126 and 154, on request of Mr. Williams, chairman.

**SPEAKER’S TABLE.**

On motion of Mr. Beaird, the regular order was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 82, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 878 of title 17, chapter 9, of the Penal Code, of the State of Texas, and to make the receiving or concealing of stolen property a criminal offense, and to provide appropriate penalties for said offense, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act.”

Providing that if any person shall receive or conceal property, which has been acquired by another, in such manner as that the acquisition comes within the meaning of the term theft, knowing the same to have been so acquired, he shall be punished in the same manner as if he had stolen the property.

The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and Mr. Rogan offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out section 3. (Mr. McGaughey in the chair.)

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Shropshire, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 140, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 4744, title 97, chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the powers and duties of overseers of roads.”

With amendment by the committee.

The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and the committee report was adopted. The amendment reported by the committee was adopted.

Mr. Freeman offered the following amendment:

Strike out the word ‘shall” and insert “may” in line 15.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment:

Strike out “gravel” in line 15.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Shropshire.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Beaird moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 81.

Pending consideration of which, Mr. Love moved to adjourn until 10 o’clock a. m. to-morrow, and Mr. Mercer until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

The motion of Mr. Love prevailed, and the House, at 12:18 p. m., adjourned accordingly.

**THIRTEENTH DAY.**

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Thursday, January 28, 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. Harris.

Ayers. Henderson.

Barbee. Hensley.


Beaird. Hill of Travis.


Bell. Holland of Harris.

Bennett. Humphrey.

Bertram. Jones.

Bird. Kimbell.

Blackburn. Kirk.

Blair. Lillard.

Bounds. Logan.

Boyd. Love.

Brewster. Martin.

Browne. Maxwell.


Burney. McGaughey.

Burns. McKamy.

Callan. McCullar.

Carpenter. Meade.

Carswell. Melton.

Childs. Mercer.

Collier. Moore, Fort Bend.

Conoly. Moore of Lamar.

Crawford. Morris.

Crowley. Morton.

Cureton. Mundine.

Curry. Neighbors.

Dean. O’Connor.

Dennis. Oliver.

Dickinson. Pattersøn.

Dies. Peery.

Dorroh. Pfeuffer.

Doyle. Pitts.

Drew. Porter.

Edwards. Randolph.

Evans of Grayson. Reubell.

Ewing. Rhea.

Feild. Robbins.

Fields. Rogan.

Fisher. Rogers.

Flint. Savage.

Freeman. Schlick.

Gibbough. Scabury.

Good. Shelburne.

Graham. Shropshire.
The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following bill and resolution:

House bill No. 104, “An act to amend article 5043k of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and the movement of live stock thereunder.”

House concurrent resolution No. 6, providing for the printing of the rules of the House and Senate under the supervision of the House and Senate joint committee on printing.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Smyth:
A petition from W. H. Fuqua and 192 other citizens of Potter county, testifying to the merit and worth of the members and officers of Company “B” of the Texas State Rangers, and asking that the company be not disorganized, but that an efficient appropriation be made by the present Legislature for their maintenance and support.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Curry (by request):
A petition from colored citizens of Hopkins county, asking for the establishment of a colored orphans’ home.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson:
A petition from W. B. Munson and 79 other citizens of Denison, Grayson county, and vicinity, asking that a law be passed to protect wild game in Texas.

By Mr. Aytes:
A petition from R. E. L. Roy and 62 other citizens of Tarrant county, same as above.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Burns:
House bill No. 265, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend chapter 85, section 1, of an act passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, to provide for the levy and collection of an annual State tax for general revenue purposes of 17½ cents on the 100 dollars valuation for the year 1897 and thereafter.”

Read first time and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Wilcox:
House bill No. 266, a bill to be entitled “An act making it a penal offense to obtain credit or goods or money or other property by any false statement in writing, made to any merchant, dealer or bank, with the fraudulent intent to obtain credit, whereby anyone relying upon this
statement is defrauded, and providing a penalty therefor." (Makes the offense a misdemeanor, punishable by fine in sums from fifty to five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail from three to twelve months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.)

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

By Mr. Logan:
House bill No. 267, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix the rate of taxation on wharf companies doing business and manner of collecting such tax, in this State, and to provide the time and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Hill of Travis:
House bill No. 268, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Travis county, in the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

By Mr. Martin:
House bill No. 269, a bill to be entitled "An act limiting the salary of district attorneys, to be paid by fees, to $2000, in addition to the salary of $500 now paid them by the State, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Harris:
House bill No. 270, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 4, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 179n."

(Provides that articles 178 and 179 shall mean all general elections, but shall not apply to any special election.)

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

By Mr. Harris:
House bill No. 271, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4221 and article 4221 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public printing."

(Provides that all the public printing of the State shall be done within the limits of the State.)

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. Ward:
House bill No. 272, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Austin, to grant it a new charter and to extend its boundaries, passed by the Twenty-second Legislature, April, 1891, and presented to the Governor on the 3d day of April, 1891, by adding thereto sections 99a, 99b, inclusive, said sections providing for the creation of a board to be known as 'the water, light and power commission of the city of Austin,' for the election of said commission by the people of Austin, defining the powers and duties of said board, including the right of eminent domain, and providing for the protection of the water and other property and apparatus of the water, light and power system of the said city of Austin, and prescribing penalties to better secure such protection, and repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this amendment."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Pitts:
House bill No. 273, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent and suppress gaming houses, and to define the duties and enlarge the powers of the courts and officers in relation thereto, to provide penalties for owning, operating or having any interest in gaming houses, to empower officers to search premises and seize any property therein kept or used for gaming, and to provide for proceedings to condemn and destroy such gaming appliances, and prohibiting persons from resorting to and being present during the progress of unlawful gaming in such gaming houses."

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

By Mr. Rogers (by request):
Resolved, That the case of Asberry v. Blackburn, contested election case from the Sixty-third Representative District of Texas, be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to investigate the case on the question of the jurisdiction of this House to entertain the same, and if they deem it proper to investigate the merits of the contest.

A second reading was called for, but Mr. Seabury objected and the resolution went over under the rules.

By Mr. Neighbors:
House concurrent resolution No. 8: Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds be, and he is hereby, required to have vacated all the rooms
now occupied by the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History and the Geological departments in the Capitol building, and the records, books, specimens and offices removed to other rooms in the fourth story, or other rooms not now set apart and occupied under strict pursuance of law. He shall also remove and clear away for use any rooms in the basement of the Capitol and under the west wing which may be needed by the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History for arranging for reference and deposit old files and maps belonging to the Land Office which are not of frequent demand.

That when the above resolution is complied with, he shall move all books, papers, files, maps and furniture needed by the Land Commissioner from the Land Office and have them placed under the direction of the Land Commissioner in the rooms of the west end of the capitol now occupied by the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History and the Geological departments. The expenses for removing the office, books, furniture, etc., of the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History and Geological departments shall be paid out of any unexpended appropriation for that department, and the expenses of moving the land Office effects shall be paid under the approval of the Land Commissioner out of any unexpended balance of that department.

Read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Beaird, further consideration was postponed until next Friday night.

Further time was granted for consideration of the following bills:

House bill No. 121, on request of Mr. Kirk, chairman.

House bills Nos. 101, 207, 249, 152, 210, 92, on request of Mr. Curry, chairman.

House bills Nos. 70, 85, 124, on request of Mr. McGaughey, chairman.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 145, by unanimous consent, on request of Mr. Lotto.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Evans of Hunt, acting chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 185, 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.”

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.

EVANS of Hunt, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 165, a bill to be entitled “An act to require the owner, owners or lessees of coal mines within this State to provide for the safety and health of their employees, and requiring them to construct sufficient means of ingress and egress, and providing a penalty for a failure to do so.”

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:

Amend by striking out the emergency clause.

EVANS of Hunt, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 175, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 677, chapter 5, title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the charge of the court.”

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.

EVANS of Hunt, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Rogers, acting chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

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. 1865, so that an offer in good faith to marry the female seduced will have to be made either before affidavit has
been made or indictment found, or be­
fore or at the time of an examining
trial, if one be made, or before a jury
has been sworn for the trial of the
case in the district courts if process
be first issued in that court, to entitle
the defendant to have the prosecution
dismissed."

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 227, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend articles 1113 and
1114 of the Code of Criminal Pro­
cedure of the State of Texas, relating
to special venires."

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 181, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend articles 869
and 870 of the Penal Code of the State
of Texas, relating to theft."

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 187, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to prohibit minors from
making false representations in re­
gard to their age, or procuring oth­
ers 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, spiritu­
ous or intoxicating liquors prohib­
ited by law to be sold to minors, and to
provide a penalty for violations of the
provisions of this act."

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

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 201, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend article 878 of
chapter 9, title 17, of the Penal Code
of the State of Texas, relating to the
receiving or concealing of stolen prop­
erty."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 224, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend article 388, ti­
tle 11, chapter 4, of the Penal Code
of the State of Texas, relating to gaming,
and to repeal all laws in conflict her­
ewith."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 207, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend articles 873 of
chapter 9, title 17, of the Penal Code
of the State of Texas, relating to the
receiving or concealing of stolen prop­
erty."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 188, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend article 879 of
chapter 9, title 17, of the Penal Code
of the State of Texas, relating to the
receiving or concealing of stolen prop­
erty."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
commendation that it do not pass.
House bill No. 200, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 234 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by changing the penalty prescribed in said article, and making a penal offense for any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor or petty offense, and who has been placed at work in county work house or upon a county farm, or upon the public roads, bridges or other public works of the county under authority of law, to escape from the person having him in legal custody."

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.

ROGERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 214, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title XVII, chapter 9, article 870, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to change the penalty for theft of property of value less than $50 as to fine."

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, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Constitution Committee, to whom was referred

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.

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. 26, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 4, to amend section 1, article 6, of 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. 26, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 6, providing for a Constitutional convention to frame a new Constitution.

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.
Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 8, to amend section 1, article 6, of the
Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage.
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.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 9, to amend section 13, article 5, of the
Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to grand and petit juries in
district 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 not pass.
ROGERS, Chairman.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 10, to amend section 16, article 16, 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.
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.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 14, to amend section 5, article 7, of the
Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to taxation.
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.

By Mr. Curry, chairman.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 13, to amend section 16, article 16, of the
Constitution of the State, relating to incorporating banks.
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.
House bill No. 106, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts to apply the county and special taxes collected by him and deposited in the State treasury to the credit of the unorganized counties of Bucel and Foley, to the liquidation of the bonded indebtedness of said counties," 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 not pass.

CURRY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred

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."

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.

WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 84, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to extend the time for beginning work on railways heretofore chartered in this State, and to provide against the forfeiture of charters heretofore granted to railways within this State."

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.

WILLIAMS, Chairman.

By Mr. Kirk, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 208, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, concerning the power and duties of road overseers, by amending article 4753, fixing the compensation of overseers, and by adding thereto article 4756a, requiring the subdivision of roads and hands, and the working of subdivisions upon separate days."

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.

ROGAN, Chairman.

By Mr. Rogan, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 159, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent railroad companies from engaging in any business other than that provided for in their charters, and to prevent their officers, agents or employees from competing with other citizens in the carriage of commodities or merchandise over the railroads with which they are connected."

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, because the committee considers that it should be referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 62, a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban
House bill No. 228, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the introduction of scab disease among sheep in the State of Texas, and to prevent the spread of and secure the eradication of same, and providing a manner of examining such animals, together with the manner of taxing and collecting cost therefor, and making it a misdemeanor to violate the provisions of this act and prescribing penalties for such violations."

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.

KIRK, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 219, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the registration of all illegally branded cattle in a book to be kept by the clerks of the county courts in their offices for that purpose; to provide for the seizure and sale of such cattle by the sheriffs for non-compliance with this act; and to provide for the disposition of the proceeds of such sale; to provide for the examination and inspection of such cattle when about to be slaughtered or shipped; to provide for the payment of the fees of sheriffs and county clerks for the performance of their duties under this act; to define illegally branded cattle, and to make it a misdemeanor to fail to comply with the provisions of this act, and to prescribe the punishment therefor."

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.

KIRK, Chairman.

By Mr. Sluder, acting chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 242, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston by adding thereto sections 73c in order to empower the said city of Galveston to grant rights of way to railroads and depot companies for tracks on Strand street or Avenue B, or any portion thereof, west of Twenty-fifth street, and to confirm certain rights heretofore granted by the city council of the city of Galveston to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to erect and maintain tracks on portions of said street and to occupy a portion of Twenty-sixth street for depot purposes."

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.

SLUDER, Acting Chairman.
light and power commission of the city of Austin, for the election of said commission by the people of Austin, defining the powers and duties of said board, including the right of eminent domain, and providing for the protection of the water and other property and apparatus of the water, light and power system of the said city of Austin, and prescribing penalties to better secure such protection, and repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this amendment."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same correctly engrossed.

SLUDER, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Dies, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
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.
And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
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."
And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
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, instruments in any other than the English language, except instruments executed prior to the taking effect of this act, which may be recorded if accompanied by a sworn translation thereof."
And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

By Mr. Lillard, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House concurrent resolution No. 5, providing for the printing of the rules of the House and Senate under the House and Senate Joint Committee on Printing, and a dopted.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 104, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5043k of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and the movement of livestock thereunder."
And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 11:05 o'clock a.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.
The Speaker laid before the House Senate concurrent resolution No. 5, providing for joint committee of the two houses on judicial districts. The resolution was read second time and adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage
House bill No. 10, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 1, title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add to said chapter two articles numbered 1132b and 1132c."
The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:
Yeas—106.

Alexander. Martin.
Ayers. Maxwell.
Barbee. McFerrind.
Barrett. McGaughy.
Bean. McKamy.
Bennett. McKellar.
Bird. Meade.
Blackburn. Melton.
Blair. Mercer.
Blacks. Moore, Fort Bend.
Boyd. Moore of Lamar.
Brewster. Morris.
Burney. Mundine.
Callan. Oliver.
Carpenter. Patterson.
Cashwell. Peery.
Childs. Pfueffer.
Conoly. Pitts.
Crawford. Porter.
Crowley. Randolph.
Curry. Reubell.
Dean. Rhea.
Dennis. Robbins.
Dickinson. Rogan.
Dorrough. Rogers.
Doyle. Savage.
Drew. Schlick.
Edwards. Seabury.
Evans of Grayson. Shelburne.
Ewing. Shropshire.
Field. Skillern.
Fields. Sluder.
Fisher. Smith.
Gilbough. Smyth.
Good. Stamper.
Graham. Stokes.
Green. Strother.
Harras. Thaxton.
Henderson. Thomas.
Hensley. Thompson.
Hill of Gonzales. Tracy.
Hill of Travis. Tucker.
Holland of Burnet Turner.
Holland of Harris. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Humphrey. Vaughan of Collin.
Jones. Wallace.
Kimbell. Ward.
Kirk. Welch.
Lillard. Wilcox.
Logan. Williams.
Lotto. Wolters.
Love. Wood.

Nays—9.

Beaird. Cureton.
Bertram. Flint.
Bumpass. Freeman.
Burns. Neighbors.
Collier. 

Absent.

Bell. O'Connor.
Dies. Staples.
Evans of Hunt. Wall.

Excused.

Bailey. Manson.
Benson. Reiger.
Garrison. Rudd.

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

Substitute House bill No. 17, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title XCVI, chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes (1895) of the State of Texas, by adding thereto, after article 4640, an article to be known as article 4640a, prohibiting the admission to record of instruments in any other than the English language, except instruments executed prior to the taking effect of this act, which may be recorded if accompanied by sworn translations thereof."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

Senate bill No. 8, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2526 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to juries in cases of forcible entry and detainer."

The bill was read second time, and On motion of Mr. Ward, further consideration was postponed until the House shall have under consideration House bill No. 110, on the same subject.

The Speaker laid before the House House concurrent resolution No. 7, empowering the Governor of Texas to call a cotton growers' convention, and inviting delegates from all cotton growing States.

Which was read second time on January 25th, and on motion referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

The committee report was adopted, and

The resolution as reported was adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

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."

The bill was read second time.

(Mr. Rogan in the chair.)

The bill was ordered engrossed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading,

House bill No. 61, a bill to be entit-
Mr. Wolters moved the previous question, which was seconded, and
the main question was ordered.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,
House bill No. 65, a bill to be entitled "An act to define and pun
ish the offense of wilfully or maliciously throwing missiles or
firing 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."

The bill was read second time, and
was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Bounds, the House
at 12.15 p.m. adjourned until to-mor-
row at 10 o'clock a.m.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas.

Friday, January 29, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following mem-
ers present:

Alexander.  
Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Beaird.  
Bean.  
Bell.  
Bennett.  
Benson.  
Bertram.  
Bird.  
Blackburn.
Blair.  
Bounds.  
Boyd.  
Brower.  
Burney.  
Burns.  
Callan.  
Carpenter.  
Carswell.  
Childs.  
Collier.  
Conoly.  
Crawford.  
Crowley.  
Cureton.  
Curry.  
Dean.  
Dennis.  
Dennis.

Dickinson.  
Dies.  
Doyle.  
Drew.  
Edwards.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Evans of Grayson.  
Field.  
Fields.  
Fisher.  
Flint.  
Freeman.  
Gilbaugh.  
Good.  
Graham.  
Green.  
Harris.  
Hensley.  
Hill of Gonzales.  
Hill of Travis.  
Holland of Burnet.  
Holland of Harris.  
Humphrey.  
Jones.  
Kimbell.  
Kirk.  
Lillard.  
Logan.  
Lotto.  
Love.  
Martin.  
Maxwell.