For Governor's mansion, furniture and repairs ............. 2,424 31
For gardener, housekeeper, labor, etc. .................. 602 50
For water and ice for mansion ......................... 299 54
For fuel and lights ...................................... 673 06
For contingent ........................................... 274 60

The House listened attentively to the reading of the above message, at the conclusion of which
The Speaker announced as the pending question,

The resolution by Mr. Drew as substituted by the resolution by Mr. Bertram, whereupon
On motion of Mr. Martin the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

FOURTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Tex., Friday, Jan. 15, 1897.
The House met at 10 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:
Alexander.    Doyle.
Ayers.        Drew.
Barbee.       Evans of Grayson.
Barrett.      Evans of Hunt.
Beaird.       Ewing.
Bean.         Feild.
Bell.         Fields.
Bennett.      Fisher.
Benson.       Flint.
Bertram.      Freeman.
Bird.         Garrison.
Blackburn.    Good.
Blair.        Graham.
Bounds.       Green.
Boyd.         Harris.
Brewster.     Henderson.
Brown.        Hensley.
Bumpass.      Hill of Gonzales.
Burney.       Hill of Travis.
Burns.        Holland of Burnett.
Callan.       Holland of Harris.
Carpenter.    Humphrey.
Carswell.     Kimbell.
Childs.       Kirk.
Conoly.       Lillard.
Crawford.     Logan.
Crowley.      Lot.
Cureton.      Love.
Curry.        Manson.
Dann.         Martin.
Dennis.       Maxwell.
Dies.         McGaughey.
Dor Roh.      McKamy.
McKellar.     Seabury.
Meade.        Shelburne.
McIton.       Skillern.
Mercer.       Sluder.
Moore, Fort Bend. Smith.
Moore of Lamar. Smyth.
Morris.       Stamper.
Morton.       Stokes.
Mundine.      Strother.
Neighbors.    Thomas.
O'Connor.     Tracy.
Peery.        Tucker.
Pfeiffer.     Turner.
Porter.       Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Randolph.     Vaughan of Collin.
Reubell.      Wall.
Rhea.         Wallace.
Robbins.      Ward.
Rogan.        Welch.
Rogers.       Wilcox.
Rudd.         Williams.
Savage.       Wolters.
Schlick.      Wood.

Absent—excused.

Collier.       Shropshire.
Patterson.     Staples.
Pitts.         Thaxton.
Reiger.        Absent.
Gilbough.      Jones.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer by Chaplain Jackson.
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Mr. Williams, further reading was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Curry, Mr. Thaxton was excused indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, the Committee on Finance was excused temporarily on account of important committee work.

The Speaker announced the following appointments of committees:
Judiciary No. 1.—Mr. Ward, chairman; Messrs. Randolph, Fisher, Blair, Moor of Lamar, Seabury, Bell, McKamy, Ayers, Wolters, Sluder, Dies, Tracy, Childs, Bean, Barrett, Neighbors, Williams, Staples.

Judiciary No. 2.—Mr. Bailey, chairman; Messrs. Rogers, Evans of Hunt, Good, Logan, Turner, Rogan, Burns, Kimbell, Ewing, Wilcox, Dennis, Pitts, Reubell, Meade, Love, Wall, Martin.

Constitutional Amendments.—Mr. Rogers, chairman; Messrs. Beaird, Bertram, Bumpass, Rudd, McGaughey, Logan, Good, Vaughan of Collin, Flint, Humphrey, Blackburn, Shelburne, Bailey, Barbee, Patterson, Reubell, Stamper.


Revenue and Taxation.—Mr. Carpenter, chairman; Messrs. Childs, Humphrey, Drew, Lillard, Peery, Reiger, Carswell, Shelburne, Stamper, Wood, Melton, McKellar, Oliver, Vaughan of Collins, Garrison, Thomas, Holland of Burnet.

Public Lands and Land Office.—Mr. Robbins, chairman; Messrs. McGaughey, Graham, Good, Ayers, Martin, Peery, Barrett, Bumpass, Burns, Carpenter, Crawford, Crowley, Dorroh, Shropshire, Smyth, Thompson, Lillard, Jones, Tucker, Cureton, Bennett.

Privileges and Elections.—Mr. Moore of Lamar, chairman; Messrs. Wolters, Meade, Ayers, Bounds, Ewing, Dies, Evans of Grayson, Williams, Seabury, Humphrey, Maxwell, Crowley, Edwards, Burney.

Agricultural Affairs.—Mr. Bumpass, chairman; Messrs. Green, Porter, Rhea, Melton, Tucker, Wallace, Manson, Benson, Alexander, Barbee, Conoly, Dickson, Hensley, Kirk, Graham, Bird, Blackburn, Skillern.

Contingent Expenses.—Mr. Drew, chairman; Messrs. Burns, Bertram, Callan, Boyd, Welch, Crowley, Evans of Grayson, Dies, Burney.

Engrossed Bills.—Mr. Dies, chairman; Messrs. Fields, Freeman, Welch, Robbins.

Enrolled Bills.—Mr. Lillard, chairman; Messrs. Moore of Lamar, Dean, Seabury, Collier.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Garrison:

House bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Carpenter:

House bill No. 2, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of members and per diem of officers and employees of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Carpenter:

House bill No. 3, a bill to be entitled "An act to make an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of Presidential Electors of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Rogan:

House bill No. 4, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent election frauds, and provide for official ballots and a method of voting at all elections in this State outside of cities of ten thousand or more inhabitants, and to fix penalties for the violation of the provisions thereof."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Drew:

House bill No. 5, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix and limit the amounts of fees and commissions and salaries to be received by the several county judges, sheriffs, county clerks, district clerks, county and district clerks, county treasurers, county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, tax collectors, tax assessors, justices of the peace and constables of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Carpenter:

House bill No. 6, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate and fix the fees, salaries, commissions and other remuneration of district and county attorneys, sheriffs, district and county clerks, tax assessors and tax collectors of the several counties of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Bumpass:

House bill No. 7, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the payment of any deficiency that may arise in any department of the State government or institutions of the State, unless an estimate of the same shall have been made out, sworn to and presented to and approved by the Governor, and filed with the Comptroller at least 30 days before such deficiency occurs."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Melton:

House bill No. 8, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 6, article 400, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

(Persons selling or giving spirituous liquors to any minor without written consent, to be fined not less than $25 nor more than $100.)
Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Evans of Hunt:

House bill No. 9, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate assignments for the benefit of creditors; to declare what acts shall operate as such assignments, and to prescribe rules for administering the same, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder, approved March 24, 1879; and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, and to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder, approved March 24, 1879; and to repeal sections 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; also all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Maxwell:

House bill No. 10, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 1, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add to said chapter two articles, numbered 1132b and 1132c."

(Provides for the election of special county judges in case of the inability of any county judge to serve, in the same manner as is provided for in the election of district judges.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Renboll:

House bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 196 (183), chapter 2, title 7, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

(Makes the playing of baseball and football on Sunday a violation of law.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Pfeuffer:

House bill No. 12, a bill to be entitled "An act to make it penal for any railroad company, transportation company, or any kind of common carrier, or any officer, agent or employe of same, to grant, issue, send or deliver any free pass or ticket, or pass or ticket at a discount other than is sold to the public generally, and to provide a punishment therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Robbins:

House bill No. 13, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate certain illegal sales of public school, university and asylum lands sold under section 22, chapter 99, of the Acts of 1887, and the amendments thereto, sold as isolated and detached lands, which were not in fact isolated."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Henderson:

House bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 388, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to gaming in a public place."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Henderson:

House bill No. 15, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 822, chapter 4, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

(The object of this bill is to place all heretofore exempted counties of the State under the provisions of the diseased animal law.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Wallace:

House bill No. 16, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the sowing or propagation of Johnson grass in the State of Texas, and to provide for its destruction within five years, with penalties attached for a violation of any of the provisions of this act."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Seabury:

House bill No. 17, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title XCVI, chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto after article 4640 an article to be known as article 4640a, prohibiting the admission to record of instruments in a foreign language unless accompanied by a certified or sworn translation thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Doyle:

House bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to permit all short-term State convicts and all county convicts to be worked on the public roads and highways."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.
By Mr. Beaird:

House bill No. 19, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the creation of level premium mutual life and accident insurance companies in this State, and for the regulation thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Mr. Logan:

House bill No. 20, a bill to be entitled "An act to require express companies and others doing an express business to keep general offices in the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Ward:

House bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 1, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to offenses affecting the right of suffrage, by adding thereto articles 157, 158, 159 and 160."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Peery:

House bill No. 22, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of real estate sold for debt."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Rogan:

House bill No. 23, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles Nos. 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to add thereto articles 156a and 156b, relating to bribery and undue influence at elections."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. O'Conner:

House bill No. 24, a bill to be entitled "An act to enable cities, towns, and villages of this State to pay, provide for the payment of, or revive, indebtedness barred by the statute of limitations."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Holland of Harris:

House bill No. 25, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a judicial district in Harris county additional to the Eleventh judicial district existing therein, to be the Fifty-fifth Judicial district; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district, and to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts, and the disposition of business therein, and define the jurisdictional boundaries and terms thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:

House bill No. 26, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 904, of title 10, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to appeal and writ of error, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Ward:

House bill No. 27, a bill to be entitled "An act authorizing county courts to create and establish public cemeteries."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Rendell:

House bill No. 28, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 3, title 58, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to insurance, and to add thereto article 3064a."

(The bill provides that insurance companies withdrawing from this State without re-insuring their business in force in this State in some company authorized to do business in Texas shall designate a representative upon whom service can be had in case of suit.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Rendell:

House bill No. 29, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 723, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the reversal of judgments of the trial court in criminal cases."

(The bill provides that whenever it appears by the record in any criminal action or appeal of the defendants that any of the requirements of the eight preceding articles have been disregarded, and it further appears by the record that the defendant probably suffered injury thereby, then the judgment shall be reversed, provided that the error is excepted to at the time of the trial.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Ward:

House bill No. 30, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 904, of title 10, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to appeal and writ of error, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Ward:

House bill No. 31, a bill to be enti-
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An act to amend article 723 of chapter 5, title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the trial before the jury, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Rogan:
House bill No. 32, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1816, title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to conform the same to the law of the United States on the same subject.

(Electors to meet at capital of State on day designated by act of Congress to cast vote for president and vice president.)

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Neighbors:
House bill No. 33, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 4666 and 4667, chapter 5, title 96."

(Validates record of instruments permitted to be recorded when same have been recorded prior to January 1, 1885, provided same were acknowledged before officers enumerated).

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Drew:
House bill No. 34, a bill to be entitled "An act to define and fix the salaries of the clerks of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and of the Courts of Civil Appeals, and to provide for the manner of collecting same, and to make it the duty of such clerks to pay to the State Comptroller the excess of fees collected by them over and above their salaries."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Vaughan of Guadalupe:
House bill No. 35, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 905 of chapter 3 of title 15 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

(Fixes minimum punishment for assault with intent to murder at two years in the penitentiary.)

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 36, a bill to be entitled "An act to define and fix the salaries of county, district and precinct officers."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Good:
House bill No. 37, a bill to be entitled "An act to define who are fellow-servants and who are not fellow-servants, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the same."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Ward:
House bill No. 38, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 887 of title 10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, prescribing the form of a recognition in appeals of cases of misdemeanor, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 39, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 91 of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, to amend article 770 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by repealing the proviso in said article; to repeal articles 771 and 777 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas relative to persons charged as principals, accomplices or accessories in or to the commission of an offense testifying."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Ward:
House bill No. 40, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 1277 and to amend article 1278 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to continuance."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Ward:
House bill No. 41, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2979 of chapter 4, title 55, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to divorce, so as to make husband and wife competent witnesses, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 42, a bill to be entitled "An act authorizing and requiring judges of the district and county courts to appoint a special jury commissioner to select such additional jurors as may be needed in said courts over and above those selected by the regular jury commissioners, defining the duties of such commissioner and fixing his compensation."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.
By Mr. Feild:
House bill No. 43, a bill to be entitled “An act to repeal title 50 of Revised Statutes, and to pass in lieu thereof this bill, to license physicians and surgeons, to regulate the practice of medicine, and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof in the State of Texas.”
Read first time and referred to Committee of Health and Vital Statistics.

By Mr. Drew:
House bill No. 44, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 969 of chapter 3, title 18, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, in reference to seduction and the penalty thereof.”
(Provides that if the parties marry each other at any time before the trial of the defendant is begun, or if the defendant in good faith offer to marry the female so seduced at any time prior to the beginning of trial, no prosecution shall take place, but the benefits of this article shall not apply to the case of a defendant who was in fact married at the time of committing the offense.)
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 45, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 3182 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the summoning of additional jurors by the sheriff.”
(Amended to read as follows: If the requisite number of such jurors be not in attendance at any time, the court shall direct the clerk of the court to deliver to the sheriff or any one of his deputies the list of additional jurors selected by the special jury commissioner, and the court shall direct the said sheriff or any one or more of his deputies to summon a sufficient number of the persons whose names are on said list to make up the requisite number of jurors.)
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 46, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 3184 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the time and manner of making returns to the Secretary of State of elections for State and district officers.”
Read first time and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Seabury:
House bill No. 50, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 1757 of the Revised Civil Statutes (1895) of Texas, relating to the time and manner of making returns to the Secretary of State of elections for State and district officers,” etc.
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Dies:
House bill No. 51, a bill to be entitled “An act for the relief of Chambers county, Texas.”
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The object of the bill is to restore to Chambers county a sum of money lost in 1888 by a robbery of the United States mail.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 51, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1124, chapter 1, title 29, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the election of county judges."

Amended so as to require county judges to be 28 years of age, a citizen of the United States and of the State of Texas, shall have been a practicing attorney or judge of a court of this State for four years, and resided in the county twelve months before the election, shall reside in county during term of office; provided, that part of this article requiring said judge to have been a practicing attorney or judge of court for four years shall not apply to counties in this State where the county court has jurisdiction in probate matters only.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Ewing:
House bill No. 51, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 338, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the penalty for unlawfully carrying arms at a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $200."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 55, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the sale or giving of cigarettes to minors under 12 years of age, and to fix a penalty."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 56, a bill to be entitled "An act to make a failure on the part of any sheriff to comply with the requirements of article 4866 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas relative to deputies as offense, and to fix a penalty therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 57, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3176, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the service of notice of jurors."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
House bill No. 58, a bill to be entitled "An act to require district and county attorneys to prosecute and collect any and all money claims of the State of Texas against any person for fines and forfeitures, and fixing a punishment for failure to do so."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Rogan:
House bill No. 60, a bill to be entitled "An act to preclude the necessity of preliminary or examining trials in misdemeanor cases of which the county or district courts or criminal district courts of the State have exclusive original jurisdiction, and to conform criminal procedure hereto."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Henderson:
House bill No. 61, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 388, of chapter 6, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to sentences in cases of felony."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Field:
House bill No. 62, a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Renbells:
House bill No. 63, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 950 (797), chapter 17, title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."
(The bill provides for the punishment of any person who shall dispose of farm produce upon which there is a landlord's or other lien.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Field:

House bill No. 64, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 1436 and 1437, title 30, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to cases of appeal on certiorari, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Bailey:

House bill No. 65, a bill to be entitled "An act to define and punish the offense of wilfully or maliciously throwing missiles or arming guns or other firearms at or into moving trains on railroads or any railway depot, private residence, school house, church, storehouse, hotel or other public or private building, sailboat or steamboat in this State."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:

House joint resolution No. 1, amending article 6, section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Drew:

House joint resolution No. 2, amending article 6, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Burney:

House joint resolution No. 3, amending article 6, section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring persons of foreign birth to become citizens of the United States before they are allowed to exercise the right of suffrage.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Reubell:

House joint resolution No. 4, to amend section 1, article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

(Makes the payment of poll tax necessary to the right of suffrage.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Holland of Harris:

House joint resolution No. 5, amending the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding to same article 8a, relating to the improvement of streets, etc., in cities, towns and villages.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Turner:

House joint resolution No. 6, providing for a constitutional convention to frame a new constitution.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Messrs. Holland of Harris and Carpenter:

House concurrent resolution No. 1:

Whereas, the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, a distinguished citizen of the State of Nebraska, contemplates in the near future a visit to this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Twenty-fifth Legislature now in session extend to Hon. W. J. Bryan, the matchless tribune of the people, a most hearty welcome to Texas.

Be it further resolved, that in the name of the people of this State, an invitation is hereby extended to the brilliant statesman to visit the capital of Texas while within our borders.

Be it further resolved, that his Excellency, the Governor of Texas, is hereby requested to transmit to the Hon. W. J. Bryan, at Lincoln, Neb., under the seal of the State, a properly certified copy of this concurrent resolution.

Read second time, and adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Lillard:

House concurrent resolution No. 2:

Whereas, the office of Postmaster of the House does not require constant and arduous work after the distribution of the morning and evening mails; and

Whereas, the duties of Postmaster in the Senate do not involve as much labor as is required in the postoffice of the House; and

Whereas, it is in the line of public economy to have but one postoffice for both houses of the Legislature; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Senate be and is hereby respectfully asked to co-operate with the House in having a joint postoffice for both houses, the same to be kept in the postoffice room, made for that purpose in this building; and be it further

Resolved, the Senate concurring that the present Postmistress of the House be and is hereby made Postmistress for both the House and the Senate, and that the Postmaster of the Senate be her assistant.
The resolution was read second time, and

Mr. Wood offered the following substitute:

Whereas, when the present Constitution of the State of Texas was adopted and the rules were written governing the House of Representatives of this State there was no free mail delivery service in the city of Austin. Now under the free mail delivery law of the Federal Government every member of this House can have his mail delivered free of cost to the State to his home, boarding house, or any place he may designate within the corporate limits of the city of Austin; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we abolish and dispense with the offices of Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster of this House, to take effect February 14, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the substitute was tabled.

The resolution was lost.

Mr. Lotto offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, That thanks be extended to the Houston Post for the courtesy shown to the members-elect in extending to them the use of its columns for the expression of their views, thus furnishing them with a like amount of information in regard to their opinions in advance, and thereby expediting business.

(Signed: Lotto, Dies, Wolters, Neighbors, Dennis.)

Read second time and adopted unanimously.

Mr. Lotto offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas. That 10,000 copies of the Legislative Record of the House of Representatives be printed and proportioned among the several members of said House, and also the heads of the departments for distribution to their constituents.

(Signed: Lotto, Dies, Wolters, Neighbors, Dennis.)

Read second time and

Mr. Evans of Grayson offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That 1200 copies of the House Record be ordered printed daily, and that eight copies of said House Record be furnished to each member of the House of Representatives daily.

Meade.

The substitute was adopted.

Question next recurring on the resolution as substituted,

Mr. Burney offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out 1200 and inserting 500 copies, and by striking out eight copies and inserting three copies.

The amendment was lost, and

The resolution by Mr. Lotto, as substituted, was adopted.

Mr. Neighbors offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to act on the part of the House with a like committee on the part of the Senate to arrange for counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for the inauguration of the said officers.

Read second time and adopted.

Mr. Rogan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be allowed to appoint a clerk, who shall assist the Sergeant-at-Arms and who shall receive $3 per day for his services.

Read second time and adopted.

The Speaker announced the following appointments:

Committee clerks—L. G. Schultz, Cameron county; W. J. Bullock, Wichita county; W. A. Smith, Ellis county.

Committee to prepare for the counting of the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect — Messrs. Neighbors, Ward, and Meade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room, Austin, Tex., Jan. 15, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashell, Speaker of the House:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay contingent expenses of the Twenty-fifth Legislature," also

House bill No. 2, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of members and per diem of officers and employees of the Twenty-fifth Legislature," also

House bill No. 3, a bill to be entitled "An act to make an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of Presidential electors of Texas,

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report them back to the House with the recommendation that they do pass.

GARRISON, Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Jan. 15, 1897.

Hon L. T. Dashiell, Speaker House of Representatives:

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following concurrent resolution:

Senate concurrent resolution No. 1, welcoming the Hon. William J. Bryan to Texas, and inviting him to visit the capital of the State.

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary Senate.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Garrison the regular order was suspended to take up House bill No. 1 on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, House Rule No. 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably be printed and laid on the desk of each member before acted on by the House was suspended.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, was suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—118.


Benson.


Yeas—121.


Yeas—121.
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Cureton.  Mercer.
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Dennis.  Morris.
Dickinson.  Morton.
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Flint.  Rogan.
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Garrison.  Rudd.
Gibbough.  Savage.
Good.  Schlick.
Graham.  Seabury.
Green.  Shelburne.
Harris.  Skillern.
Henderson.  Sluder.
Hensley.  Smith.
Hill of Gonzales.  Smyth.
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Humphrey.  Thomas.
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Lillard.  Tucker.
Logan.  Turner.
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Love.  Vaughan of Collin.
Manson.  Wall.
Martin.  Wallace.
Maxwell.  Ward.
McFarland.  Welch.
McGaughey.  Wilcox.
McKamy.  Williams.
McKellar.  Wolters.
Meade.  Wood.
Melton.  Nays—none.

Nays—none.  Absent.

Jones.
Collier.  Excused.
Patterson.  Shropshire.
Pitts.  Staples.
Reiger.  Thaxton.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, the regular order was suspended to take up and place on its second reading House bill No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, was suspended by the following vote:

Yea—121.
Ayers.  Barbee.

Nays—none.  Absent.

Jones.
Collier.  Shropshire.
Patterson.  Staples.
Pitts.  Thaxton.
Reiger.
House bill No. 2 was laid before the House on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Rogan, House rule No. 73, requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole to consider bills carrying appropriations was suspended.

House bill No. 2 was then read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

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House bill No. 3 was then laid before the House on its second reading.  
On motion of Mr. Carpenter, House rule No. 73, requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole to consider bills carrying appropriations was suspended.  
The bill was then read second time and was ordered engrossed.  
House bill No. 3 was then read third time, and was passed by the following vote:  

Yeas—120.  

Alexander.  
Ayers.  
Bailey.  
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Nays—2.  

Mundine.  
Absent.  

Shropshire.  
Staples.  
Thaxton.  

Nays—1.  

Burney.  
Gilbough.  
Collier.  
Patterson.  
Pitts.  
Reiger.  

On motion of Mr. Seabury, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. to-day.  

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
The House met at 3 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment.  
Speaker Dashiell in the chair.  
Roll called and the following members present:  

Alexander.  
Ayers.  
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Dor.  
Drew.  
Edwards.  
Evans of Grayson.
A quorum was announced present.

On motion of Mr. Harris, Mr. Gilbough was excused until next Monday on account of important business.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, the following resolution by Mr. Bertram, substituted for the resolution by Mr. Drew:

Resolved, That each Representative be allowed $15 worth of stamps during the session, and no more. And that each officer be allowed $3 in stamps during the session. And the Sergeant-at-Arms shall keep an itemized account with each Representative and officers of the House, and report the same to the House on the last day of this session.

On motion of Mr. Bertram, it was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Drew offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Speaker and the committee clerks of the House of Representatives be allowed three dollars and fifty cents per day each for their services, and that the pages and porters be allowed two dollars each per day for their services.

Read second time, and Mr. Carpenter offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out $3.50 and inserting $4.

Mr. Freeman moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

After further consideration, Mr. Bertram moved the previous question, which was duly seconded, and the main question was ordered.

The motion to refer was lost.

On the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Drew, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Bumpass, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—67.

Alexander. Dennis.
Ayers. Dickinson.
Bailey. Dies.
Barbee. Evans of Hunt.
Barrett. Feld.
Beard. Garrison.
Bean. Good.
Bell. Green.
Bird. Harris.
Blackburn. Hensley.
Blair. Hill of Travis.
Bounds. Holland of Harris.
Boyd. Logan.
Browne. Lotto.
Burns. Manson.
Callan. Martin.
Carpenter. McFarland.
Conoly. McKamy.
Dean. Meade.
January 15, 1897

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Jan. 5.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:

I am instructed to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution appointing a committee of three to act with an like committee of the House to count the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and appointed the following committee: Turney, Ross, Burns.

R. E. DODSON,
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Dorroh offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the public press announces that the Hon. W. J. Bryan will speak in this city on the 28th instant; therefore be it

Resolved, That in appreciation of his distinguished services and merits as an American citizen, this body extend to him the use of the Hall of Representatives, and that he be invited to deliver his address in same.

Read second time and adopted.

Mr. Carpenter moved to reconsider the vote by which the above resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

We vote "no" upon the resolution to tender Mr. Bryan the Representative Hall, because we are informed that Mr. Bryan is here under the supervision of parties who will use him in this city as a speculative venture, and we think the precedent a bad one.

HENDERSON, TRACY, MELTON, MERCER.

Mr. Carpenter called up Senate concurrent resolution No. 1, welcoming the Hon. William J. Bryan to Texas, and inviting him to visit the capital of the State.

The Speaker laid the same before the House, which was read second time and adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Fields, chairman, submitted the following report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Jan. 15, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:

Your Committee on Rules beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that the rules of order of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature be adopted as the rules of order for the government and regulation of the House, with the following amendments:

Amend Rule 25, so that it shall hereafter read as follows:

"25. All bills before the House shall be taken up and acted upon in the order in which they are numbered, and it shall be the duty of the Chief Clerk to number every bill in its regular order upon its first reading; provided, that local bills shall be considered on Saturday of each week, until disposed of; and provided further, that no bill affecting any railroad, municipal or mercantile corporation shall be con-
sidered as a local bill, within the meaning of this rule." Amend Rule 75, so that the Committee on Finance shall consist of 21 instead of 20 members. All or which is respectfully submitted.

FIELD S, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Hunt, Mr. Robbins was excused until next Monday on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Seabury, Mr. Edwards was excused for absence to-day on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the House took a recess for 20 minutes.

At the expiration of 20 minutes, the House was called to order by the Speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Neighbors, chairman, on part of the House, submitted the following report:

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:

Sirs: Your joint committee appointed to make arrangements to count the vote and to arrange for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, beg leave to recommend that the House and Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of counting said vote, and that the House and Senate will meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock m., when the joint committee will escort the Governor and Lieutenant Governor-elect to the Speaker's stand, when the oath of office will be administered to them by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

TURNER, Chairman.
ROSS.
BURNS.
On the part of the Senate.
NEIGHBORS, Chairman.
WARD.
MEADE.
On the part of the House.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Henderson, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It has been stated to some of the members of the House that Mr. Bryan is to be in this city upon a contract with citizens of Texas, who have entered into such contract for the purpose of speculation, and that this hall is wanted because more people can be seated here than in the opera house, and that tickets for admission to this hall are to be sold at $1 each; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That in the event of Mr. Bryan using this hall no charges shall be made for admittance to hear his speech.

Read second time, and

Mr. Evans of Grayson offered the following amendment:

"And that members of the House of Representatives be allowed to retain the seats now occupied by them, and the Sargeant-at-Arms is hereby instructed to see that other persons do not occupy the seats of the members except by permission."

The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:

Sirs: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

House bill No. 2, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Twenty-fifth Legislature," and

House bill No. 3, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of presidential electors of Texas."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Rogan, the House adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

FIFTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Tex., Monday, Jan. 18, 1897.

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.
Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Alexander.
Bailey.
Ayers.
Barbee.