Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment to the bill:
Amend section 1 of the bill by inserting in line 11 of the printed bill, after the words "turned out," the words "on land not his own or under his control"; and further, by inserting in line 13, after the word "adopted," the words "or who shall wilfully allow such stock to trespass upon the land of another in such county or subdivision thereof."

Mr. Randolph moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered. Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Bailey, it was adopted. The bill was passed. Mr. Wolters moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 168 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, with majority favorable and minority adverse report thereon, House bill No. 47, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the mode and manner of conducting elections, making returns thereof, and to fix a time for holding the same, and to preserve the purity of the ballot by providing an official form of ballot; by prescribing the time and method in which nominations may be made and certified; by providing for the appointment of officers to conduct said elections, and defining their duties; by providing for the punishment for violations of this law; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and to repeal chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, title 36, of the Revised Statutes, and amend article 1816 of title 37 of the Revised Statutes, relating to electors for President and Vice President."

(Mr. O'Connor in the chair.) The bill was read second time, together with the majority and minority reports thereon. Mr. Ward moved to adopt the majority report. Pending consideration of the motion of Mr. Wolters, on motion of Mr. Carpenter, the House at 12.35 p. m. adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.
Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

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A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Dr. J. A. Jackson, Chaplain.

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of sickness in his family: Mr. Thomas until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Wall.

On account of important business: Mr. Burney until Monday, on motion of Mr. Stokes.

Mr. Rudd for to-day, on motion of Mr. Green.

Mr. Henderson indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Rhea.

Mr. Reiger and Mr. Strothers until Monday, on motion of Mr. McKamy.

Mr. Dies indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Bean.

Mr. Logan until Monday, on motion of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Evans of Hunt until Monday, on motion of Mr. Stamper.

On motion of Mr. Drew, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up House bill No. 9, regulating assignments, to make said bill a special order for next Tuesday, February 16th, at 10 o'clock a.m., and to be considered from day to day until disposed of.

The bill was made a special order for that hour.

Mr. Drew moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up House joint resolution No. 2, relating to suffrage, to make it a special order for next Tuesday at 10 o'clock a.m., and the motion was lost.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1897.

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

Sir: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed Senate bill No. 55, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend articles 641 and 642, chapter 2, of title 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the creation of corporations.”

Senate bill No. 74, a bill to be entitled “An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to forfeit all lands heretofore sold by the
State under any of the various acts of the Legislature for failure to pay any portion of the interest thereon."

Senate bill No. 108, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize owners of land platted into town lots to vacate said plots and part thereof."

Passed by two-thirds vote: Ayes 25, nays 0.

House bill No. 62, "An act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the 1st day of January, 1887, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads or branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

With Senate amendments, and by the following vote: Ayes 19, nays 3.

House bill No. 10, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 1, title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to add to said chapter two articles, numbered 1132b and 1132c, respectively."

With amendments, and by the following vote: Ayes 25, nays 0.

Also, that the Senate concur in House amendments to

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."

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following bills received from the Senate were read first time, and referred as follows:

Senate bill No. 55, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 74, to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

Senate bill No. 108 to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Field (by request):

A petition from the president, secretary and treasurer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Denison, Texas, asking for the passage of a law providing as follows:

1. That opium, cocaine and other poisons be sold only upon a physician's prescription.
2. To prohibit the sale of cigarettes or tobacco in any of its forms to minors.
3. To give children a legal share of the father's earnings, both in and out of wedlock.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Staple:

House bill No. 424, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the sale of cocaine, morphia, or salts of either, or of opium, or any preparation containing 10 per cent of crude opium, and prescribing a penalty therefor."

(Makes the offense a misdemeanor and fixes the penalty at a fine of from $50 to $100.)

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

By Mr. Barrett:

House bill No. 425, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title 10, article 252, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, in regard to wages and compensation for personal services."

( Provides that no compensation for personal services shall be subject to garnishment.)

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

By Mr. Mercer:

House bill No. 426, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Franklin county the criminal jurisdiction here-
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Doyle:
House bill No. 427, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the improvement of the public school system by creating county boards of education, and prescribing their duties."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Savage:
House bill No. 428, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the improvement of the public school system by creating county boards of education, and prescribing their duties."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. McGaughey:
House bill No. 429, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal so much of article 276, chapter 1, title 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as provides for the election of a district attorney in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District."

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

By Mr. Fields (by request):
House bill No. 430, a bill to be entitled "An act relating to the proceedings in the district and county courts in civil cases, and specifying the causes for which district judges and clerks shall be disqualified from acting in such cases."

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

By Mr. Fields:
House bill No. 431, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4308, title 90, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, requiring any person, firm or corporation weighing cotton to give bond."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Collier:
House bill No. 432, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4308, title 90, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, requiring any person, firm or corporation weighing cotton to give bond."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Holland of Harris:
House bill No. 433, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of assistant district attorneys in counties where the district attorneys are residents of the same."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

For consideration of the following bills:
House bills Nos. 163, 326 and 321, on request of Mr. Williams, chairman.
House bills Nos. 6, 118, 198, 290, 360, 36, 141, 5, 209, 358 and 362, on request of Mr. Carpenter, chairman.
House bill No. 335, on request of Mr. Bailey, chairman.
Senate bill No. 23, on request of Mr. Sluder, acting chairman.
House bills Nos. 330 and 288, on request of Mr. Kirk, chairman.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

One hundred and fifty copies of House bill No. 390, for use of the committee, on motion of Mr. Beaird.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following bills:

House bill No. 272, "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 add-in thereto sections 99a to 99n, 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."

Senate bill No. 57, "An act making an appropriation to pay for publishing the constitutional amendments proposed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature."
COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, Chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 103, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend subdivision 18 of article 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to fix the times for holding courts in the Eighteenth judicial district.

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 413, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3884, title 69, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to local option."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 336, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in the district courts on appeal from the county court contesting the probate of last wills and testaments."

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. Bailey, Chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 382, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to amend article 353, and repeal articles 354, 355, 356, 357 and 358, title 10, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, in regard to adultery and fornication."

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, and be considered with House bill No. 81, on the same subject, and that this bill be not printed.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 378, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4990, chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, in regard to the mode of preventing certain animals from running at large in counties or subdivisions, so as to permit the commissioners' court, on petition of a citizen who is a liner, to embrace such citizen in the stock law district."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

BAILEY, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 1, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to offenses affecting the right of suffrage, by adding thereto articles 157, 158, 159 and 160."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 1, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to offenses affecting the right of suffrage, by adding thereto articles 157, 158, 159 and 160."

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

ROGAN, TURNER, KIMBELL.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was recommitted
House bill No. 23, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to add thereto articles 159a and 150b."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 23, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to add thereto articles 159a and 150b."

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.

ROGAN, TURNER, KIMBELL.

By Mr. Curry, chairman:
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.

By Mr. Fields, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 208, a bill to be entitiled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Travis county, in the State of Texas,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

FIELDS, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Lillard, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 272, a bill to be entitiled "An act to amend an act entitiled '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 to 99n, 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."

And find the same correctly enrolled and have this day at 11 o'clock a.m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage House bill No. 25, a bill to be entitiled "An act to create a judicial district in Harris county additional to the Eleventh Judicial District existing therein, to be the Fifty-fifth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district, and to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts and the disposition of business therein, and define the jurisdictional boundaries and terms thereof."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yea—79.
Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bealrd.
Benn.
Bird.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Brewster.
Brigance.
Browne.
Burns.
Callan.
Carpenter.
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Feild.
Fields.
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Garrison.
Green.
Harris.
Heusley.
Holland of Gonzales.
Hill of Gonzales.
Holland of Burnet Welch.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Kimbell.

Nay—14.
Benson.
Bertram.
Bumpass.
Flint.
Freeman.
Graham.
Kirk.

Absent.
Blin.
Collier.
Mr. Drew (present), who would have voted "nay," with Mr. Blackburn (absent), who would have voted "yea."

Mr. Peery (present), who would have voted "nay," with Mr. Meade (absent), who would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker: I vote yea because the unquestioned condition of the court dockets in Harris county is such that to defeat this bill would be a substantial denial of justice to the people of that county and deprive them of the right of litigation and adjustment of differences.

Mr. Holland of Harris moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 25 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

The bill was read third time, and Mr. Ward offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all of section 7, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 7. The commissioners' court of said county may in its discretion work the county convicts of said county upon the public roads, and shall pay the officers one-half of the costs so worked out by them. As a reward for faithful services and good behavior while engaged in any work upon the public roads, the said commissioners' court shall have the authority to grant a reasonable remuneration of time for which any convict would be compelled to work in order to pay his fine and costs, and such court shall make proper rules and regulations to govern and control in the granting of such remuneration. The said commissioners' court shall have authority to employ such labor as may be necessary to work the public roads of the county, to be paid for out of the road and bridge fund, and such labor shall be under the control of the road commissioners or such other persons as said court may employ and direct."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was passed, by the following vote:

Yeas—93.

Ayers.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Barbee.
Benn.
Beard.
Benson.
Bounds.
Bertram.
Boyd.
Brewster.
Brigance.
Bumpass.
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Feld.
Fields.
Fisher.
Flint.
Garrison.
Graham.
Green.

Rogers.
Seabury.
Snyth.
Thaxton.
Wood.

Reiger.
Rudd.
Skillern.
Strother.
Tracy.
Tucker.

Harr.
Hensley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Holland of Burnet.
Humphrey.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lotto.
Love.
Manson.
Martin.
Maxwell.
McFarland.
McGaughey.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Mercer.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Morris.
Morton.
Mundine.
Neighbors.
O'Connor.
O.Iver.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Pitts.
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Smith. Wall.
Smyth. Wallace.
Stamper. Ward.
Staples. Welch.
Stokes. Wilcox.
Thompson. Williams.
Turner. Wolters.
Vaughan, Guadalupe. Wood.
Vaughan of Collin.

Nays—1.

Rhea.

Absent.

Alexander. Jones.
Bell. Lillard.
Bird. Melton.
Blair. Patterson.
Browne. Robbins.
Collier. Rogers.
Freeman. Seabury.
Gilbough. Thaxton.
Holland of Harris.

Excused.

Blackburn. Meade.
Burney. Reiger.
Carswell. Rudd.
Dies. Skillern.
Evans of Hunt. Srother.
Good. Thomas.
Henderson. Tracy.
Logan. Tucker.

Mr. Ward moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 268 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, with Senate amendments, House bill No. 62.

The amendments were read, and on motion of Mr. Feild the House concurred.

The Speaker laid before the House, with Senate amendments, House bill No. 10.

The amendments were read, and on motion of Mr. Maxwell, the House concurred.

The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for to-day, on its final passage.

House bill No. 254, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 4 and 18 and 19 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries, approved on the 18th day of February, 1889."

Mr. Sluder offered the following amendments to the bill, which were adopted:

(1) Amend by striking out the words "firm or corporation," in line 24, page 2.
(2) Amend by striking out, on page 2, line 31, the word "not" and the word "any," and insert for the word "any" the word "an."
(3) Amend by striking out the word "trustee" wherever it appears in the bill, and insert "treasurer."

After consideration, Mr. McGaughey moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—64.

Ayers. Lillard.
Barrett. Love.
Beard. Manson.
Bead. Maxwell.
Benson. McFarland.
Bird. McKamy.
Boyd. Morris.
Brewster. Morton.
Browne. Neighbors.
Carpenter. O'Connor.
Childs. Peery.
Collier. Preuffer.
Crawford. Porter.
Crawley. Randolph.
Curry. Rhea.
Dennis. Rogan.
Dickinson. Savage.
Dorothy. Shelburne.
Doyle. Shropshire.
Erving. Sluder.
Feild. Smyth.
Flint. Stamper.
Freeman. Staples.
Garrison. Thompson.
Graham. Vaughan of Collin.
Green. Wall.
Harris. Wallace.
Hensley. Ward.
Hill of Travis. Welch.
Holland of Harris. Wilcox.
Humphrey. Williams.
Jones. Wood.

Nays—27.

Bailey. McGaughey.
Bertram. McKellar.
Brigance. Moore, Fort Bend.
Burns. Moore, Lamar.
Burns. Oliver.
Callan. Patterson.
Conoly. Reubell.
Drew. Schleich.
Fields. Smith.
Fish. Stokes.
Holland of Burnet. Turner.
Kimbell. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Kirk. Wolters.
Martin.

Absent.

Alexander. Dean.
Bell. Edwards.
Barbee. Evans of Grayson.
Bair. Gilboough.
Cureton. Lotto.
Mr. Pitts (present) who would have voted "nay," with Mr. Rudd (absent), who would have voted "yea."

Mr. Hill of Gonzales (present), who would have voted "nay," with Mr. Evans of Hunt (absent) who would have voted "yea."

Mr. Bounds (present), who would have voted "nay," with Mr. Reiger, (absent), who would have voted "yea."

Mr. Mercer (present), who would have voted "yea," with Mr. Melton (absent), who would have voted "nay."

Mr. Seabury (present), who would have voted "nay," with Mr. Dies (absent), who would have voted "yea."

I desire to herewith spread my reason upon the Journal for voting against House bill No. 254, entitled "An act to amend sections 4, 18 and 39 of article 3 of the Constitution and General Statutes of Texas, relating to counties exempted from provisions of articles 813 and 822." The committee amendments were adopted.

Question being on engrossment of the bill, the following amendments were adopted:

By Mr. Hensley: Amend by adding Matagorda and Brazoria to counties exempted.

By Mr. Porter: Add Burleson county to list of exempted counties.

By Mr. Morris and Mr. Bean: Amend by adding the county of Walker to list of exempted counties.

By Mr. Callan: Amend by exempting the counties of Tom Green, Irion, Sterling, Crockett, Sutton, Edwards, Schleicher, Menard, Kimble, Runnels and Coke.

House bill No. 15 was then ordered engrossed.

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

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

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

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

House bill No. 233, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore and confer upon the county court of Hardin county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."
The bill was read second time, and was ordered engrossed.

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

House bill No. 346, a bill to be entitled "An act to transfer Red River county from the district school system to the community school system, and to authorize and empower the said county to organize and conduct all of its public free schools under the community system, as provided by the laws now in force."

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

Mr. Wolters moved to suspend the regular order to take up House bill No. 70, relating to the establishment of a branch of the University of Texas for colored youth, and make it a special order for March 1 at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was made a special order for that hour.

Mr. Martin moved to suspend the regular order to take up House bill No. 96, relating to asylum supplies, to make it a special order for Tuesday, February 23, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was made a special order for that hour.

Mr. Williams moved to suspend the regular order to take up House bill No. 85, relating to relief of Greek county teachers, to make it a special order for next Tuesday, February 16, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was made a special order for that hour.

Mr. Shelburne moved to suspend the regular order to take up House bill No. 317, relating to a lawful fence, to make it a special order for Wednesday, February 24, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was made a special order for that hour.

Mr. Wolters moved to suspend the regular order to take up House joint resolutions Nos. 17, 18 and 19, relating to the Legislature, to make them a special order for March 3, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Tabled, on motion of Mr. Peery.

Mr. Bertram moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. next Monday, and Mr. Ward until 10 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

Question recurred on the longest time first, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wolters, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Bertram.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—40.

Ayers.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Beard.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Brigance.
Childs.
Collier.
Crawford.
Crowley.
Deen.
Dennis.
Dickinson.
Dennis.
Dennis.
Ewing.
Green.
Hill of Travis.
Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Kimbell.

Nays—49.

Bean.
Benson.
Bertram.
Bird.
Brewster.
Bumpass.
Burns.
Callan.
Carpenter.
Conoly.
Cureton.
Curry.
Doyle.
Drew.
Edwards.
Evans of Grayson.
Field.
Flint.
Freeman.
Garrison.
Graham.
Hensley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Humphrey.
Jones.

Absnt.

Alexander.
Bell.
Barbee.

Manson.
Martin.
McFarland.
McGaughery.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Moore of Lamar.
Oliver.
Pitts.
Randolph.
Savage.
Schlick.
Smith.
Vaughan, Guan'lupe
Vaughan of Collin.

Kirk.
Lillard.
Lotto.
Maxwell.
Mercer.
Morris.
Morton.
Patterson.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Porter.
Reubell.
Rhea.
Rogan.
Shropshire.
Sluder.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Thompson.
Turner.
Wall.
Wallace.
Williams.
Wolters.

Blair.
Brown.
Dorothy.
Question next recurred on the motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday. The motion prevailed, and the House at 12.23 p. m., adjourned accordingly.