same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

GARRISON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 6, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 57, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay for publishing the constitutional amendments proposed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature."

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.

GARRISON, Chairman.

By Mr. Bumpass, Chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Agriculture Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 317, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4908, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as adopted by the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Texas, defining a lawful fence."

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 substituting three barbed wires instead of four.

BUMPASS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Agriculture Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 220, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 6, title 52, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto articles 2923a, 2923b, 2923c and 2923d."

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.

BUMPASS, Chairman.

INVITATION.

Messrs. Gilbough and Harris, by unanimous consent, sent up to the Clerk's desk, had read the following invitation:

16—House.
Green. Pitts.  
Harris. Porter.  
Henderson. Randolph.  
Hensley. Reiger.  
Hill of Gonzales. Reubell.  
Hill of Travis. Rhea.  
Lolland of Burnet. Robins.  
Holland of Harris. Rogan.  
Humphrey. Rogers.  
Jones. Rudd.  
Kinbell. Savage.  
Kirk. Schick.  
Lillard. Seabury.  
Logan. Shelburne.  
Lotto. Shropshire.  
Love. Sluder.  
Manon. Smith.  
Martin. Smyth.  
Maxwell. Stamper.  
McFarland. Staples.  
McGaughey. Stokes.  
Mckamy. Strother.  
Mckeller. Thaxton.  
Meade. Thomas.  
Melton. Turner.  
Mercer. Vaughn, Guadalupe.  
Moore, Fort Bend. Vaughn of Collin.  
Moore of Lamar. Wall.  
Morris. Wallace.  
Morton. Ward.  
Mundine. Welch.  
O'Connor. Wilcox.  
Oliver. Williams.  
Patterson. Wolters.  
Peery. Wood.  
Pfeuffer. Excused.  
Alexander. Skillern.  
Cureton. Thompson.  
Good. Tracy.  
Neighbors. Tucker.  

A quorum was announced present.  
Prayer by Dr. J. A. Jackson, Chaplain.  
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,  
On motion of Mr. Shropshire, further reading was dispensed with.  

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.  
Mr. Carswell indefinitely, on account of the death of his mother, on motion of Mr. Garrison.  
Mr. Good indefinitely, on account of sickness in his family, on motion of Mr. Rogers.  

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.  
When the House adjourned yesterday, it had under consideration House joint resolution No. 10, relating to suffrage, on its engrossment, and the Speaker laid the same before the House, whereupon, by unanimous consent, pending business was suspended in order to take up the morning call.  

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.  
By Mr. Burney:  
A petition of 96 citizens of Kerr county, requesting that county be exempted from the inspection law.  
Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.  

By Mr. Reiger:  
House bill No. 399, a bill to be entitled “An act to provide for the Comptroller of the State of Texas to prescribe a uniform system of assessment blanks and tax rolls for the various counties, etc., and to amend article 2839, of title 52, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas.”  
Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Printing.  

By Mr. Ewing:  
House bill No. 400, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 364, title 10, chapter 5, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to and changing the punishment of the offense of sodomy.”  
(Opens the penalty at confinement in the penitentiary at from one to fifteen years.)  
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.  

By Mr. Turner:  
House bill No. 401, a bill to be entitled “An act to grant a pension to Martha Merchant, surviving wife of Berry Merchant, deceased.”  
(Provides a back pension for two years and an annual pension of $150 to be paid as other pensions.)  
Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.  

By Mr. Garrison:  
House bill No. 402, a bill to be entitled “An act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the State Treasurer to transfer the sum of $20,000 from organized county tax fund account to State revenue account.”  
(Provides for the transfer of funds which at various times have been erroneously deposited to the credit of the organized county tax account when it should have been deposited to the credit of the State revenue account.)  
Read first time and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.  

By Mr. Gilbough:  
House bill No. 403, a bill to be entitled “An act to provide for a uniform method of recording maps and plats of town sites, additions and subdivisions, and to legalize those heretofore made.”
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Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Brigance:
House bill No. 404, a bill to be entitled “An act to transfer Grimes county from a community school system to a district school system.”

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Vaughan of Guadalupe:
House bill No. 405, a bill to be entitled “An act to prohibit in this State the use of Roman numerals, and to prescribe a penalty therefor.”

(Makes the offense a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of from $25 to $200.)

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

By Mr. Bird:
House bill No. 406, a bill to be entitled “An act to define legal weights and measure of flour and meal in this State, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions hereof.”

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Holland of Harris:
House bill No. 407, a bill to be entitled “An act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations required or permitted by law or the charter, ordinances, rules or regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed, with surety, or sureties, and guaranteeing the refraining from or performance by another of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business.”

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

By Mr. Carpenter:
House bill No. 408, a bill to be entitled “An act to give form and stability to the Texas Summer Normal Schools and to thereby raise the standard of efficiency among the teachers of the State.”

(Provides that there shall be held in at least each State Senatorial district in the summer of each year a normal school for the instruction of white teachers in the methods and principles of teaching, and one such school in each congressional district for the instruction of colored teachers, and provides further than any county having a white scholastic population of 6000 or more may, when desired, have an organization and a school for white teachers independent of other counties.)

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Reubell and Mr. Lillard:
House bill No. 409, a bill to be entitled “An act to make gold and silver coin a legal tender in the payment of all debts, and to render void any provision in any contract providing that such contract shall be paid in either of said coins to the exclusion of the other, and to provide a penalty for its violation.”

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Fields:
Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to act in connection with the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove certain seats now situated on the right and left of the Speaker and so arrange them as to better provide for the convenience and comfort of the members who occupy them. (Signed) Fields, Shelburne, Garrison, Carswell, Curry, Thaxton, Pfeuffer, McKamy, Brigance, Humphrey, Morton, Smith.

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

“Provided, the seats of other members shall not be disturbed, but shall remain as they now are.”

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

By Mr. Blackburn:
Whereas, the force of porters now employed by the House is insufficient for the effective discharge of their duties; and

Whereas, Ike Ephraim has served the House in the capacity of porter since the beginning of the session with complete satisfaction to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and without compensation; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Speaker be and is hereby authorized and requested to appoint said Ike Ephraim as porter at the rate of compensation allowed other porters, to begin from date he began work.

Read second time, and Mr. Welch moved to lay it on the table.

The motion to table was lost.

Mr. Bertrain moved to refer to the Committee on Contingent Expenses. The motion to refer was lost, and the resolution was adopted.

By Mr. Wood:
Resolved, That the Speaker is here-
Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment:

"Provided, that said committees shall receive actual mileage.

Adopted.

Mr. Oliver moved the previous question and the main question was ordered.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

For consideration of the following bills:

House bills Nos. 152, 101, 263, and 267 on request of Mr. Curry, chairman.

House bills Nos. 139, 146, 150, and 154, on request of Mr. Williams, chairman.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey, chairman, the Committee on Labor was authorized to have 100 copies of House bill No. 237 printed for use of the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER.

Committee on removal and reassignment of certain seats of members: Messrs. Fields, Fisher and Blair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Rogers, chairman:

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 23, "to amend sec. 2, art. 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas relating to suffrage, and permitting a qualified voter to vote anywhere in the State for Federal and State officers, and anywhere in the district for district officers, upon filing with the manager of the voting box where he offers to vote a certificate of his residence."

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, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 25, to amend article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by striking out sec-

by authorized to appoint the following committees:

Committee of three to visit the Orphans' Home at Corsicana and the North Texas Insane Asylum at Terrell; a committee of three to visit the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View Normal, and Sam Houston Normal; a committee of three to visit the University of Texas and its medical branch; a committee of five to visit the Penitentiaries and House of Correction; a committee of three to visit the State Lunatic Asylum, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Blind Institute, and Deaf and Dumb Asylum for the Colored Youths.

Read second time, and

Mr. Randolph offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after Reformatory, "and to visit such of the farms on which convicts are hired to individuals as said committee may deem expedient."

The amendment was accepted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Whereas, the Senate has appointed sub-committees to visit the different institutions founded by and under the control of the State; therefore be it

Resolved, That each standing committee of the House to whom questions affecting said institutions are submitted are hereby authorized to select sub-committees, said sub-committees to consist of not less than two nor more than five members, to visit each institution; said names to be submitted to the Speaker and appointed by him. The duty of each sub-committee shall be to visit the institutions designated, to examine as to condition and needs of said institution, and report back in writing to the House of Representatives, in order that the House may know as to the necessary appropriations to be made for said institution. Each member of said sub-committee shall receive the per diem and mileage allowed to Representatives and all actual and necessary expenses.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Field offered the following amendment:

"Provided, however, that no standing committee shall on its own motion appoint a sub-committee to visit the various public institutions of the State, but may recommend to the Speaker the appointment of such committee."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Henderson.
tion 1 of the same, and creating sections 2a, 3b, 4c and 5d, so as to place certain legislative acts under the system of the initiative and referendum."

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, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House joint resolution No. 24:

To amend section 10 of article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to criminal prosecutions:

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, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House joint resolution No. 19, to amend section 4, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the term of office of members of the Legislature.

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, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

We, a minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred:

House joint resolution No. 19, to amend section 4, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the election of Representatives for a term of four years."

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

HUMPHREY,
BERTRAM,
BLACKBURN.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred:

House joint resolution No. 22, amending article 5, section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, defining the qualifications of a county judge.

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 all after and including the word "provided," in section 1.

ROGERS, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.

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

We, a minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred:

House joint resolution No. 22, amending article 5, section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, defining the qualifications of a county judge.

Have had the same under consideration, and we beg to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, because we believe that the people should be
MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

We, a minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 18, to amend section 2, of article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the election of thirty-one Senators and not more than ninety-three Representatives.

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

HUMPHREY, 
BERTRAM, 
BLACKBURN.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 17, to amend section 24 of article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the Legislature.

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 amendments:

Amend section 24 of the joint resolution, by striking out the words "one thousand dollars," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred dollars," and amend caption likewise so as to conform thereto.

ROGERS, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

A minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 17, to amend section 24, article 3, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to provide for the compensation of members of the Legislature not to exceed $1000, and allow no mileage.

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

HUMPHREY, 
BERTRAM, 
BLACKBURN.

By Mr. Williams, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 52, a bill to be entitled "An act to require every express company to keep a general office in this State, and to furnish such information in relation to its property, indebtedness and business as may be required by the Railroad Commission 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.

WILLIAMS, Chairman.

By Mr. Bertram, chairman:

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 301, a bill to be entitled "An act to enable the State of Texas to comply with the terms of its contract for the building of a new State Capitol in issuing patents to the contractor and to refund certain monies to the contractor which he has paid out for patents to the Commissioner of the General Land Office."

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.

BERTRAM, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

I, a minority of your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 361, a bill to be entitled "An act to enable the State of Texas to comply with the terms of its contract for the building of the new State Capitol in issuing patents to the contractors and to refund certain monies to the contractor which he has
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paid out for patents to the Commissioner of the General Land Office,"

Do not concur with the majority, and beg to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TURNER.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed consideration of House joint resolution No. 10, on its engrossment, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Sheburne, Mr. Reubell and Mr. Wolters.

The resolution was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Barbee. Manson.
Bird. Martin.
Boyd. Melton.
Burney. Moore of Lamar.
Burns. Morton.
Carpenter. Reubell.
Curry. Rhea.
Dickinson. Savage.
Dorros. Shelburne.
Evans of Grayson. Smyth.
Freeman. Stamper.
Garrison. Stokes.
Henderson. Thomas.
Holland of Burnet. Welch.
Lillard. Williams.
Love.

Nays—79.

Ayers. Gilbough.
Bailey. Graham.
Barrett. Green.
Beard. Harris.
Bean. Hensley.
Bell. Hill of Gonzales.
Benson. Hill of Travis.
Bertram. Holland of Harris.
Blair. Humphrey.
Bounds. Jones.
Brewster. Kimbell.
Brigance. Kirk.
Browne. Logan.
Bumpass. Lotto.
Callan. Maxwell.
Childs. McFarland.
Collie. McGaughey.
Conoly. McKamy.
Crawford. McKellar.
Crowley. Mende.
Dean. Mercer.
Dies. Moore, Fort Bend.
Doyle. Morris.
Drew. Mundine.
Ewing of Hunt. Oliver.
Evans of Hunt. Pfeffer.
Feild. Pitts.
Fields. Porter.
Fisher. Randolph.
Flint.

Robbins. Thaxton.
Rogan. Turner.
Rudd. Vaughan, Guad'up.
Schlick. Wall.
Seabury. Wallace.
Shropshire. Ward.
Smith. Wilcox.
Staples. Wolters.
Strother.

Dennis. Absent.
Patterson. Sluder.
Rogers. Vaughan of Collin.

Excused.
Alexander. Skillern.
Carswell. Thompson.
Carson. Tracy.
Good. Tucker.
Neighbors.

I vote against this bill because the people have just adopted an amendment relating to foreign voters which is yet untried; hence I favor giving it a trial before tinkering further with our Constitution.

MERCER.

I vote aye on House joint resolution No. 10 because I believe the people of Texas ought to have the privilege of voting on this subject.

MORTON.

I desire to give some of my reasons for voting no on pending joint resolution No. 10, which are these: Texas is a great country of vast, unsettled territory and some of the best and most prosperous citizens we have in the State are among the sturdy Germans, who come here from a foreign country and almost invariably at once declare their intention to become a citizen and never return to the fatherland, but at once purchase property and begin to pay taxes for the support of the government, and to deprive them of the right to vote for six years after they have come here for the purpose of becoming citizens and allow hundreds and thousands of persons, who never accumulate any property, nor even pay any poll tax toward the support of the government, to vote, is not just and right. Besides this, it would retard immigration to this State of the best class of emigrants that we now have, and would in this way be a great injury to the State. Besides, I think that the law or constitutional amendment passed at the election of 1896 is a sufficient safeguard in that direction, and in my opinion it would not be just and right for Texas to add this amendment to her Constitution.

HILL of Gonzales.

Mr. Bailey moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to
engross House joint resolution No. 10, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

SPECIAL ORDER.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its engrossment, as special order for to-day,
Substitute House bills Nos. 18 and 102, a bill to be entitled "An act to make it a penal offense for any person in this State to unlawfully sow, scatter or place on any land the seed or roots of Johnson grass or Russian thistle; or sell or give away any hay, straw or oats or grain containing or intermixed with the seeds or roots of Johnson grass or Russian thistle, or to transport same or allow same to mature on his land, providing adequate penalties therefor, and providing a right of action for all damages sustained thereby, and providing for the restraining of said acts by writ of injunction, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act."

Another reading of the bill was demanded, and it was read again.
Mr. Dickinson offered the following amendment to the bill:
Amend by adding to the bill a section to be known as section 12, in the following words:
Mr. Gilbough offered the following amendment to the amendment:
Exempt the following counties from the bill: Galveston, Brazoria, Austin, Washington, Bell, Milam, Lampasas, McLennan, Tarrant, Hill, Johnson, Cooke, Dallas, Lamar, Fannin, Fayette, Ellis, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Tom Green.
Tabled on motion of Mr. Shelburne.
Mr. Peery offered the following amendment to the amendment:
Exempt the counties of Archer, Baylor, Knox, Throckmorton, Stephens, Young.
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By Mr. Burney:
Add Kerr, Kendall and Bandera to the list of exempt.

By Mr. Dorroh:
Amend by adding to counties exempted, Upshur and Camp counties.

By Mr. Ewing:
Add Burleson county.

By Mr. Shropshire:
"Provided, the provisions of this bill shall not apply to Parker county."

Upon the amendments to the amendment by Mr. Dickinson, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns, Mr. Field and Mr. Hensley:

Adopted by the following vote:

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Barbee. Humphrey.
Barrett. Jones.
Barnd. Kimbell.
Bean. Lillard.
Bell. Logan.
Bertram. Lotto.
Bird. Love.
Blackburn. Maxwell.
Bonds. McFarland.
Brewster. McKamy.
Brigance. McKellar.
Burney. Melton.
Cailan. Mercer.
Carpenter. Moore, Fort Bend.
Carswell. Moore of Lamar.
Collier. Morris.
Conoly. O'Connor.
Crowley. Oliver.
Curry. Peery.
Dean. Pitts.
Dickinson. Randolph.
Dies. Reager.
Dorroh. Robbins.
Doyle. Savage.
Drew. Schlick.
Edwards. Seabury.
Evans of Hunt. Shelburne.
Ewing. Sluder.
Fields. Smith.
Fish. Smyth.
Garrison. Staples.
Gilbough. Stokes.
Graham. Srother.
Harris. Turner.
Henderson. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Hensley. Vaughn of Collin.
Holland of Harris. Welch.

Nays—27.

Bailey. Manson.
Benson. Meade.
Bumpass. Morton.
Burns. Mundine.
Crawford. Pfeiffer.
Dennis. Reubell.
Erans of Grayson, Rhea.
Fields. Rogers.
Flint. Thaxton.
Freeman. Wallace.
Green. Ward.
Hill of Travis. Wilcox.
Hollan of Burnet. Williams.
Kirk. Wolters.

Absent.

Ayers. Martin.
Blair. Patterson.
Browne. Porter.

Mr. Love moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow; Mr. Wolters until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow; Mr. Burns until 3 o'clock p. m. to-day.

Question recurring on the longest time first, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wolters, Mr. Evans of Grayson and Mr. Bertram. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—59.


Nays—49.

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Randolph.
Reubell.
Rhea.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Shelburne.
Stamper.
Thomas.
Vaughan of Collin.
Wall.
Wallace.
Ward.
Williams.
Wolters.

Absent.
Browne.
Carswell.
Childs.
Harris.
Martin.
Mercer.
O'Connor.
Patterson.
Reiger.
Rogan.
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Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Sluder.
Smith.
Smyth.
Stamper.
Staples.
Stokes.

Excused.
Alexander.
Cureton.
Good.
Neighbors.
Skillern.
Thompson.
Tracy.
Tucker.

Accordingly, the House at 1:20 p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas.

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

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaird.
Bean.
Bell.
Benson.
Bertram.
Bird.
 Blackburn.
Blair.
 Bounds.
Boyd.
Brewster.
Brigance.
Brown.
Burney.
Burns.
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Carpenter.
Childs.
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Evans of Grayson.
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Freeman.
Garrison.
Gillibough.
Graham.
Green.
Harris.
Hensley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Holland on Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.
Logan.
Lotto.
Love.
Manson.
Martin.
Maxwell.
McFarland.
McGaughey.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Meade.
Melton.
Mercer.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Morris.
Morton.
Mundine.
Neighbors.
O'Connor.
Oliver.
Patterson.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Pitts.
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Cureton.
Tucker.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer by Dr. J. A. Jackson, chaplain.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,
On motion of Mr. Reiger, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
Mr. Blackburn, from to-morrow until Monday morning, on motion of Mr. McGaughey.
Mr. Meade until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Carpenter.
Upon the suggestion of Speaker Dashiell.
Mrs. Franklin, postmistress, was excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned yesterday, it had under consideration substitute house bills Nos. 16 and 192, the Johnson grass bill, on its engrossment,