Referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.
Also, a petition from 12 citizens of Ward county, asking that the Ranger service in this State be perpetuated and increased.
Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Garrison, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred
House bill No. 203, a bill to be entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the State government, etc."

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

GARRISON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 138, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 2439, chapter 1, of title XLV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the fees the Secretary of State is authorized and required to charge for the use of the State for charters, amendments and supplements thereto, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act in so far as they may affect the same,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the accompanying substitute for said bill, and recommend that the substitute do pass.

GARRISON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred
House bill No. 492, a bill to be entitled "An act to appropriate funds for the Afro-American Fair and Interstate Exposition to be held at Houston, Texas, in the year 1898."

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.

GARRISON, Chairman.

BILL RECOMMENDED.

House bill No. 138 (reported adversely), on motion of Mr. Love, chairman. On motion of Mr. Garrison, 250 extra copies of Substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, were ordered printed for use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Seabury, the House, at 5:45 p. m. adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Friday, March 5, 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. Fisher.
Bailey. Freeman.
Barbee. Garrison.
Barrett. Gilbough.
Beard. Good.
Bell. Graham.
Benson. Harris.
Bertram. Henderson.
Blackburn. Hensley.
Blair. Hill of Gonzales.
Boyd. Hill of Travis.
Brewer. Holland of Burnet.
Brigance. Holland of Harris.
Brown. Humphrey.
Burney. Jones.
Burns. Kimbell.
Callan. Kirk.
Carpenter. Lillard.
Carswell. Logan.
Childs. Lotto.
Collier. Love.
Conoly. Martin.
Crawford. Maxwell.
Cureton. McFarland.
Curry. McGaughey.
Dean. McKauy.
Dennis. McKeller.
Dickinson. Meade.
Dies. Melton.
Dorroh. Mercer.
Doyie. Moore, Fort Bend.
Drew. Moore of Lamar.
Edwards. Morris.
Evans of Grayson. Mundine.
Ewing. O'Connor.
Fields of Grayson. Oliver.
Fields of Hill. Patterson.
Peery.       Staples.
Pitts.       Stokes.
Randolph.   Strother.
Reiger.      Thomas.
Reubell.     Thompson.
Robbins.     Tracy.
Rogan.       Turner.
Rogers.      Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Schlick.     Vaughan of Collin.
Seabury.     Wall.
Shelburne.   Wallace.
Shropshire.  Ward.
Skillern.    Welch.
Sluder.      Wilcox.
Smith.       Williams.
Stamper.     Wolters.

Excused.

Bean.        Savage.
Bumpass.     Smyth.
Crowley.     Tucker.
Flint.       Wood.
Rhea.       

Absent.

Alexander.  Pfeuffer.
Bird.        Porter.
Manson.      Rudd.
Neighbors.   Thaxton.

A quorum was announced present.

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

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
   Mr. Manson until Monday, on motion of Mr. Cureton.
   Mr. Conoly until Monday, on motion of Mr. Ragan.
   Mr. Pfeuffer until Monday, on motion of Mr. Curry.

On account of sickness:
   Mr. Crowley indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Thompson.
   Mr. Alexander indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Oliver.

On motion of Mr. Dorroh, the committee to visit the various State institutions at Austin, were excused for the morning session, on account of important committee work.

Mr. Patterson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the special committee, Mr. Wolters, chairman, appointed to investigate the truthfulness of certain statements in the Austin Evening News of Feb. 18th were adopted, and which motion to adopt carried with it a motion to expunge from the Journal.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Thomas:
A petition from 45 citizens of Comanche county, protesting against the creation of a new county out of a part of Comanche and other counties.

Also, a petition of 174 citizens of Comanche and Eastland counties, protesting against the creation of a new county out of a part of Comanche, Eastland, Brown and Coleman counties.

Referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Mr. Mercer:
A petition of 104 citizens of Franklin county, against the restoration of the criminal jurisdiction of the county court of that county.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Kirk:
A petition of 10 citizens of Yoakum.

Lavaca county, asking that House bill No. 185 be passed.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Tracy:
A petition of 22 citizens of Milam county, asking for the passage of an act to give cotton ginners a lien on cotton ginned by them.

Referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Green and Mr. Rudd:
House bill No. 546, a bill to be entitled "An act to forbid and prohibit the taking of fish from the waters of the State of Texas above tidewater otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trout line, to prohibit the sale of certain game fish, and to provide penalties for the violation hereof."

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

By Mr. Hensley:
House bill No. 547, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2951, title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 2951a, relating to the State Reformatory and House of Correction."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Crawford and Mr. Stamper:
House bill No. 548. a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Wise county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compen-
sation as road commissioners, and defining the duties and powers of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing officers' fees; and to provide for the payment of teams to work on roads and allowance for time of service for same on public roads in Wise county, and fixing a penalty for violations of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith.

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

By Mr. Bell;
House bill No. 549, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore to the county court of Atascosa county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State 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 and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Carpenter:
House concurrent resolution No. 13,
Whereas, the lease on the temporary capitol owned by the State will expire on July 1, 1897; therefore be it
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds is hereby authorized and empowered to lease the same for a period not to exceed ten years, together with any other lot, parts of lots or lands belonging to the State situated in the city of Austin.
Read first time and went over one day, under the rules.

By Mr. Brewster:
Whereas, Captain J. W. Darlington, an old Texas veteran, a resident of Texas for nearly six decades, and one of the builders of the first house ever erected in the city of Austin, one who assisted in the construction of the first capitol building at Austin, is now in the Capital City; therefore be it
Resolved, that Captain J. W. Darlington be extended the privileges of the House while in the city at any time during the sitting of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.
(Signed — Brewster, Humphrey, Fisher.)
Read second time and adopted.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:
Senate bill No. 151, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Sherman, passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, by amending section 2 thereof, in regard to the boundary of said city."

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Williams, chairman:
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 544, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend and re-enact article 4475 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
WILLIAMS, Chairman.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 487, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2475, chapter 4, title 45, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add thereto article 2476a, providing for the furnishing of stationery, furniture and office rooms to county officers."
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.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 525, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the mark-
ing and labeling of convict-made goods, wares and merchandise manufactured by convicts in other States.”

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

Amend by striking out the words “in this or any other State” after the word “establishment,” in lines 3 and 4 of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof, “of any State except the State of Texas.”

CARPENTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 343, a bill to be entitled “An act to compel banks and other institutions of like character to give bond for money deposited, said bonds to be for at least double the amount of deposits on hand at one time.”

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.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 34, a bill to be entitled “An act to define and fix the salaries of the clerks of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and of the Courts of Civil Appeals, and to provide for the manner of collecting same, and to make it the duty of such clerks to pay to the State Comptroller the excess of fees collected by them over and above their salaries.”

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.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1897.

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

A minority of your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 34, a bill to be entitled “An act to define and fix the salaries of the clerks of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and of the Courts of Civil Appeals, and to provide for the manner of collecting same, and to make it the duty of such clerks to pay to the State Comptroller the excess of fees collected by them over and above their salaries.”

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

DREW, LOVE, BREWSTER, STOKES, MAXWELL, VAUGHAN of Guadalupe, SCHLICK, MERCER, LOGAN.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1897.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 5, a bill to be entitled “An act to fix and limit the amounts of fees and commissions and salaries to be received by the several county judges, sheriffs, county clerks, district clerks, county and district clerks, county treasurers, county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, tax collectors, tax assessors, justices of the peace and constables of the State of Texas.”

House bill No. 6, a bill to be entitled “An act to regulate and fix the fees, salaries, commissions and other remuneration of district and county attorneys, sheriffs, district and county clerks, tax assessors and tax collectors of the several counties of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith.”

House bill No. 36, a bill to be entitled “An act to fix and regulate salaries of county, district and precinct officers.”

House bill No. 118, a bill to be entitled “An act to regulate and fix the fees, salaries, commissions and other remuneration of county judges of the several counties of the State of Texas.”

And

House bill No. 141, a bill to be entitled “An act to fix and limit the compensation to be received by precinct, county and district officers, and for paying excess of such compensation to
the county school fund, and providing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act,"

Have had the same under consideration, and have prepared the accompanying substitute therefor, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that the substitute do pass.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

By Mr. Freeman, chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 3, 1897.

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

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

House bill No. 453, a bill to be entitled "An act to require cities to provide for a board of plumbers, to be known as the examining and supervising board of plumbers, to regulate the duties of said board, and to provide a penalty for a violation of 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.

FREEMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 3, 1897.

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

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

House bill No. 456, a bill to be entitled "An act for the promotion of medical science by the distribution and use of unclaimed human bodies for scientific purposes through a board created for that purpose, and to prevent unauthorized uses and traffic in human bodies, and to legalize dissections by authorized persons."

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:

First. Amend by striking out all after the word "science," in section 2, line 17, page 2, down to the word "burial," and insert the words, "provided, said bodies are not claimed by anyone."

Second. Amend by striking out "$100" and "$500," in section 8, line 4, page 4, and insert "$25" and "$200" instead.

FREEMAN, Chairman.

By Mr. Bertram, chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred

The following claims:

J. T. Preston, taxes erroneously paid .................................. $3 73
A. T. Hill, taxes erroneously paid .................................. 16 09
W. D. Cleveland, taxes erroneously paid .......................... 121 50
Mrs. R. J. McClintock, de facto stenographer Court of Civil Appeals .................................. 750 00
R. E. White, bailiff Court of Civil Appeals ...................... 300 00
W. M. Mathes, salary as trustee State Reformatory, Gatesville .................................. 87 47
John B. Carter, district attorney Fourth Judicial District, fee in civil case .............. 20 00

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that they be rejected.

BERTRAM, Chairman.
ommendation that it be allowed for $134.80.

BERTRAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
A claim of Clarke & Courts for $997.11 for a balance claimed to be due
upon a printing contract with 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 be rejected.

BERTRAM, Chairman.

By Mr. Reiger, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 4, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 528, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 579, 580 and 615, title XVIII, of the Revised Statutes 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.

REIGER, Chairman.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed Senate bill No. 224, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5171a, chapter 4, title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to the collection of taxes due on property conveyed by deeds of assignment, trust deeds or other conveyances."
Respectfully,
WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The above reported bill, Senate bill No. 224, was read first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

SPEAKER’S TABLE.

Mr. Patterson called up Senate concurrent resolution No. 11, relating to adjournment sine die of the Twenty-fifth Legislature on March 20, 1897.

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

Amend by setting April 1, 1897.
On motion of Mr. Brigance, the resolution was tabled.
Mr. Robbins called up House bill No. 13, with Senate amendments, and moved that the House do not concur, and that a free conference committee be appointed to adjust the differences between the two house on said bill.
Mr. Blair moved as a substitute that the House do concur.
After consideration,
Mr. Turner moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.
On the motion of Mr. Blair to concur, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Robbins, Mr. Dean and Mr. Welch.
The House refused to concur by the following vote:

Yea—34.
Barbee. Jones.
Barnd. Kimbell.
Bertram. Kirk.
Blair. Lillard.
Bouds. Love.
Brews. McClare.
Carswell. Mercer.
Colier. Morton.
Dennis. Mundine.
Drew. Pitts.
Evans of Grayson. Randolph.
Feild. Skillern.
Fields. Stamper.
Freeman. Stokes.
Good. Thomas.
Holland of Burnet. Tracy.
Holland of Harris. Wall.

Nay—66.
Ayers. Ewing.
Barrett. Garrison.
Bell. Gil borough.
Benson. Graham.
Blackburn. Harris.
Boyd. Hensley.
Brigance. Hill of Gonzales.
Browne. Hill of Travis.
Burns. Humphrey.
Callan. Logan.
Carpenter. Lotto.
Childs. Martin.
Conoly. Maxwell.
Crawford. McFarland.
Curry. McGaughney.
Dean. McKamy.
Dickinson. Meade.
Dies. Melton.
Doyle. Moore, Fort Bend.
Evans of Hunt. Morris.
The motion of Mr. Robbins for a free conference committee prevailed.

The Speaker announced the following free conference committee on part of the House on House bill No. 13: Messrs. Robbins, Mcgaughey, Bailey, Martin and Burns.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, House bill No. 9, the Evans assignment bill, with the following amendment by Mr. Rogan pending:

Amend section 18 by adding thereto the following: "This section shall not be construed to prohibit preferences in favor of landlords for three months' rent; in favor of employees for three months' wages; in favor of estates, heirs and wards for debts due as executives, administrators and guardians; in favor of the State, county and city or town for taxes; and in favor of creditors holding vendor's, mechanic's or improvement liens on the homestead;"

And the following amendment to the amendment by Mr. Blair pending:

Amend by adding after "administrator" the following: "Accommodation makers and endorsers' legatees."

(Mr. Seabury in the chair, pending consideration.)

Mr. Wolters called for a division of the amendment by Mr. Blair.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Seabury, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Hon. James B. Wells of Brownsville, one of the staunchest and truest Democrats in this State, is now in the capitol; and

Whereas, this House is desirous of showing honor to one of Texas' most distinguished and honored sons, who, though never in public office, has ever been foremost in public affairs and always willing to devote his time and abilities and money to the promotion of good government and the best interests of the State and its people; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said Hon. James B. Wells be extended the courtesies and liberty of the floor of the House of Representatives and cordially invited to attend its sessions. (Signed — Seabury, Turner, Fields.)

Read second time and adopted.

The House resumed consideration of House bill No. 9, with pending amendments; pending which,

Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock p. m. to-day; and Mr. Blair moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Question recurring on the longest time first, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Fisher, Mr. Evans of Hunt and Mr. Freeman.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—51.

Ayers.  
Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Beaird.  
Bell.  
Blackburn.  
Blair.  
Bounds.  
Boyd.  
Brigance.  
Browne.  
Burns.  
Childs.  
Curry.  
Dennis.  
Dickinson.  
Drew.  
Edwards.  
Field.  
Green.  
Harris.  
Hill of Travis.  
Holland of Burnet  
Humphrey.  
Logan.  
Nays—40.  
Bertram.  
Bird.  
Brewster.  
Callan.  
Carpenter.  
Carswell.  
Collier.  
Crawford.  
Crawford.  
Cureton.  
Doyle.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Ewing.
Accordingly the House, at 12.57 o'clock p.m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Pending question, House bill No. 9, on its engrossment, with pending amendments.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Saturday, March 6, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

The roll was called.

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

The roll call showing that there was not a quorum present, Mr. Bailey moved a call of the House.

The call was seconded, and the clerk was directed to call the roll.

The following members answered to their names:


Flint. Flint.

A quorum was announced present.

Absent.


A quorum was announced present.

Absent.


A quorum was announced present.