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

Pending question, Substitute House bills Nos. 16 and 192, the Johnson grass bill, on engrossment.
with the following amendment by Mr. Henderson pending:

Amend by inserting in section 12:

"Provided, that this act shall be left to the voters of each county in the State to decide whether they shall accept or reject its provisions, and the commissioners court of the several counties of the State shall order on or before August 1 next an election to be held in the several counties of the State to decide this measure; and provided further, that there shall be no compensation paid to the managers of such election, and that the tickets used at such elections shall read "For Johnson grass," and "Against Johnson grass," and that returns be made as in other county elections."

The Speaker laid the same before the House, and by unanimous consent, pending business was temporarily suspended that the House might take up the morning call.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Turner:
A petition from 110 citizens of Nueces county, asking that House bill No. 300, relating to bona fide settlers on the islands of Texas and permitting them to procure titles to their homes, be passed.

Also a petition from 138 citizens of Aransas county, same as above.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Wolters:
A petition from 650 citizens of the city of Waco, protesting against the passage of the bill proposing to amend the Waco charter.

Referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Thaxton:
A petition from 65 citizens and teachers of Mason county, asking for the passage of a law fixing definitely the number of days constituting a scholastic month.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Evans of Hunt:
A petition from J. T. Harrel and 40 other Democratic citizens of Celeste, Texas, asking for the passage of a general assignment law, doing away with the right to prefer creditors.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Melton:
A protest from F. M. Miller and 300 other citizens of McCulloch county against restoring the civil and criminal jurisdiction to the county court of said county.

Referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Also a petition from C. J. Hargis and 7 other citizens of Concho county, asking to be exempted from the operation of the animal inspection law, so far as it relates to cattle.

Referred to the Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

Also a petition from 80 citizens of San Saba county, asking for the passage of a law to prohibit the sale of spiritsuous liquors at retail in quantities less than a quart.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Evans of Grayson (by request):
A protest from 60 residents of Sherman against any further extension of the corporate limits of said city.

Referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Shropshire (by request):
A petition from 100 citizens of Parker county, asking for an amendment to the law relating to the sale of spirituous liquors in local option counties so as to prohibit "cold storages."

Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Bailey:
House bill No. 410, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize payment of all just claims against the State incurred in enforcing the quarantine laws accruing under the administration of Governor Ross in the years 1890 and 1891."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Mr. Melton:
House bill No. 411, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the collection of fire insurance on policies of fire insurance companies in case of loss or damage to property by fire, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Evans of Hunt:
House bill No. 412, a bill to be entitled "An act to protect bookkeepers, artisans, craftsmen, factory operatives, mill operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen, farm laborers and common laborers; to provide a lien therefor, providing for attorney's fees in foreclosing such liens, and prescribing the rights of the assignees of such personal and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Read first time and referred to Com-
committee on Commerce and Manufacturing.

By Mr. Staples:
House bill No. 413, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3384, title 60, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to local option."

(Provides for the holding of local option elections in counties and subdivisions thereof, or of any two subdivisions together.)

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

By Mr. O'Connor:
House bill No. 414, a bill to be entitled "An act for the protection of life and property against loss or damage from steam boilers and steam machinery operated by incompetent persons."

(Provides a penalty for an offense of this kind at a fine of $300 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.)

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

By Mr. Lillard (by request):
House bill No. 415, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the duty of midwives and others toward infants afflicted with sore eyes, and to provide a penalty for the neglect thereof, and to prevent blindness."

(Provides a penalty of from $10 to $25 for the offense.)

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics.

By Mr. O'Connor:
House bill No. 416, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 651, chapter 3, title 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, defining the powers and duties of private corporations, and granting to street railway companies now existing and hereafter chartered the right to use the tracks and roadbeds of other street railway companies in cities or in incorporated towns."

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

By Mr. McGeachey (by request):
House bill No. 417, 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 senatorial district in the State 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 that any county having a white scholarship population of 6000 or more may have an organization and a school for white teachers independent of the counties.)

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Melton:
House bill No. 418, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3081, chapter 3, title 58, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to pooling or association of insurance companies together, and to prevent blacklisting of citizens by insurance companies."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Moore of Lamar:
House bill No. 419, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 200, of chapter 2, title 7, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the exemption of the sale of certain articles of merchandise from the provisions of the Sunday law."

(Exempts also soda water, fruits, cigars and tobaccos.)

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

By Mr. Reiger:
House bill No. 420, a bill to be entitled "An act to protect working men in the right of organization and the purposes thereof."

(Provides for the formation of trades unions and other organizations for working men.)

Read first time and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Beaird:
House bill No. 421, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the creation of level mutual life and accident insurance companies in this State, and for the regulation thereof."

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

By Mr. Turner:
House bill No. 422, a bill to be entitled "An act to grant a pension to S. F. Sparks, a veteran of the war of 1866."

(Provides for a back pension of two years and an annual pension of $150 to be paid as other pensions.)

Read first time and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Mr. Chilcote:
House joint resolution No. 27, amending sections 4, 22 and 23, of article 4, and sections 9, 15, 18, 20, 21
and 23, of article 5, and sections 14 and 16, of article 8, sections 30 and 44, of article 16, and section 4, of article 3, so that hereafter all State and county officers may be elected by the people for four years, including the office of Secretary of State.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Love:
House joint resolution No. 28, to amend section 55, article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to pensions of surviving soldiers or volunteers in the war between Texas and Mexico, and surviving signers of the Declaration of Texas Independence, and surviving soldiers of the war between the Confederate States and the United States.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Holland of Harris and Mr. Browne:
House concurrent resolution No. 10:
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that in view of the invitation accepted by this body to visit the city of Galveston and be present at the ceremony of the presentation of the silver service to the battleship Texas on February 19, that when this House shall adjourn on February 17, that such adjournment be until Monday, February 22, 10 o'clock a.m., and that the members and officers hereof, or so many as may desire and may be able to go, leave on the evening or night of the 17th, as may be arranged, and go on the 18th by water from Houston to Galveston as the guests of the Houston Business League and the citizens of Houston, returning from Galveston by the Santa Fe Railroad.

Read second time, and after consideration, Mr. Bumpass moved to lay the resolution on the table, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bumpass, Mr. Bertram and Mr. Bird.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yea—19.

Bertram.
Bird.
Brewster.
Bumpass.
Callan.
Fields.
Graham.
Hill of Gonzales.
Holland of Burnet Wood.
Kimbell.

Nays—95.

Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beard.
Bean.
Bell.
Benson.
Blackburn.
Blair.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Brigance.
Brown.
Burney.
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Carpenter.
Childs.
Collier.
Conolly.
Crawford.
Crowley.
Curry.
Dean.
Dennis.
Dickinson.
Dorroh.
Doyle.
Drew.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.
Evans of Grayson.
Ewing.
Feld.
Fisher.
Flint.
Freeman.
Gilbough.
Green.
Harris.
Hensley.
Hill of Travis.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Logan.
Lotto.
Love.

Absent.

Garrison.
Henderson.
Pitts.

Excused.

Alexander.
Carswell.
Cureton.
Dies.

I vote to table resolution to go to Galveston because I think the members of this Legislature are the servants of the people of Texas, being paid out of the treasury of Texas; hence I believe it is wrong in principle and practice.

MORTON.
I vote aye to table the resolution because I think it is wrong to charge for days that we do not work, and besides, the other expenses of the House will go on the same as if we were in session. 

PATTYER.

We vote to table the resolution to adjourn this House to take a pleasure trip to Houston and Galveston, because it will cost the taxpayers about $1000 per day. It will necessarily lengthen this session four days, thereby creating a useless expenditure of the people's money of about $8000.

BERTRAM, KIRK, BUMPASS, BREWSTER.

Mr. Ayers offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out "22nd" and inserting "20th."

The amendment was lost, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the Speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to arrange a programme for the trip to Houston and Galveston contemplated in above resolution.

In accordance with the above motion, the Speaker announced the following appointments: Messrs. Harris, Gilbough, Holland of Harris, Browne, Ward, Randolph, and McKamy.

By Mr. Ward:

Resolved, that this House extends an invitation to the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, and Courts of Civil Appeals to join the members of this House in the excursion to Houston and Galveston.

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

Amend by adding members of the press who report the proceedings of the House and Senate.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 372, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 39, article 2065, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add after article 2121, article 2121a, relating to the estates of decedents."

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.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 305, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 906 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Civil Appeals."

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.

MINORITY REPORT.

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

We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 305, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 906, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the jurisdiction of the Court of Civil Appeals."

Do not concur with a majority of the committee, and beg to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the words "and recorders," in section 3.

SEABURY, WOLTERS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 387, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Orange county the criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to it under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Texas, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change, and to repeal all 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.
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 393, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 29G7 and 2968, title 55, chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the separate property of the husband and wife and the common property of both husband and wife."

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, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 348, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the method of making publication of all notices and advertisements which are required to be published by the Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and of notices of all sales of real and personal property under deeds of trust and contract liens of any sort."

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 by adding to the end of section 1, the following:
"Provided, that in case of sale of personal property, where the property levied upon is valued by said officer so under $200, then said advertisement may be posted as is now provided by law instead of publishing the same."
WARD, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
we, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 348, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the method of making publication of all notices and advertisements which are required to be published by the Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and of notices of all sale of real and personal property under deeds of trust and contract liens of any sort."

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

AYERS,
WARD.
SEABURY,
BARRETT,
RANDOLPH,
FISHER.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 333, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to amend article 3064 of
the Revised Civil Statutes of the State
of Texas, and to require life, health,
guaranty and fidelity, fire and accident
insurance companies operating within
this State to file power of attorney au-
thorizing acceptance of service."
Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report the
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ommendation that it do pass.
WARD, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
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Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
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WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
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WARD, Chairman.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 94, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 1096 of chapter 20, title 27, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to payment of costs and returning mandates in the Courts of Civil Appeals.”

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.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 246, a bill to be entitled “An act regulating the charging of toll by owners or occupiers of public mills in 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.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

By Mr. Garrison, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred
House bill No. 205, a bill to be entitled “An act to provide for the payment of tax assessors for taking agricultural statistics for the year 1895.”

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. Curry, chairman:

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

Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred

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 to general revenue account.”

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.

CURRY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT ON H. J. R. No. 23.

By Mr. Beaird, for the minority:

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. 23, to amend section 2, article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEAIRD, PATTERSON, BLACKBURN, McGAUGHY, REUBELL.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 282, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 920, title 26, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to bonds of county treasurers, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith.”

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.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

By Mr. Humphrey, chairman:

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

Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 149, a bill to be entitled “An act to prohibit persons, firms or corporations from employing children under the age of 14 years or oth-
otherwise detain them from the public free schools in this State, and to provide a penalty for doing 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 following amendments:

Insert in section 1, after the words "private school," the following: "Provided, that any family in indigent circumstances can prove to the satisfaction of the county judge that necessities exist that necessitates employment of their children, then any corporation, factory, or person may employ such children."

HUMPHREY, Chairman.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared the following amendments:

1. Insert in section 1, after the words "private school," the following: "Provided, that any family in indigent circumstances can prove to the satisfaction of the county judge that necessities exist that necessitates employment of their children, then any corporation, factory, or person may employ such children."

HUMPHREY, Chairman.

By Mr. Freeman, chairman:

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

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

Your Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics, to whom was referred

House bill No. 95, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the State of Texas, and providing a penalty for the enforcement 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 the accompanying committee substitute do pass.

HUMPHREY, Chairman.

By Mr. Robbins, chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, 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 99, 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.

By Mr. Dies, chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 242, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston by adding thereunto section 78c 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."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.

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

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

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 262, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3973 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 3973e, providing for the issuance of permanent certificates to teachers who have taught five years successfully and continuously in one of the public free schools of this State; said certificate to be good for the county of issuance."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

BILLS WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 19, on request of Mr. Beaird.
House joint resolution No. 16, on request of Mr. Rogers, for the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.
House bill No. 72, for correction, on request of Mr. Stokes.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1897.

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

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed
House bill No. 272, a bill to be 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 90a to 95n, 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 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,"

By the following vote: Ayes 26, nays none.

Also Senate concurrent resolution No. 9, relating to the consideration of House and Senate bills in each house on certain days.

Also House concurrent resolution No. 10, fixing hour for adjournment to visit the battleship Texas in the harbor at Galveston.

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT,
Secretary Senate.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The House resumed consideration of substitute House bill Nos. 16 and 192, the Johnson grass oil, on its engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Henderson pending.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Grayson, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment to the bill:
(1) Amend section 5 by inserting between the words "renter" and "to allow," in line 10 of the printed bill, the words "knowledgeably and wilfully."

(2) Amend said section 5 further by striking out the words "one year" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three years," and make the caption conform thereto.

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

Mr. McKamy called for a division of the amendment.

First division was read and adopted.
Second division was read, and Mr. Pfeuffer offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out three and inserting two years in lieu thereof.

Lost.

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

Second division of the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Evans of Hunt offered the following amendment:

Amend section 7, line 22, by inserting "company" after the word "railroad" in said line.

Adopted.

Mr. Pitts offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out sections 3, 5 and 7.

Lost.

Mr. Fields moved to reconsider the
vote by which the amendment by Mr. Dickinson, exempting certain counties from the operation of the bill, was adopted yesterday, and asked to have that motion spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Ayers offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding section 10a:

"Section 10a. Any person, firm or corporation, who shall ship from any counties exempted from the operation of this act into any counties within the prohibited district any Johnson grass, hay or hay mixed with Johnson grass, or Johnson grass seed, or any grain of any character containing or mixed with Johnson grass seed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than $50 and not more than $200."

Adopted.

Mr. Evans of Hunt moved to reconsider the vote by which the first part of the amendment by Mr. Bailey was adopted, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Wolters called up the motion of Mr. Fields to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted yesterday, exempting certain counties from the operation of the bill.

Mr. Crowley moved to table the motion to reconsider, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Thomas, Mr. Welch and Mr. Love.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—66.


Nays—48.


I favored the passage of this bill in its original form, but since the House has adopted the amendments exempting the various counties from its operation I vote no. I do this because, first, any law upon this subject to be effective should be operative in every county in the State; second, in my opinion the Constitution of the State does not permit any county to be exempted from the operation of a penal statute except such as relate to the preservation of game and the regulation of stock.

WOLTERS.

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

Mr. Evans of Hunt called up the motion to reconsider the vote by which the first part of the amendment by Mr. Bailey was adopted.

The Speaker laid the same before the House, and the motion to reconsider was lost.

Mr. Turner moved the previous ques-
tion, and the main question was or-
dered.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, the reg-
ular order of business was suspended, to
take up and place on its second
reading, and passage to a third read-
ing.

Senate bill No. 57, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act making an appropriation
to pay for publishing the constitution-
al amendments proposed by the 'tew-
enty-fourth Legislature."
The bill was laid before the House
on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Garrison, rule No.
73, requiring the House to go into a
committee of the whole to consider all
bills carrying appropriations, was sus-
pended.

The bill was then read second time.

Mr. McGaughey offered the fol-
lowing amendment:

Amend line 20 by adding "and for
publishing the Governor's proclama-
tion calling the last general election."
The amendment was adopted, and
the bill was passed to a third read-
ing.

The motion prevailed by the fol-
lowing vote:

Yeas—111.

Bailey. Dickenson.
Barbee. Dorroh.
Barrett. Doyle.
Beaird. Drew.
Bean. Edwards.
Bell. Evans of Hunt.
Benson. Evans of Grayson.
Bertram. Felld.
Bird. Fields.
Blackburn. Fisher.
Blair. Flint.
Bounds. Freeman.
Boyd. Garrison.
Brewster. Gilbough.
Brigance. Graham.
Browne. Green.
Bumpass. Henderson.
Burney. Hensley.
Burns. Hill of Gonzales.
Callan. Hill of Travis.
Carpenter. Holland of Burnet.
Chills. Holland of Harris.
Collier. Humphrey.
Colony. Jones.
Crawford. Kimbell.
Crowley. Kirk.
Curry. Lillard.
Dean. Logan.
Dennis. Lotto.
Love. Rogan.
Manson. Savage.
Martin. Schlick.
Maxwell. Seabury.
McFarland. Shelburne.
McGaughey. Shropshire.
McKamy. Smith.
McKellar. Smyth.
Melton. Stamper.
Mercer. Staples.
Moore of Lamar. Stokes.
Morris. Strother.
Morton. Thaxton.
Mundine. Thomas.
O'Connor. Thompson.
Oliver. Turner.
Peery. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Pfeuffer. Vaughan of Collin.
Pitts. Wall.
Porter. Wallace.
Randolph. Ward.
Reiger. Wilcox.
Reubell. Williams.
Robbins. Wolters.
Rogers. Wood.
Rudd. 

Nays—none.

Absent.

Ayers. Patterson.
Dies. Rhea.
Ewing. Studer.
Harris. Tracy.
Moore, Fort Bend. Welch.
Neighbors. 

Excused.

Alexander. Meade.
Carswell. Skillern.
Cureton. Tucker.
Good. 

Senate bill No. 57 again laid be-
fore the House, read third time, and passed
by the following vote:

Yeas—109.

Ayers. Childs.
Bailey. Collier.
Barbee. Colony.
Barrett. Crawford.
Beaird. Crowley.
Bean. Curry.
Bell. Dean.
Benson. Dennis.
Bertram. Dickinson.
Bird. Dorroh.
Blackburn. Doyle.
Bounds. Drew.
Browne. Evans of Hunt.
Burney. Evans of Grayson.
Boy.d. Ewing.
Brewster. Field.
Brigance. Fields.
Burney. Fisher.
Burns. Flint.
Callan. Freeman.
Carpenter. Garrison.
Cureton. Gilbough.
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Mr. Garrison moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 57 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for to-day,

House bill No. 169, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 2923, chapter 6, title 52, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

The bill was laid before the House and read second time.

Mr. Seabury offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "suspended," in line 19, "and that this act take effect from and after its passage."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Seabury moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 281 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Nays—none.

Absent.

Dles. Rhea.
Edwards. Robbins.
Holland of Harris. Sluder.
Patterson. Tracy.
Pitts.

Excused.

Alexander. McLeod.
Carswell. Skillern.
Cureton. Tucker.
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On motion of Mr. Wolters, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

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

Hill of Gonzales. Stokes.
Henderson. Smith.
Hensley. Rupert.
Hill of Travis. Rogers.
Humphrey.
Savage.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Smith.
Smyth.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Strother.
Suggs.
Thomas.
Thompson.
Turner.
 Vaughan of Collin.
 Vaughan of Guadalupe.

Ayers. Hill of Travis.
Barbee. Holland of Burnet.
Barrett. Holland of Harris.
Beard. Humphrey.
Bean. Jones.
Bell. Kimbell.
Benson. Kirk.
Bertram. Lillard.
Blair. Logan.
Bounds. Love.
Brewster. Manson.
Browne. Martin.
Burney. McKamy.
Bums. McKellar.
Callan. Melton.
Carpenter. Mercer.
Collier. Moore, Fort Bend.
Conoly. Moore, Lamar.
Crawford. Morton.
Crowley. Mundine.
Dennis. Neighbors.
Dickinson. O'Connor.
Dorrough. Oliver.
Doyle. Peery.
Drew. Pfeuffer.
Evans of Hunt. Pitts.
Evans of Grayson. Porter.
Ewing. Randolph.
Feld. Reubell.
Fields. Rhea.
Fisher. Rogan.
Florent. Rogers.
Freeman. Rudd.
Garrison. Schlick.
Gilbough. Seabury.
Graham. Shelburne.
Green. Shropshire.
Harris. Sluder.
Henderson. Smith.
Hensley. Stamper.

Years—97.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Dles. Rhea.
Edwards. Robbins.
Holland of Harris. Sluder.
Patterson. Tracy.
Pitts.

Excused.

Alexander. McLeod.
Carswell. Skillern.
Cureton. Tucker.
Good.

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The motion to table prevailed.

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The amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Seabury moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 281 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Nays—none.

Absent.

Dles. Rhea.
Edwards. Robbins.
Holland of Harris. Sluder.
Patterson. Tracy.
Pitts.

Excused.

Alexander. McLeod.
Carswell. Skillern.
Cureton. Tucker.
Good.

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The motion to table prevailed.

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On motion of Mr. Wolters, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and place on its second reading.
House bill No. 281 was again laid before the House, and read third time. (Mr. Williams in the chair.)

Mr. Holland of Harris moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Tuesday, February 16, a. 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Wolters moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table.

(Speaker in the chair.)

The motion to table prevailed.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Bertram.  Harris.  Harris.
Brigance.  Humphrey.
Callan.  Callan.  Lillard.
Childs.  Childs.  Love.
Crowley.  Crowley.  Melton.
Dennis.  Dennis.  Mercer.


Nays—40.

Ayers.  Logan.
Beard.  Bird.  McQueary.
Curry.  Curry.  Rogers.
Dean.  Dean.  Rudd.
Dies.  Dies.  Stamper.
Dorrah.  Dorrah.  Thaxton.
Gramm.  Gramm.  Wall.
Hensley.  Hensley.  Wallace.
Hill of Travis.  Hill of Travis.  Williams.

Excused.


Mr. Wolters moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 281 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

I vote aye on House bill No. 281, because to collect and publish these reports costs the State considerable money and owing to their inaccuracy are of little or no benefit to the farmers. BREWSTER.

I vote no on this bill, because I believe it will be of great detriment to the people of Texas to do away with the statistical department of the State government. But I am in favor of paying the assessors for the work done in taking the statistics for 1896. WOOD.
I vote aye on this bill, because I believe it is just to pay assessors for work they have done under the law. I vote aye on the proposition to repeal the law requiring assessors to collect statistics, because the law is inoperative and the people are taxed to support it without any benefit being derived from it. 

SHELBURNE.

INVITATION.

Mr. Childs, by unanimous consent, sent up to the Clerk's desk and had read the following invitation:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

The people of the city of San Antonio hereby extend to you a most cordial invitation to visit said city as its guest on Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th instants. A special train will be at the disposal of invited guests in Austin on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will return Sunday night.

(Signed—O'Connor, Childs, Blair.)

On motion of Mr. Evans of Hunt, the invitation was accepted unanimously.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow; Mr. McKamy until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow; and Mr. Burns until 3.30 o'clock p.m. today.

Question being upon the longest time first, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wolters, Mr. Bumpass and Mr. Freeman.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—87.
Barrett.          McMurry.           Callan.
Burney.           Savage.            Moore, Lamar.
Crowley.          Staples.           Oliver.
Hollander of Burnet.  Wilcox.     Frewer.

Nays—63.

Melton.            Wolters.            Absent.

Alexander.        Meade.
Carswell.          Skillern.
Cureton.          Tucker.
Dunn.             Good.

Question recurring on the next longest time, the motion prevailed, and the House at 1.40 p.m. accordingly adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, February 12, 1897.

The House met at 9 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Ayers.  Bean.
Bailey.  Benson.
Barbee.  Bertram.
Barrett.  Bird.
Beard.  Blair.