Mr. Garrison moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 12 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 8, 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," relating to disturbance of any congregation engaged in religious worship, with amendment by the committee.

The bill was read second time and the committee report was adopted.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment:

Amend committee report by striking out the words "whatever," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "whatsoever."

Adopted.

Mr. Moore of Lamar offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out section 2 of the bill.

Adopted.

Mr. Ward offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the words "or any person who shall hereafter play baseball, football or any other game of like kind on Sunday," in lines 15 and 16.

Mr. Carpenter moved to table the amendment, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Bailey moved the previous question, and it was not seconded.

Mr. Evans of Hunt offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Ward:

Amend by striking out the words "baseball, football," and insert after "Sunday," line 16, the following: "Or any person who shall hereafter hunt game of any kind whatsoever on Sunday, or play baseball, football, within one-half mile of any church or other place of public worship, shall be fined in any sum not less than $25 nor more than $100."

Mr. Beaird, after addressing the House, moved the previous question, and it was not seconded.

Mr. Pfeuffer moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow, and Mr. Fields until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

The motion of Mr. Pfeuffer prevailed and the House, at 12:34, adjourned accordingly.
A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Rev. Frank T. Mitchell of Smith county.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.

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

On motion of Mr. Oliver, Mr. Henderson was excused for today on account of sickness.

PRIVILEGED REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897,

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

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,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned yesterday, it had under consideration House bill No. 11 on its engrossment, with pending amendment by Mr. Ward and substitute therefor by Mr. Evans of Hunt.

The Speaker laid the same before the House as unfinished business.

Mr. Evans of Hunt by unanimous consent, withdrew the former substitute and offered the following instead:

Amend by striking out all after the word "Sunday," in line 14, and insert the following: "Or any person who shall hereafter hunt game of any kind whatsoever on Sunday within one-half mile of any church, school house, or private residence, or any person or persons who shall hereafter play baseball, football, or any game of like kind or character within one-half mile of any church or other place of public worship."

The substitute was lost.

Question next recurred on the amendment by Mr. Ward, and after consideration, Mr. Neighbors moved the previous question, which was not seconded.

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

Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Ward, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Vaughan of Collin, and Mr. Reuben.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—55.

Ayers.
Barrett.
Beard.
Bean.
Bell.
Bertram.
Bird.
Blackburn.
Blair.
Brown.
Browne.
Callan.
Childs.
Collar.
Curen.
Dean.
Dennis.
Dickinson.
Dies.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.
Ewing.
Feld.
Fisher.

Pitts.
Porter.
Randolph.
Reubell.
Rhea.
Robbins.
Rogan.
Robbins.
Savage.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Skillern.
Sluder.
Smith.
Smith.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Strother.
Thaxton.
Thomas.
Thompson.
Tucker.
Vaughan, Gua'lupe.
 Vaughan of Collin.
Wall.
Wallace.
Ward.
Welch.
Wilcox.
Williams.
Wolters.
Wood.

Excused.

Gilbough.
Henderson.
Reiger.

Flint.
Good.
Graham.
Green.
Harris.
Holland of Harris.
Jones.
Kirk.
Lotto.
McFarland.
McGaughey.
Mckellar.
McKellar.
McKellar.
Mercer.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Morris.
O'Connor.
Pfeuffer.

Rudd.
Turner.

Pitts.
Randolph.
Rogers.
Schlick.
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Yeas—63.

Dean. Humphrey. Vaughan of Collin.
Harris. Humphrey. Vaughan of Collin.

Nays—60.

Ayers. Holland of Harris.
Bailey. Jones.

Excused.

Gilbough. Reiger. Rudd.

Absent.

Holliday of Burnet. Rudd.

Question next recurred on engrossment of the bill, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bell and Mr. O'Connor. The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—63.


Nays—67.


Excused.

Mr. Carpenter moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 11 was ordered engrossed, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Browne:
A petition of 488 citizens of Harris county, asking the Legislature to re-
scind the present convict labor laws of this State, as they now stand in competition with free and honest labor.

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Barrett:
A memorial from teachers of Greer county, asking the Legislature to pass an act granting them the amount due on vouchers issued prior to March 16, 1806.

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Dean (by request):
A memorial from 18 citizens of Brazos county, asking legislation in behalf of children of prostitute women.

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Welch:
A petition from 37 citizens of Maverick county, asking that they be exempt from the operation of the hide and animal inspection law.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Dean:
House bill No. 161, a bill to be entitled "An act to expedite the closing of the estates of deceased persons, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

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

By Mr. Love:
House bill No. 162, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 193, chapter 1, title 7, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to disturbance of religious worship."

(Provides a penalty of from $25 to $100 for any way disturbing a Sunday school or any kind of religious worship.)

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

By Mr. Carswell:
House bill No. 163, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 5, article 4574, chapter 33, of an act entitled Railroad Commission of the State of Texas, Revised Statutes, page 917, relating to freight and passenger transportation on railroads."

(Amends section 5 by prohibiting issuance of free transportation to any person or persons not excepted in said section.)

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

By Mr. McKellar:
House bill No. 164, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3929, title 85, chapter 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the qualifications of county superintendents."

(Provides that such county superintendents of public instruction shall be practical teachers, and shall have been engaged in teaching school for at least five years.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Lotto:
House bill No. 165, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 514, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, prohibiting the killing and hunting of deer until August 1, A.D. 1896."

(Fixes a penalty at a fine of any sum not less than $25 nor more than $50 for violations of this act, together with costs of suit.)

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

By Mr. Kirk:
House bill No. 166, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3231, title 62, chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide that no verdict shall be rendered in any cause except upon the concurrence of ten members of the jury in the district court and five members in the county court trying the same."

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

By Mr. Turner:
House bill No. 167, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 18, title 27, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to judgments of Courts of Civil Appeals, and the manner of disposing of causes on appeal, by creating and adding thereto article 1027a."

(Provides that in considering all the facts of a cause the Court of Civil Appeals shall be of the opinion that the trial court failed to do substantial justice, it should reverse the judgment.)

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

By Mr. Randolph:
House bill No. 168, a bill to be entitled "An act to punish persons for wilfully turning out or permitting to run at large within a county or subdivision of any county in which the stock law has been adopted, stock not permitted to run at large."

(Makes the offense a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $100.)
Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Wolters:

House bill No. 169, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 969, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, providing for the election of white and colored trustees of unorganized school districts by each race separately."

(Provides that only white electors shall vote for white trustees, and only colored electors shall vote for colored trustees, and in no case shall any elector of any race vote for a trustee of the other race.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Seabury:

House bill No. 170, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the appointment and compensation of district court stenographers, and to define their duties."

(Provides for the appointment of such stenographers by the judges of the district courts, and fixes their salaries at $600 per annum and certain fees additional.)

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

By Mr. Schlick:

House bill No. 171, a bill to be entitled "An act amending article 868, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, preventing the execution of criminals in public."

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

By Mr. Kimbell:

House bill No. 172, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent litigants from pleading the statutes of limitations in the county and district courts in cases appealed from justices' courts, when the same was not pleaded in the justices' courts."

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

By Mr. Bertram:

House bill No. 173, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4960, chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to estrays."

(Provides that where estray stock are brenchly, the county commissioners or any one of them, upon satisfactory proof, may proceed to sell said animals immediately after advertisement has been made by the county clerk, and the proceeds shall be disposed of as other estrays.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

By Mr. Boyd:

House bill No. 175, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit persons engaged in running pool tables, billiard tables, horse racing, or gambling in any form, hiring or permitting minors about their places of business without the written consent of the parent or guardian, and to provide a penalty therefor."

(Makes the offense a misdemeanor, punishable by fine in any sum not less than $25 nor more than $200.)

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

By Mr. Fisher:

House bill No. 176, a bill to be entitled "An act to quiet titles to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled an act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or of the Confederate States, a certificate for 1280 acres of land, approved April 9, 1881, and to validate patents issued on such locations and surveys."

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

By Mr. Thompson:

House bill No. 177, a bill to be entitled "An act to abolish the unorganized counties of Buchel and Foley, and to incorporate their territory in the county of Brewster, to provide for payment of certain bonds held by the State against said unorganized counties out of funds now on hand to their credit, and for the transfer and payment of the balance of said fund to the proper officers of said Brewster county."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Mr. Ewing:

House bill No. 178, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 969, of title 18, of chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted A. D.
By Mr. Green:
House bill No. 178, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 5, of the Criminal Code, articles 514 and 517, relating to the protection of fish, birds and game."

(Provides that it shall be unlawful to kill, trap or ensnare wild deer for a period of two years in any county in the State; also, adds March and October to the time in which the killing of quail is prohibited.)

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

By Mr. Welch:
House bill No. 180, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5043, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, so as to exempt Maverick county from the provisions of title CII, chapter 6, relating to the inspection of hides and animals."

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

By Mr. Alexander:
House bill No. 181, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 869 and 870, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to theft."

(Changes the minimum for a penitentiary offense from $50 to $200.)

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

By Mr. Kimbell:
House bill No. 182, a bill to be entitled "An act giving a lien on property to persons paying taxes thereon at the written request of the owner, and providing for foreclosure of the same."

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

By Mr. Hensley:
House bill No. 183, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4759, of chapter 5, title 97, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the improvement of public roads."

(Amends by striking out the following clause from said article: "As nearly as the condition and necessity of the road will permit.")

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

By Mr. Hensley:
House bill No. 184, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4759, of the Revised Civil Statutes, by adding article 4759a, relating to public roads."

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

By Mr. Freeman:
House bill No. 185, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act carrying into effect the constitutional amendment to article 7, section 5, transferring annually one per cent of the permanent to the available school fund, passed at the first called session of the Twenty-second Legislature, and approved April 12, 1892."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Neighbors:
House joint resolution No. 13, to amend section 16, article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to incorporating banks.

(Provides that corporate bodies may be permitted to be made with banking and discounting privileges, with a minimum capital of $10,0000.)

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

Mr. Rogan offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the Speaker of the House be and he is hereby authorized to appoint one additional committee clerk, to serve the committees for thirty days at least.

Read second time, and adopted.

The above resolution was accompanied by the following petition:

To Hon. L. T. Dashiell: We, the chairmen of committees of this House, seeing the necessity for additional clerks for committees, request that one additional clerk be appointed, whose term of service is to continue for thirty days at least. (Signed: E. H. Rogan, R. H. Ward, John W. Robbins, Evans of Hunt, R. W. Martin, Evans of Grayson, Ben S. Rogers, Jas. Callan, A. C. Oliver, J. H. Bailey, Wm. A. Fields, T. B. Williams, W. R. Bounds, S. P. Burns, J. Lee Carpenter, John M. Logan, B. B. Beaird.)

Mr. Bailey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Speaker be and he is hereby authorized to appoint two additional porters, who shall serve under the direction of the Sergeant-at-
Arms until discharged by the Speaker, and receive as compensation for their services the sum of $2 per day.

Read second time.

Mr. Drew moved to table the resolution, and the motion was lost.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Martin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Mr. Ed. Shands rendered five days service as Assistant Postmaster of the House prior to his appointment to said office as heretofore provided by resolution; therefore

Resolved, That the sum of $15 be allowed him for said service, and that the Chief Clerk of this House be instructed to issue voucher for same.

Read second time and adopted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It has been a custom of former Legislatures to compensate those who discharged the duties of Postmaster of the House during the first days of the session, pending the election of a Postmaster, and Frank Mullens having served the House in this capacity for two days without compensation for services; therefore

Resolved, That said Mullens be allowed the sum of $8 for said services, and the same hereby ordered paid.

Read second time and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 77, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1198, title 4, chapter 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding thereto the proviso that the proceeds of the voluntary sale of the homestead of a family shall not be subject to garnishment within six months after such sale."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 94, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1188, chapter 4, title 20, of an act passed at the regular session of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,' which article regulates the venue of civil cases in the district and county courts and Justice courts."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 38, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 4666 and 4667, chapter 5, title 96, Revised Civil Statutes."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 112, a bill to be entitled an act to create liens in favor of employees and providing for foreclosure of the same,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 110, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 2526, 2531 and 2532 of title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to repeal article 2527 of said title, relating to forcible entry and detainer."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 109, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1814, article 1815 and article 1816, of title XXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895 of the State of Texas, relating to the time and manner of making returns to the Secretary of State of elections for electors for President and Vice-President, and of estimating the same and of the meeting of the electors."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 87, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4069, chapter 4, title 87, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to county surveyors, requiring them to give bond," etc.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 76, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the printing of court records."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 75, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 811 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to theft of horses, asses and mules, so as to fix the punishment thereof at confinement in horses, horses and mules, for not less than two nor more than ten years."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 67, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 635, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 64, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 1436 and 1437, title 20, 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."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
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 sheriffs."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 68, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 636, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
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."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that the accompanying committee substitute bill be passed in lieu thereof, and it is further recommended that only the substitute bill be printed.
WARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Bailey, chairman:
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
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 sections 770 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."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 81, a bill to be entitled "An act to make the living together and having carnal intercourse with each other, or the habitual carnal intercourse with each other without living together, of a man and woman within the State of Texas when not legally married together a criminal offense, and to provide an appropriate penalty for said offense, and to repeal articles 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, and 358 of title 10, chapter 2 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
BAILEY, Chairman.
tied "An act to amend article 822 of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to counties exempted from provisions of articles 813 to 821."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass with the following amendments: Amend caption by striking out the words "the Revised Statutes of," and amend section 1 by striking out the words "the Revised Statutes of."

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 26, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 904 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the judgment of the Court of Criminal Appeals on an appeal in a criminal case."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass for the reason that House bill No. 30 upon the same subject has been reported favorably.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

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."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass for the reason that House bill No. 30 upon the same subject has been reported favorably.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 30, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 904 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."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment: "By striking out section 3 of the bill."

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 31, a bill to be entitled "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."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 54, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 328 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted A. D. 1895, so as to fix the penalty for unlawfully carrying arms at a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $200."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 11, "creating a commission of revision to formulate and suggest amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Chairman.
Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.  
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:  
Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred  
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 50, of the Acts of 1887,  
and the amendments thereto, sold as isolated and detached lands, which were  
not in fact isolated and detached,"  
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the  
same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.  
ROBBINS, Chairman.  
Committee Room.  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.  
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:  
Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred  
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 pro­  
vide 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 there­  
in, and define the jurisdictional boundaries and terms thereof."  
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the  
same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.  
HOLLAND of Harris, Chairman.  
Committee Room.  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.  
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:  
Your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom was referred the resolu­  
tion with reference to allowing stamps for the members and officers of the  
House, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report  
the following substitute for the original resolution back to the House, with the  
recommendation that it do pass:  
Resolved, that each Representative be allowed $20 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 officer of the House, and report the same to  
the House on the last day of this session, and that same shall be published  
in the Journal. DREW, Chairman.  
Mr. Drew called up the above report of the Committee on Contingent Ex­  
 pense, to whom was referred the resolution by Mr. Bertram in regard  
to stamps for members and officers.  
The report was read, and a motion of Mr. Bailey, twenty-five copies of the report of the sub-committee of Judiciary Committee No. 2, on House bills Nos. 21 and 23, were ordered printed for the use of the committee.  
The Speaker announced the following appointments:  
Committee to report to the House resolutions of respect to the memory  
Committee to report to the House resolutions of respect to the memory  
of Hon. T. L. Edwards—Messrs. Burney, Mercer, Stokes, Carpenter, Lil­  
lard.  
SPEAKER'S TABLE.  
The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,  
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,  
relating to selling intoxicating liquors to minors."  
The bill was read third time, and passed.  
The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,  
House bill No. 49, a bill to be entitled "An act to transfer to the general  
revenue account the unexpended balance of the United States direct tax  
fund remaining in the State treasury on the 2d day of March, A. D. 1897,  
the same to be used in the payment of the current expenses of the State gov­  
ernment."  
The bill was read second time, and Mr. Bailey offered the following  
amendment:  
Amend section 1 by inserting after the words "direct tax" the words "penalty,  
interest, and costs," and also make caption conform thereto.  
The amendment was lost.  
Mr. Ward offered the following  
amendment:  
Amend section 1, in line 15, by striking out "1897" and insert in lieu there­  
of "1897."  
The amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered engrossed.
On motion of Mr. Bell, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

NINTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Tex., Friday, Jan. 22, 1897.

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Dashiel in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:


Hensley, Hill of Gonzales, Hill of Travis, Holland of Burnett, Holland of Harris, Humphrey, Jones, Kimbell, Kirk, Lillard, Logan, Lotto, Love, Manson, Martin, Maxwell, McFarland, McGaughey, McKamy, McKeller, Meade, Melton, Mercer, Moore, Moore of Fort Bend, Moore of Lamar, Morton, Mundine, Neighbors, O'Connor, Oliver, Patterson, Peery, Pfeuffer, Pitts, Porter, Randolph, Reubell, Rhea, Robbins, Rogan, Rogers, Savage, Schlick, Seabury, Shelburne, Shropshire, Skillern, Sluder, Smith, Stamper, Staples.


Excused.

Reiger. Rudd.

Absent attending the Committee on Privileges and Elections: Mr. Bennett.

Quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Chaplain Jackson.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Kirk, further reading was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Ewing was excused for to-morrow, on account of sickness in his family.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 94 (by unanimous consent), on request of Mr. Bertram.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Bailey:
A petition of 160 farmers, stockraisers and citizens of DeWitt county, praying for the enactment of such legislation as will suppress the further spreading and propagation of Johnson grass.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BILLs AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Boyd:
House bill No. 186, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 62, chapter 2, article 3145, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to jury commissioners."

(Amends by changing the number of such commissioners from three for the county to one for each justice precinct.)

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

By Mr. Rogan:
House bill No. 187, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit minors from making false representations in regard to their age, or procuring others to make such false representations for them, for the purpose of procuring from any other person the sale or gift to themselves of any vinous, spirituous or intoxicating liquors prohibited by law to be sold to minors, and to provide a penalty for violations of the provisions of this act."