will be held May 24th, 1919, involving the adoption, or rejection, of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of vital importance to the citizens of Texas; and from the further fact that the present laws governing franchise are so inadequate and indefinite as to preclude, or in any event to seriously jeopardize, the right to vote of soldiers, sailors, and marines recently discharged from the army and navy. Accordingly, the Legislature is convened for the following purposes:

1. To enact a law to enable discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who were employed in the army or navy of the United States who have been prevented from paying their

poll taxes by reason of their service in the United States army or navy, and who are otherwise qualified voters, to vote in all elections to be held in this State during the current year.

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

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State, at the city of Austin, Texas, this 30th day of April, A. D. 1919.

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

(Seal.)

By the Governor:
C. D. MIMS,
Acting Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
Department of State.

I, Geo. F. Howard, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify, That the foregoing and attached is a true and correct copy of the Proclamation issued by the Governor, W. P. Hobby, on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1919, calling an extraordinary session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock a. m., Monday, May 5th, 1919.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused the Seal of State to be hereon impressed, at the city of Austin, Texas, this the 5th day of May, A. D. 1919.

GEO. F. HOWARD,
Secretary of State.

President Pro Tem.—Election Of.

The Chair announced that the nominations for President Pro Tem. for the ensuing Called Session were order.

Senator Clark placed in nomination for that place Senator J. M. Alderdice of Ellis County.

*The nomination was seconded by Senators Westbrook, Suiter, Dean, Caldwell, Clark, Hopkins, Dayton, McNealus, Faust, Carlock, Hertzberg, Smith, Dudley, Williford, Bell, Hopkins and Page.

There being no other nominations,

the Chair declared the nominations closed.

Senators Gibson, Hertzberg and Faust were appointed as tellers.

Senator Alderdice received 25 votes, being a majority of all votes cast, and was declared to be duly and constitutionally elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the First Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

The Chair appointed Senators Hopkins, Dudley and Clark as a committee to escort President Pro Tem. Alderdice to the President's stand. Whereupon he took the constitutional oath of office, administered by Lieutenant Governor Johnson.

President Pro Tem. Alderdice was presented to the Senate and made a brief address.

Report of Caucus Committee.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 5th, 1919.

To the Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate:

Sir: Upon the call of Senator McNealus, chairman of the last caucus held by the Texas Senate, a caucus was held on Monday morning, May 5th, 1919, at which a quorum of the Senate was present, the purpose of the caucus being to determine the number and personnel of the Senate employees and officers for the ensuing Special Session of the Thirty-sixth Senate. Senator McNealus was elected chairman of the caucus and Senator Caldwell, secretary.

The following were recommended as the officers and employes of the Senate for the ensuing Special Session.

Secretary: W. E. Conn.

Assistant Secretary: J. B. Bennett.

Journal Clerk: T. H. Yarbrough.

Assistant Journal Clerk: L. E. Weeden.

Sergeant-at-Arms: M. F. Hornbuckle.

First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: J. A. Kenny.

Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: Captain Geo. T. Walker.

Door Keeper: W. H. Brummett.

Assistant Door Keeper: Capt. A. B. McKnight.

Calendar Clerk: Miss Lula Gardner.

Assistant Calendar Clerk: John Cofer.