Pending consideration of House bill No. 90, on its final passage.

On motion of Mr. Love, Mr. Bumpass yielding the floor, the House, at 5:45 p. m., adjourned until 9 o’clock a. m., to-morrow.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, March 16, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

The roll was called, and there was not a quorum present, whereupon Mr. Fields moved a call of the House.

The call was seconded, and the Clerk was directed to call the roll to ascertain who were absent without leave, whereupon the following members responded:

Alexander. Graham.
Ayers. Green.
Barbee. Harris.
Beaird. Henderson.
Benson. Hensley.
Bertram. Hill of Gonzales.
Bird. Blackburn.
Blair. Bird.
Brigance. Burnett.
Burns. Love.
Carpenter. Carswell.
Childs. Childs.
Collier. Collier.
Conoly. Crawford.
Crowley. Crowley.
Cureton. Curry.
Dean. Blackburn.
Dennis. Collier.
Dickinson. Collier.
Dyes. Edwards.
Dorroh. Edwards.
Doyle. Edwards.
Evins. Edwards.
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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. Cureton, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Brewster for to-day, on motion of Mr. Vaughan of Collin.
Mr. Bailey for to-day, on motion of Mr. McFarland.
Mr. Shelburne for to-day, on motion of Mr. Crawford.
Mr. Mercer for to-day, on motion of Mr. Henderson.
Mr. Garrison for to-day, on motion of Mr. Doyle.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Lotto for to-day, on motion of Mr. Freeman.
Mr. Skillern for to-day, on motion of Mr. Stokes.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Henderson (by request):

House bill No. 607, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4934, of chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the manner of protecting live stock, and to provide for the approval by the commissioners' court of the report of the board of appraisal in cases where diseased animals are ordered killed."
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Childs:
House bill No. 608, a bill to be enti
tled "An act to amend article 5232j, of title 104, chapter 5a, of the Revised
Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to delinquent taxes, and de
fining the duties of assessors in relation thereto."

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

By Mr. McFarland:
House bill No. 609, a bill to be enti
tled "An act to make it a penal offense for any person within this State to
knowingly misrepresent his age for the purpose of securing any spirit
uous, vinous or intoxicating liquors, and to prescribe adequate penalties
therefor."

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

By Mr. Dies:
House bill No. 610, a bill to be enti
tled "An act to amend chapter 2, title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes of
the State of Texas, relating to the depositions of witnesses, by adding
thereto articles 2274a, 2274b, 2274c, 2274d and 2274e, providing the manner
of taking such depositions."

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

By Mr. Vaughan of Collin:
House bill No. 611, a bill to be enti
tled "An act to validate acknowledgments to all instruments constituting
links in the chain of titles or affecting the title to any lands in the State of
Texas, to quiet title to the same, 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. 1.

By Mr. Dickinson:
House bill No. 612, a bill to be enti
tled "An act to validate and confirm an ordinance passed by the city coun
cil of the city of Laredo, ceding to the United States of America certain
streets intersecting land to be pur
chased by the United States of Amer
ica for the purpose of providing a new site for the military post or reservation
called Fort McIntosh, for the erection of fortifications and for such other uses
as the government of the United States may desire."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corpora
tions.

By Mr. Bird:
House joint resolution No. 36, amending article 16, section 55, of the Constitu
tion of the State of Texas, relating to pensions to surviving sol
diers or volunteers in the war be
between Texas and Mexico, etc., and providing for the repeal of the clause of said section which provides that only persons in indigent circumstances shall receive such pensions.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Seabury gave notice that on to
morrow he would offer to amend the rules as set forth in the following
resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Rep
resentatives, that Rule No. 18 of the Rules of the House be amended so as
hereafter to read as follows:

"18. Every member who is in the House when the question is put shall
give his vote, unless the House, for reasons assigned, shall excuse him;
and any member who is present and shall fail and refuse to vote, after be
ing requested to do so by the Speaker, shall be recorded, under the direc
tion of the Speaker, as present for the purpose of making a quorum, but not voting. No mem
ber shall be allowed to make any explana
tion of a vote he is about to give, or ask to be excused from voting,
after the Clerk, under the order of the House, shall have commenced call
ing the yeas and nays."

By Mr. McGaughey:
Whereas, the people of the over
flowed districts of the Mississippi and tributaries are suffering great loss,
both of life and property, and need the con
dolence of all good people; now, there
therefore, be it
Resolved, that we, the representa
tives of the people of Texas, respect
fully invite all residents of the flooded country to come to the genial clime of Texas, and we pledge to all such resi
dents of the flooded lands a home, where Italian skies are radiant and
where floods never come. Millions of acres of rich land await the frugal
hand of the man with the plow and hoe. Come to Texas.

Read second time and adopted.

BILL RECOMMENDED.

House bill No. 520 (reported favorably with amendments), to Judiciary
Committee No. 1, for further considera
tion, on motion of Mr. Ward, chair
man, at the request of the following members of said committee: Messrs.
Moore of Lamar, Wolters, Randolph, Mckamy, Ayers, Seabury, Neighbors,
Blair, Sluder and Childs.
FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

For consideration of the following bills:
House bills Nos. 321, 484 and 543, and Senate bill No. 17, on motion of Mr. Williams, chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Bertram, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austín, Texas, March 15, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
The claim of George Fuller for compensation for services as midshipman in the Texas navy for five years, and interest on the amount since 1843.

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

BERTRAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austín, Texas, March 15, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
The claim of W. F. Carter for $174 for the redemption of treasury warrants of the State of Texas, to that amount, issued during the year A. D. 1802.

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

BERTRAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austín, Texas, March 15, 1897.

To Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 695, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the children of John T. Putman and Sarah E. Putman."

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.

BERTRAM, Chairman.

By Mr. Dies, Chairman:

Committee Room,
Austín, Texas, March 16, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Engrossed bills
have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 22, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of real estate sold for debt,"
And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Doyle, substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, which was set as special order for this morning, on its second reading, was postponed until next Friday, March 19, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business,
House bill No. 90, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Texas,"
On its final passage.

The bill was passed.

Mr. Fields moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 90 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

On the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bumpass, Mr. Bertram and Mr. Barbee.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Ayers.  Logan.
Beard.  Love.
Benson.  McFarland.
Blair.  McGaughy.
Brigance.  McKellar.
Browne.  Meade.
Carpenter.  Moore, Fort Bend.
Carswell.  Neighbors.
Childs.  O'Connor.
Collier.  Peery.
Conoly.  Porter.
Crawford.  Reiger.
Crowley.  Reubell.
Curry.  Robbins.
Dean.  Rogen.
Dennis.  Rudd.
Dickinson.  Savage.
Dies.  Shuler.
Edwards.  Smith.
Evans of Grayson.  Snyth.
Ewing.  Stamper.
Feld.  Strother.
Fields.  Thaxton.
Fisher.  Thomas.
Flint.  Thompson.
Freeman.  Tracy.
Gilbough.  Turner.
Good.  Vaughan, Collin.
Harris.  Wall.
Henderson.  Ward.
Hill of Gonzales.  Welch.
Humphrey.  Wilcox.
Jones.  Williams.
Lillard.  Wolters.
The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for this hour, on its second reading, Substitute House bill Nos. 247, 350 and 384, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend articles 3936 and 3937, chapter 9, title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public education, so as to regulate the custody and expenditure of school funds, and make provisions for reports of treasurers of school funds, and prescribing penalties for the neglect of certain officers.”

The bill was read second time, and the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:

Amend section 6 by striking out all after the word “expended.” on page 3, line 1, and insert the following, “as the local board may direct and authorize.”

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

Mr. Curry offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Welch:

Amend section 6, page 3, strike out all after the word “for,” in line 5, and add instead “such aids as numeral frames, globes, charts and such other appliances as will aid the teacher and scholar, not to exceed in amount 10 per cent of the fund for any one year.”

Mr. Henderson moved to table the substitute.

Lost.

After further consideration, the substitute was lost.

Mr. Fields offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend section 6, line 2, after the word “and,” insert the words “for the payment of insurance on school buildings and furniture, commissions of treasurers of school funds, and for exchange on said funds.”

Lost.

The amendment by Mr. Welch was adopted.

Mr. Baierd offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to section 4 the following, and strike out sections 5 and 6: “And for building, repairing, renting or removing school houses; for the purchase of the following school furniture: Seats and desks for the pupils and teachers, stoves, grates, fireplaces, flues and blackboards, not to exceed 20 per cent of the fund apportioned to the school district or community for any one year, and for the purpose of building a school house, or the purchasing of necessary desks, contracts may be made to use not exceeding 20 per cent of said school fund for each of five years succeeding the date of making such contract.”

Mr. Mercer moved to table the amendment by Mr. Baierd, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Rudd, Mr. Logan and Mr. Baierd.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—61.

Bertram. Gilbough.
Blackburn. Graham.
Brown. Harris.
Bumpass. Henderson.
Burney. Hensley.
Burns. Hill of Gonzales.
Carpenter. Hill of Travis.
Carswell. Holland of Burnet.
Childs. Humphrey.
Conoly. Jones.
Crowley. Lillard.
Cureton. Love.
Curry. Manson.
Dles. Martin.
Drew. Maxwell.
Field. McGaughey.
Fields McKamy.
Flint. Mercer.
Freeman. Morton.

Absents—30.
Alexander. Holland of Burnet.
Barbee. Kimbell.
Bertram. Manson.
Bird. Martin.
Blackburn. Mercer.
Bumpass. Morton.
Burney. Mundine.
Burns. Pfeiffer.
Cureton. Rhea.
Dorothy. Rogers.
Doyle. Seabury.
Drew. Stokes.
Graham. Tucker.
Green. Wallace.
Hensley. Wood.

Excused.

Bell. Patterson.
Evans of Hunt. Pitts.
Maxwell. Shropshire.
McKamy. Staples.
Moore of Lamar. Vaughn, Guadalupe.

Absent.

Barrett. Lotto.
Bean. Melton.
Bounds. Morris.
Boyd. Oliver.
Brewster. Randolph.
Callan. Schlick.
Garrison. Shelburne.
Hill of Travis. Skillern.
Holland of Harris.

The bill was read second time, and the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:

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(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

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Mr. Henderson moved to table the substitute.

Lost.

After further consideration, the substitute was lost.

Mr. Fields offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend section 6, line 2, after the word “and,” insert the words “for the payment of insurance on school buildings and furniture, commissions of treasurers of school funds, and for exchange on said funds.”

Lost.

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Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—61.

Bertram. Gilbough.
Blackburn. Graham.
Brown. Harris.
Bumpass. Henderson.
Burney. Hensley.
Burns. Hill of Gonzales.
Carpenter. Hill of Travis.
Carswell. Holland of Burnet.
Childs. Humphrey.
Conoly. Jones.
Crowley. Lillard.
Cureton. Love.
Curry. Manson.
Dles. Martin.
Drew. Maxwell.
Field. McGaughey.
Fields McKamy.
Flint. Mercer.
Freeman. Morton.
Mr. Freeman moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

On engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Beard, Mr. Logan and Mr. Rudd.

Engrossed by the following vote:

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I vote "no" on the motion to engross for the following reason: In counties where the local fund is very small, as
in Colorado county, the county school fund would be insufficient to buy stoves, benches and other necessary things. If these things can not be bought, then the children will stay at home, and while the term may be lengthened by a few days there will be fewer children and really less education. Children need to be made comfortable when going to school. Seats, stoves, blackboards, windowpanes, etc., are just as necessary to properly educate as books or teachers.

SMITH.

I vote no on substitute House bill No. 247 for the reason that the State has not adopted the district system, and the amendment that tended to give relief to the community system, the bill now will not operate equally in all portions of the State.

CRAWFORD.

Mr. Curry moved to suspend the regular order to take up House bill No. 101, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5243e of chapter 9, title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to the filing of annual statements of life, fire, marine, accident and other insurance companies, and fixing the rate of taxation for same."

To make it a special order for next Friday, March 19, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Yays and nays were demanded by Mr. Blair, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Sluder.

Lost by the following vote:

   Yeas—50.
   Ayers.
   Benson.
   Bertram.
   Blackburn.
   Bumpass.
   Carpenter.
   Carswell.
   Childs.
   Conoly.
   Curry.
   Dean.
   Dorroh.
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   Evans of Grayson.
   Ewing.
   Fisher.
   Flint.
   Freeman.
   Graham.
   Hill of Gonzales.
   Humphrey.
   Jones.
   Kimbell.
   Lillard.

   Nays—51.
   Alexander.
   Barbee.
   Beard.
   Blair.
   Brigrance.
   Browne.
   Burney.
   Collier.
   Crawford.
   Crowley.
   Cureton.
   Dennis.
   Dickinson.
   Edwards.
   Feild.
   Fields.
   Gilbough.
   Good.
   Green.
   Harris.
   Henderson.
   Hensley.
   Hill of Travis.
   Holland of Burnet.
   Holland of Harrison.
   Manson.

   Abseated.
   Bell.
   Bird.
   Burns.
   Evans of Hunt.

   Excused.
   Bailey.
   Barrett.
   Bean.
   Bounds.
   Boyd.
   Brewster.
   Callan.
   Garrison.
   Holland.
   Kirk.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 459, a bill to be entitled "An act to require bond investment companies doing business in the State of Texas to deposit certain sums of money or securities with the Treasurer of the State of Texas, and providing penalties for failing to comply with the terms of this law."

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Henderson, the House at 12:15 p.m., adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 3 o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

Alexander.  McGaughey.
Barbee.  McKauny.
Bertram.  McKeever.
Bird.  Meade.
Blackburn.  McRee.
Blair.  Moore, Fort Bend.
Brigance.  Morton.
Browne.  Mundine.
Bumpass.  Neighbors.
Burney.  O'Connor.
Burns.  Patterson.
Carpenter.  Peery.
Carwell.  Pitta.
Childs.  Porter.
Collier.  Reiger.
Conoly.  Reubell.
Crawford.  Rhea.
Crowley.  Robbins.
Cureton.  Rogan.
Curry.  Rogers.
Dean.  Rudd.
Dennis.  Savage.
Dickinson.  Seabury.
Dyes.  Shropshire.
Dorroh.  Skillern.
Drew.  Sluder.
Edwards.  Smith.
Ewing.  Smyth.
Feld.  Stamper.
Fields.  Stokes.
Fisher.  Strother.
Flint.  Thaxton.
Freeman.  Thomas.
Good.  Thompson.
Graham.  Tracy.
Green.  Tucker.
Hensley.  Turner.
Hill of Gonzales.  Wall.
Holland of Burnet.  Wallace.
Humphrey.  Ward.
Jones.  Welch.
Kimbell.  Wilcox.
Kirk.  Williams.
Lillard.  Wolters.
Love.  Wood.
Manson.

Absent.

Ayers.  Hill of Travis.
Bealrd.  Logan.
Bell.  Lotto.
Benson.  Martin.
Doyle.  Maxwell.
Evans of Grayson.  Pfeiffer.
Gibough.  Staples.
Harris.  Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Henderson.  Vaughan of Collin.

Excused.

Barrett.  Brewster.
Bean.  Callan.
Bounds.  Garrison.

Holland of Harris.  Oliver.
Melton.  Randolph.
Moore, Lamar.  Schlick.
Morris.  Shelburne.

A quorum was announced present.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Ayers indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Vaughan of Guadalupe, on motion of Mr. Wolters.
Mr. Mr. Doyle for to-day, on motion of Mr. Hill of Gonzales.
On motion of Mr. Dies, Mr. Brigance, Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Dean, the committee to visit the various State educational institutions, were excused for last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, on account of important committee work.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Robbins:

House bill No. 613, a bill to be entitled "An act to set apart for free school purposes four leagues of land heretofore granted to the territory known as Greer county, and to authorize the Attorney General to institute proceedings for the recovery of said land."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Tracy:

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the members of this House, through a publication in the Dallas and Galveston News and the San Antonio Express of this date, that the Credit Men's Association of New Orleans has, for the purpose of influencing legislation of this House in regard to the assignment bill, forwarded to the Hon. A. S. Fisher, a member of this House, the private correspondence of many of its members in regard to said assignment bill, which correspondence, as we take it, was elicited from said members soon after their election on an ex parte statement of said New Orleans Credit Men's Association regarding said bill, and that these private letters so sent are intended to coerce the members to the idea of said association, which proposition Judge Fisher repudiates as unwarranted among gentlemen, and hereby washes his hands of the whole proceedings; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, that we depurate and condemn the unwarranted act of the Credit Men's Association, and com-
mend the Hon. A. S. Fisher for his noble and gentlemanly bearing in declining to be the tool of any corporation for selfish and improper purposes. (Signed—Tracy and Pitts.) Read second time and adopted.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Harris and Mr. Gilough:
A protest of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Galveston against the passage of the bill now pending before the Legislature taxing wharf companies. Read and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Also a protest from the city council of the city of Galveston, same as above. Read and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Also the following resolution of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, which was read and spread upon the Journal:

Whereas, we learn by the reports in the afternoon press of our city that the Legislature of Texas has provided for a cotton growers' convention to be held in Galveston, August 21 next; therefore be it

Resolved by the stockholders of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, in special session assembled, that we thank our representatives in the Senate and House, and the other members of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, for selecting the city of Galveston for this important meeting, and we pledge the earnest efforts of this organization and the people of our city to make the cotton growers' convention a success in every particular.

Attest: C. H. McMaster, Secretary Galveston Chamber of Commerce.

By Mr. Mundine:
A petition of 60 citizens of Lee county, Texas, protesting against the passage of Senate bill No. 28, relating to the Railroad Commission's regulating the compression of cotton, wool and hides for shipment. Read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 16, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 240, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1885, which may have been returned delinquent or reported sold to the State, or to any county, city or town for the tax due thereon and not redeemed, or which may hereafter be returned delinquent or reported sold to the State, or to any county, city or town to satisfy the lien thereon,' as enacted by the regular session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being chapter 54, of title XIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to delinquent taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict with 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.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 16, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 576, a bill to be entitled "An act to create the office of public cotton weigher of justice precincts in the counties of the State of Texas when so desired by a majority of the qualified electors of any justice precinct in the State, to prescribe the oath and bond, to define the duties of such public cotton weigher and his deputies, to prescribe the fees of such officer, and to fix penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

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 as amended.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

By Mr. Reiger, chairman:
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 16, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 570, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize cities to require property owners to connect with
sewers constructed or provided for by such cities.”

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.

By Mr. Robbins, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1877.

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

Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

House bill No. 613, a bill to be entitled “An act to set apart for free school purposes four leagues of land herebefore granted to the territory known as Greer county, and to authorize the Attorney General to institute proceedings for the recovery of said land,”

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.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House as pending business, House bill No. 459, on its second reading.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for this afternoon, House bill No. 9, on its engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Tracy pending and substitute therefor by Messrs. Blair, Fisher, Ward and Wolters.

After consideration,

Mr. Brigance moved that Messrs. Ward, Turner, Fisher, Blair, Evans of Hunt and Tracy be appointed a special committee to whom shall be referred the pending bill (House bill No. 9) with all pending amendments thereto, with instructions to bring in a bill as a substitute.

Mr. Wolters moved to table the motion to refer to a special committee, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Dies, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Pitts.

There being a tie, the Speaker voted “nay,” and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—50.

Benson. Carswell.
Bertram. Childs.
Blair. Collier.
Brown. Conoly.
Burney. Cureton.
Burns. Dean.
Carpenter. Dennis.

Dickinson. Manson.
Drew. Martin.
Evans of Hunt. Moore, Fort Bend.
Evans of Grayson. Mundine.
Ewing. Neighbors.
Field. Peery.
Fields. Rhea.
Fisher. Robbins.
Flint. Savage.
Freeman. Seabury.
Hensley. Stamper.
Hill of Travis. Stokes.
Holland of Burnet. Wallace.
Jones. Ward.
Kirk. Welch.
Lillard. Wolters.

Nays—51.

Mr. Speaker. Mercer.
Alexander. Morton.
Barbee. O'Connor.
Beard. Patterson.
Bird. Pfeuffer.
Blackburn. Pitts.
Brigance. Porter.
Bumpass. Reiger.
Crawford. Rogers.
Crowley. Rudd.
Curry. Sluder.
Dies. Smith.
Dorroh. Staples.
Good. Strother.
Graham. Thaxton.
Green. Thomas.
Harr. Thompson.
Henderson. Tracy.
Hill of Gonzales. Tucker.
Humphrey. Turner.
Kimbell. Vaughan of Collin.
Logan. Wilcox.
Maxwell. Williams.
McKamy. Wood.
Meade. Absent.
McKellar. Bell.
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Meade. Lotto.
Meade. Shropshire.

Excused.

Ayers. Love.
Bailey. Melton.
Barrett. Moore of Lamar.
Bean. Morris.
Bounds. Oliver.
Royd. Randolph.
Brewster. Schlick.
Callan. Shelburne.
Doyle. Skillern.
Garrison. Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Holland of Harris.

PAIR.

Mr. Smyth (present), who would vote “nay,” with Mr. Barrett (absent), who would vote “yea.”

Mr. Reubell (present), who would
vote "yea," with Mr. Oliver (absent), who would vote "nay."

Question recurring on the motion of Mr. Brigance to refer to a special committee.

Mr. Seabury moved to table the bill and all pending amendments, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Welch, Mr. Evans of Hunt and Mr. Evans of Grayson.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—32.

Alexander.
Beard.
Bertram.
Bird.
Brigance.
Burns.
Collier.
Conoly.
Crowley.
Dies.
Evans of Grayson.
Gilbough.
Good.
Green.
Harris.
Henderson.

Nays—69.

Barbee.
Benson.
Blackburn.
Blair.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Carpenter.
Carswell.
Childs.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dean.
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Edwards.
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Fisher.
Flint.
Freeman.
Graham.
Hendley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.

Holland of Burnet.
Manson.
McKellar.
O'Conner.
Patterson.
Pfeuffer.
Pitts.
Rogers.
Vaughan of Collin.
Wilcox.
Wood.

Love.
Martin.
Maxwell.
McGaughey.
McKamy.
Meade.
Mercer.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Morton.
Mundine.
Peery.
Porter.
Reager.
Rhea.
Robbins.
Rogan.
Savage.
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Sluder.
Smith.
Stamper.
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Stokes.
Strother.
Thaxton.
Thomas.
Thompson.
Tracy.
Wall.
Wallace.
Ward.
Welch.
Williams.
Wolters.

Bell.
Lotto.

Absent.

McFarland.
Shropshire.

Ayers.
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Bean.
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Boyd.
Brewster.
Callan.
Doyle.
Garrison.

Holland of Harris.
Melton.
Moore of Lamar.
Morris.
Oliver.
Randolph.
Schlick.
Shelburne.
Skillern.

PAIRED.

Mr. Reubell (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Oliver (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Smyth (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Barrett (absent), who would vote "nay."

I vote "no" upon the motion to table the Evans bill and all pending amendments and substitutes because I believe that legislation upon this subject is necessary for the following reasons:

First, I believe a law that allows any failing debtor to prefer one or more creditors whose claims are as just as those who are preferred is wrong and should be stricken from our statutes.

Second, The Evans bill, as originally offered, would do away with all preferred creditors and provides a penalty for the punishment of all violators of said law, which I believe is right.

Third, I believe any assignment law which allows the preference of any class of creditors opens the way for fraudulent abuses of such a law, as has been demonstrated all over Texas during the past several years, which I believe is wrong and should not be allowed.

MORTON.

We vote yea on motion to table assignment bill and all amendments for the reason that the House has been in session over 60 days — the regular term—and none of the important platform demands have been passed, neither have the appropriation bills or any revenue measures been considered yet and it is nearing the time for adjournment. We have always been in favor of a just and equitable assignment law such as will prevent all fraud in assignments.

EVANS of Grayson.
BERTRAM.

Question again recurring on the mo-
tion of Mr. Brigance to recommit to a special committee,

Mr. Burns moved that the bill be re-committed to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Mr. Burney moved to table the motion of Mr. Burns, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns and Mr. Pitts.

Tabled by the following vote:

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Mr. Smyth (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Barrett (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Reubell (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Oliver (absent), who would vote "nay."

Question again recurring on the motion of Mr. Brigance to refer to a special committee,

Mr. Bird moved the previous question on the motion of Mr. Brigance, and the main question was ordered.

Yea and nays were demanded by Mr. Brigance, Mr. Evans of Hunt and Mr. Fields.

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Mr. Reubell (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Oliver (absent), who would vote "yea."

Question next recurring on the substitute for the Tracy amendment to House bill No. 9,

Mr. Patterson moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow; and Mr. Gilbough moved to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

The House, at 5:20 p. m., adjourned, on motion of Mr. Patterson, until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

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FORTY SEVENTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, March 17, 1897.

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

Roll called and the following members present:


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Absent.
Alexander. Lotto.
Bell. Shropshire.
Edwards. Smith.
Jones. Thompson.

Excused.
Ayers. Holland of Harris.
Bailey. Melton.
Barrett. Moore of Lamar.
Bean. Morris.
Bounds. Oliver.
Boyd. Randolph.
Callan. Schlick.
Doyle. Shelburne.
Garrison. Strother.

Paired.
Mr. Smyth (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Barrett (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Reubell (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Oliver (absent), who would vote "yea."

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FORTY SEVENTH DAY.