I vote no, because the bill still permits the preference of creditors, thereby keeping open the avenue to fraud and tempting and alluring debtors to unnecessarily make and give liens to prefer and benefit themselves and their kinfolks. KIMBELL.

We vote no, for the reason that in our judgment the substitute is no better than the present assignment law. We think the substitute is a mere make-shift and will not stop or lessen the evils complained of in the present law, being far different from the original bill, which so many have tried hard to pass. We fear the substitute, if it becomes a law, will place assignments and the appointment of trustees more completely in the hands of the banks than the present does. Hence, we will not "fly from evils to those that we know not of." MEADE.

LILLARD.

Mr. Blair moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 9 was ordered engrossed, and to table the motion to reconsider. On the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Love, Mr. Sluder and Mr. Dean.

Mr. Welch moved a call of the House, and it was not seconded.

The roll call on the motion to table developed the fact that there was not a quorum present, whereupon Mr. Dies moved a call of the House, and it was not seconded.

The motion to table pending, On motion of Mr. Sluder, the House, at 6:40 p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

FIFTIETH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Saturday, March 20, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashell in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

Alexander.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Beard.  
Benson.  
Bird.  
Blackburn.  
Blair.  
Bounds.  
Brewster.  
Brigance.  
Brown.  
Bumpass.  
Burney.  
Burns.  
Collier.  
Crawford.  
Crowley.  
Cureton.  
Curry.  
Dean.  
Dennis.  
Dickinson.  
Dies.  
Dorrot.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Fawing.  
Field.  
Freenan.  
Garrison.  
Good.  
Graham.  
Green.  
Harris.  
Henderson.  
Hensley.  
Hill of Gonzales.  
Hill of Travis.  
Holland of Harris.  
Stamper.  
Humphrey.  
Jones.  
Kimbell.  
Kirk.  
Lillard.  
Lotto.  
Love.  
Manson.  
Martin.  
Maxwell.  
McFarland.  
McGaughy.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Meade.  
Merce.  
Moore of Lamar.  
Wood.

Morris.  
Morton.  
Neighbors.  
O'Connor.  
Patterson.  
Porter.  
Reiger.  
Reubell.  
Rhea.  
Robbins.  
Savage.  
Shelburne.  
Shropshire.  
Skillern.  
Smyth.  
Stokes.  
Thaxton.  
Thomas.  
Thompson.  
Tracy.  
Tucker.  
Turner.  
Vaughan of Collin.  
Vaughan, Guadalupe.  
Wall.  
Wallace.  
Ward.  
Welch.  
Wilcox.  
Williams.  
Wolters.  

Absent.

Bell.  
Bertram.  
Carpenter.  
Childs.  
Edwards.  
Evans of Grayson.  
Fields.  
Fisher.  
Gilbough.  
Logan.  


Mundine.  
Peery.  
Pfeuffer.  
Pitts.  
Rogers.  
Rudd.  
Scabury.  
Smith.  
Staples.  

Excused.

Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Bean.  
Boyd.  
Callan.  
Carswell.  
Conoly.  
Doyle.  
Drew.  

Flint.  
Holland of Burnet.  
Melton.  
Moore, Fort Bend.  
Oliver.  
Randolph.  
Rogan.  
Schlick.  
Srother.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Hon. J. K. Bumpass, a member of this House.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Mr. Brigance, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:
Mr. Childs indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Rudd until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Green.
Mr. Seabury for yesterday evening and until Monday, on motion of Mr. Wolters.
Mr. Jackson, Chaplain, until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Blair.
Mr. Fields until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Maxwell.
Mr. Bertram until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Peery for to-day, on motion of Mr. Hensley.
Mr. Pfeuffer until Monday, on motion of Mr. Neighbors.
Mr. Smith until Monday, on motion of Mr. Thompson.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Flint indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Dorroh.
Mr. Carpenter for to-day, on motion of Mr. Love.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Dorroh (by request):
A petition of 242 citizens of Camp county, asking that the jurisdiction of the county court of that county be transferred to the district court.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Bounds:
Cleburne, Texas, March 18.


Dear Sirs: At a meeting of railway employees of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, in convention assembled in the city of Cleburne, Texas, March 18, 1897, were unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, there are pending before the Legislature of the State of Texas, now in session at Austin, Texas, several measures favorable to railway employees, to wit: Senate bill No. 1, relating to the fellow-servant law; House bill No. 236, prohibiting black-listing; House bill No. 237, requiring that all persons employed as conductors and engineers on steam railways shall have previously had sufficient experience as brakemen and firemen to enable them to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the responsible duties of conductors and engineers; House bill No. 420, entitled an act to protect workingmen in the right of organization and purposes thereof; and

Whereas, In view of the great injustice to the traveling public of the law now in force requiring conductors to collect four (4) cents per mile from passengers who have not purchased tickets, and the annoyance and serious trouble conductors are continually experiencing trying in vain to enforce the law; and

Whereas, this being our first petition to the law-makers of our State, and believing our wishes entitled to consideration; therefore be it

Resolved by the railway employees of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway in union meeting assembled, that we earnestly request the Legislature to pass Senate bill No. 1, House bills Nos. 236, 237, 420, and draft and pass a bill repealing the four (4) cent train rate law, and establish a uniform rate of three (3) cents a mile, whether the passenger had previously purchased a ticket or not.

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to our Senators and Representatives, and that they be requested to have them read to the Senate and House of Representatives; also that a copy be given to the Associated Press.

[Signed: George Vigeon, Conductor, Chairman: W. Pelham, Engineer; F. B. Gray, Fireman; E. K. Kammerling, Brakeman; J. W. Hickey, Secretary.]

(The above memorial not being referred to any committee, it is hereby printed in the Journal.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Hensley:
House bill No. 621, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 902 of chapter 2, title 25, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 902a, validating county bonds.”

Read first time and referred to Committee on County Government and County Finance.

By Mr. Tucker (by request):
House bill No. 622, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 805 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to “posting” private enclosures, and for the better protection of private rights and property.”

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

By Mr. Smyth (by request):
House bill No. 623, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 812 of chapter 5 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the removal of county seats, and defining the manner of such removal.”

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

By Mr. Brewster, acting chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

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

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BREWSTER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 473, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Leon county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said county court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BREWSTER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 443, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Montague, Red River and Wichita counties, in the State of Texas, and making county commissioners of said counties ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of the commissioners' courts of said counties, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BREWSTER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 464, a bill to be entitled "An act to permit Thomas E., Jesse F., Stella and Drew Finch to sue the State of Texas for the recovery of certain lands situated in Wise county, Texas, and to provide service for the same."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BREWSTER, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Kirk, Chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 87, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act of the regular session of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled an act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a live stock sanitary commission, rules and regulations, to provide penalties for violating the same, and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, approved April 20, A. D. 1893."

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

KIRK, Chairman.

By Mr. Reiger, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred
House bill No. 612, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate and confirm an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Laredo, ceding to the United States of America certain streets on land to be purchased by the United States of America 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."

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed Senate bill No. 3, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 14, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, by creating and adding thereto articles 1068a, 1068b, 1068c, 1068d, 1068e, 1068f, 1068g, 1068h, 1068i, 1068j, 1068k, 1068l, 1068m, 1068n and 1068o, in relation to the apprehension, identification and conviction of all unknown persons who may be guilty of homicide, and in relation to prescribing a method by which all the circumstances and facts that might lead to the identification and capture of such unknown persons shall be reported, preserved and filed in the office of the Adjutant-General of Texas, as a secret archive of that office," by the following vote: yeas 20, nays 1.

Senate bill No. 223, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore and confer upon the county court of Menard county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act," by the following vote: yeas 25, nays 0.

Senate bill No. 220, a bill to be entitled "An act to punish members of commissioners courts for failing and refusing to comply with requirements of law, and for misapplying funds of the county; and for making contracts not authorized by law; prescribing the duty of district and county attorneys in such cases, and providing for the application of this act to other county officers and to the officers of cities and towns in this State."

Senate bill No. 263, a bill to be entitled "An act to lease to H. F. N. Gammel of Austin, in the county of Wise, Texas, the stereotyped plates of volumes fifty-six (56) to eighty-six (86), inclusive, of the Texas Reports, being reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Texas."

By the following vote: yeas 23, nays none.

House bill No. 67, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 635, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the acknowledgments of married women as to the conveyance of their separate property," with an amendment, and by a two-thirds vote: yeas 21, nays 0.

Also, that the Senate has concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 227, being "An act to provide a road system for McLennan county, etc."

Respectfully,
WILL LAMBERT,
Secretary Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

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

Senate bills Nos. 223 and 263, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.
Senate bills Nos. 3 and 220, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BILLS 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. 548, 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 compensation 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."
Senator bill No. 197, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and grant it a new charter."

**SPEAKER’S TABLE.**

Mr. Dickinson called up the following resolution offered by him March 15, which was read first time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and favorably reported on March 18:

Whereas, by the terms of the extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico, neither of said countries is bound to surrender for trial any of its own citizens charged with the commission of crime in the other country, it being the policy and practice of each of said countries to refuse to make such surrender, whereby lawless citizens of each country are encouraged to cross the frontier and commit crime against the persons and property of the citizens of the other country, and then flee to their own country for asylum; and

Whereas, the law-abiding citizens of each country residing on the Rio Grande frontier, especially the citizens of the State of Texas, have suffered great damages in the past and are threatened with greater damages in the future owing to such policy and practice; wherefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, that the government of the United States should take such action by treaty with Mexico as will tend to remedy the evils hereinbefore set forth, either by the establishment of an international court for the trial for such offenders or by any other means that will be acceptable to both countries.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the Clerk of this House to the Secretary of State of the United States and to each of the Representatives and Senators of this State in Congress.

The committee report was adopted, and the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 389, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend subdivision 32, of article 22, title 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, fixing the time for holding the district court in the Twenty-second Judicial district."

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

**Yeas—87.**

Mr. Speaker. Johnson. 
Alexander. Barrett. 
Beard. Beeson. 
Bird. Blackburn. 
Blair. Bounds. 
Brewster. Briggs. 
Burney. Burns. 
Collier. Crawford. 
Crawley. Cureton. 
Curry. Dean. 
Dennis. Dickinson. 
Dyes. Dorroh. 
Evans of Hunt. Ewing. 
Field. Freeman. 
Gilbough. Good. 
Graham. Green. 
Harr. Henderson. 
Hensley. Hill of Gonzales. 
Hill of Travis. Holland of Harris. 
Humphrey. Jones. 
Kimbell. Kirk. 
Lillard. Lotto. 
Nays—none.

**Absent.**

Bell. Edwards. 
Evans of Grayson. Fisher. 
Garrison. Logan. 
McKamy. Ayers. 
Bailey. Bean. 
Bertram. Boyd. 
Callan. Carpenter. 
Carswell. Childs. 
Conolly. Doyle. 
Drew. Fields. 
Flint. 

**Excused.**

Holland of Burnet. Ayers. 
Moore, Fort Bend. Bailey. 
Oliver. Bean. 
Pee. Bertram. 
Pfeuffer. Boyd. 
Randolph. Callan. 
Rogers. Carpenter. 
Rogers. Carswell. 
Rudd. Childs. 
Schlick. Conolly. 
Seabury. Doyle. 
Smith. Drew. 
Strother. Fields. 

Mr. Crowley moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 389 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. 557, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 22, title 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to extend the terms of the district court in Waller and Fort Bend counties."

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

Amend by striking out all after the words article 22, in line 12, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The Twenty-third judicial district of Texas shall be composed of the counties of Brazoria, Fort Bend, Jackson, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton, and the terms of the district court to be held therein shall be held as follows, viz.:

In the county of Waller, on the second Monday in February and August of each year, and may continue in session four weeks.

In the county of Fort Bend, on the fourth Monday after the second Monday in February and August of each year, and may continue in session five weeks.

In the county of Wharton, on the tenth Monday after the second Monday in February and August of each year, and may continue in session four weeks.

In the county of Jackson, on the fourteenth Monday after the second Monday in February and August of each year, and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Matagorda, on the seventeenth Monday after the second Monday in February and August of each year, and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Brazoria, on the nineteenth Monday after the second Monday in February and August of each year, and may continue in session six weeks.

Adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment:

Amend the caption of the bill by inserting the words "Wharton, Brazoria." in line 7, after the word "Fort Bend."

Adopted.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

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Nays—none.

Absent.

| Bell | Mundine |
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| Henderson | Reiger |
| Lillard | Rogers |
| Logan | Shropshire |
| McKamy | Vaughan, Guadalupe |

Excused.

| Ayers | Drew |
| Bailey | Fields |
| Bean | Flint |
| Bertram | Holland of Burnet |
| Boyd | Melton |
| Callan | Moore, Fort Bend |
| Carpenter | O'iver |
| Carswell | Peery |
| Childs | Pfeiffer |
| Conoly | Randolph |
| Doyle | Rogan |
Mr. Hensley moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 557 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

House bill No. 614, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district courts in the Eighth Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

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

Mr. Evans of Hunt moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House, and that Senate bill No. 614 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Nays—none.

Absent.


Excused.

Yeas—86.

Mr. Speaker. Lillard.
Alexander. Logan.
Barbee. Lotto.
Barrett. Love.
Beard. Manson.
Benson. Martin.
Bird. Maxwell.
Blair. McGaughey.
Bounds. McKeller.
Brewster. Meade.
Browne. Mercer.
Bumpass. Moore of Lamar.
Burney. Morton.
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Crowley. Reiger.
Cureton. Reubell.
Curry. Rhea.
Dean. Robbins.
Dennis. Savage.
Dickinson. Shropshire.
Dies. Skillern.
Dorroh. Smyth.
Evans of Hunt. Stamper.
Evans of Grayson. Staples.
Field. Stokes.
Gilbough. Thaxton.
Good. Thomas.
Graham. Thompson.
Green. Tracy.
Harris. Tucker.
Henderson. Turner.
Hensley. Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Hill of Gonzales. Vaughan of Collin.
Hill of Travis. Wallace.
Holland of Harris. Ward.
Humphrey. Welch.
Jones. Williams.
Kimbell. Wolters.
Kirk. Wood.

Nays—1.

Freeman.

Bell. O'Connor.
Edwards. Pitts.
Fisher. Rogan.
Garrison. Sheilburne.
McKamy. Wall.
Mundine. Wilcox.

Excused.

Ayres. Doyle.
Bailey. Drew.
Bean. Fields.
Bertram. Flint.
Boyd. Holland of Burnet.
Callan. Melton.
Carpenter. Moore, Fort Bend.
Carswell. Oliver.
Childs. Peery.
Conoly. Pfeuffer.

Randolph. Seabury.
Rogers. Smith.
Rudd. Strother.
Schlick.

House bill No. 606 read third time, and passed.

Mr. Dies moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 606 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, Senate bill No. 248, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize and permit the Aransas Pass Harbor Company to purchase from the State of Texas Harbor island, certain shoal waters and flats in front thereof and in Redfish bay on the Gulf coast of Texas, in order to encourage the procuring and maintenance of deep water at Aransas Pass, and prescribing certain conditions attaching and following said purchase."

The bill was read second time, and

Mr. Turner offered the following amendments:

Amend by striking out the words "heretofore constructed," in line 25, on page 1, and the word "or," at beginning of line 26, on same page.

Amend by striking out the words "not be permitted to purchase or acquire under this act," in lines 25 and 26, on page 2, and insert in lieu thereof of the following: "be permitted and authorized to excavate a free channel 100 fee wide at the bottom, and navigable throughout to ocean-going vessels, along and through."

And amend further by striking out the word "end," in line 27, same page.

Amend the caption by inserting between the words "Red Fish Bay" and the word "or," in line 15, page 1, the following:

"And to excavate a free channel in, along and through Turtle Cove, between Corpus Christi bay and the deep water harbor or channel at or near Aransas Pass."

Adopted.

The bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Turner moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 248 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Mr. Speaker. Lillard.
Alexander. Logan.
Barbee. Lotto.
Barrett. Love.
Beard. Manson.
Benson. Martin.
Bird. Maxwell.
Blair. McGaughey.
Bounds. McKeller.
Brewster. Meade.
Browne. Mercer.
Bumpass. Moore of Lamar.
Burney. Morton.
Burns. Neighbors.
Collier. Patterson.
Crawford. Porter.
Crowley. Reiger.
Cureton. Reubell.
Curry. Rhea.
Dean. Robbins.
Dennis. Savage.
Dickinson. Shropshire.
Dies. Skillern.
Dorroh. Smyth.
Evans of Hunt. Stamper.
Evans of Grayson. Staples.
Field. Stokes.
Gilbough. Thaxton.
Good. Thomas.
Graham. Thompson.
Green. Tracy.
Harris. Tucker.
Henderson. Turner.
Hensley. Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Hill of Gonzales. Vaughan of Collin.
Hill of Travis. Wallace.
Holland of Harris. Ward.
Humphrey. Welch.
Jones. Williams.
Kimbell. Wolters.
Kirk. Wood.

Nays—1.

Freeman.

Absent.

Bell. O'Connor.
Edwards. Pitts.
Fisher. Rogan.
Garrison. Sheilburne.
McKamy. Wall.
Mundine. Wilcox.

Excused.

Ayres. Doyle.
Bailey. Drew.
Bean. Fields.
Bertram. Flint.
Boyd. Holland of Burnet.
Callan. Melton.
Carpenter. Moore, Fort Bend.
Carswell. Oliver.
Childs. Peery.
Conoly. Pfeuffer.
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Yeas--89.
Beaird.  Martin.  Schick.  
Benson.  Maxwell.  
Blackburn.  McClung.  
Blair.  McKellar.  
Bounds.  Meade.  
Brewster.  Mercer.  
Brigance.  Moore of Lamar.  
Browne.  Morton.  
Bumpass.  Neighbors.  
Burney.  O'Connor.  
Burns.  Smither.  
Collier.  Patterson.  
Crawford.  Porter.  
Crowley.  Reiger.  
Cureton.  Reuben.  
Dennis.  Robbins.  
Dickinson.  Savage.  
Dies.  Shelburne.  
Dorothy.  Shropshire.  
Evans of Hunt.  Skillern.  
Evans of Grayson.  Sluder.  
Ewing.  Smyth.  
Feldl.  Stamper.  
Freeman.  Staples.  
Garrison.  Thaxton.  
Good.  Thomas.  
Graham.  Thompson.  
Green.  Tracy.  
Harris.  Tucker.  
Henderson.  Turner.  
Hensley.  Vaughan.  
Hill of Gonzales.  Vaughan of Collin.  
Hill of Travis.  Wall.  
Holland of Harris.  Wallace.  
Humphrey.  Ward.  
Jones.  Welch.  
Kimbell.  Willams.  
Kirk.  Wolters.  
Lillard.  Wood.  
Logan.  

Nays—none.

Absent.
Bell.  Mundine.  
Dean.  Pitts.  
Edwards.  Rogers.  
Fisher.  Wilcox.  
Mckamy.  

Excused.
Ayers.  Doyle.  
Bailey.  Drew.  
Bean.  Fields.  
Bertram.  Flint.  
Boyd.  Nolon of Burnet.  
Callan.  Melton.  
Carpenter.  Moore. Fort Bend.  
Carswell.  Oliver.  
Childs.  Peery.  
Conley.  Pfeiffer.  

42—House.  

Senate bill No. 248 read third time and passed.
Mr. Turner moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 248 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, 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."
The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.
Mr. MCFarland moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 549 be put on its third reading and final passage.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--87.

Alexander.  Garrison.
Barbee.  Gilbough.
Barrett.  Good.
Beaird.  Graham.
Benson.  Green.
Bird.  Harris.
Blackburn.  Henderson.
Blair.  Hensley.
Brewster.  Hill of Travis.
Brigance.  Holland, Harris.
Browne.  Humphrey.
Burney.  Jones.
Burns.  Kimber.
Collier.  Kirk.
Crawford.  Logan.
Crowley.  Lotto.
Cureton.  Love.
Curry.  Manson.
Dean.  Martin.
Dennis.  Maxwell.
Dies.  McGaughry.
Dorothy.  McKellar.
Evans of Hunt.  Meade.
Evans, Grayson.  Mercer.
Ewing.  Moore of Lamar.
Feldl.  Morris.
Freeman.  Morton.
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**Nays—none.**

**Absent.**

Bell.  
McKamy.  
Bumpass.  
Mundine.  
Edwards.  
Pitts.  
Fisher.  
Rogers.  
Lillard.  
Wilcox.

**Excused.**

Ayers.  
Holland of Burnet.  
Bailey.  
Melton.  
Bean.  
Moore, Ft. Bend.  
Bertram.  
Oliver.  
Boyd.  
Peery.  
Callan.  
Pfeuffer.  
Carpenter.  
Randolph.  
Carswell.  
Rogan.  
Childs.  
Rudd.  
Conoly.  
Schlick.  
Doyle.  
Seabury.  
Drew.  
Smith.  
Fields.  
Strother.  
Flint.  

House bill No. 549 read third time, and passed by the following vote:

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| Thomas.                   |
| Moore of Lamar.           |
| Tracy.                    |
| Morris.                   |
| Turner.                   |
| Neighbors.                |
| Vaughan, Gaul'lupe.       |
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| Vaughan of Collin.        |
| Wall.                     |
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| Welch.                    |
| Rhea.                     |
| Williams.                 |
| Robbins.                  |
| Wolters.                  |
| Savage.                   |
| Wood.                     |

**Nays—none.**

**Absent.**

Bell.  
Bumney.  
Burney.  
Dickinson.  
Doer.  
Pitts.  
Rogers.  
Shelburne.  
Fisher.  
Wilcox.

**Excused.**

Ayres.  
Holland of Burnet.  
Bailey.  
Melton.  
Bean.  
Moore, Fort Bend.  
Bertram.  
Oliver.  
Boyd.  
Pfeuffer.  
Callan.  
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Carpenter.  
Randolph.  
Carswell.  
Rogan.  
Childs.  
Rudd.  
Conoly.  
Schlick.  
Doyle.  
Seabury.  
Drew.  
Smith.  
Fields.  
Strother.  
Flint.

Mr. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 549 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 567, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 9, 11, 18, 19, 21, 32, and 44, of an act to incorporate the City of Denison, and to fix the boundaries thereof, etc., passed March, 1891, to provide for the election of aldermen and other officers of said city, by the people, and for fixing their compensation; providing for the filling of vacancies in said offices; prescribing the duties of the city secretary, and for fixing his compensation; to vest in the city council, only, the power to contract debts for the city,
and to appropriate money to pay the
same, and to repeal all laws and parts
of laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read second time, and
Mr. Feild offered the following amend-
ments:

"Sec. 9. Aldermen from wards must
be residents of said wards and voted
for only by the voters of their wards,
and four additional aldermen at large
shall be elected by all the qualified vot-
ers of the city, who shall hold their of-
ices for two years, except at the first
election held under this act, when the
two receiving the highest number of
votes shall have the two-year term,
and the two next highest shall have
the one-year term, and thereafter two
aldermen at large shall be elected each
year at the annual election."

Amend by striking out the words
"city attorney," in line 28 of section 18,
after the word "city judge."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Feild moved to suspend the
constitutional rule requiring bills to be
read on three several days in each
house, and that House bill No. 567 be
put on its third reading and final pass-
age.

The motion prevailed by the follow-
ing vote.

Yeas—87.

Alexander. Good.
Barbee. Graham.
Barrett. Green.
Beaird. Harris.
Bead. Henderson.
Bird. Hensley.
Blackburn. Hill of Gonzales.
Blair. Hill of Travis.
Bounds. Holland of Harris.
Brewster. Humphrey.
Brigance. Jones.
Browne. Kimball.
Bumpass. Kirk.
Burney. Lillard.
Burns. Logan.
Collier. Lotto.
Crawford. Love.
Crowley. Manson.
Cureton. Martin.
Curry. Maxwell.
Denn. McFarland.
Dennis. McGaughy.
Dickinson. McKellar.
Dies. Meade.
Dorroh. Mercer.
Evans of Grayson. Morris.
Ewing. Morton.
Field. Neighbors.
Freeman. O'Connor.
Garrison. Patterson.
Gilhough. Porter.

Reiger. Thomas.
Reubell. Thompson.
Rhea. Tracy.
Robbins. Tucker.
Savage. Turner.
Shelburne. Vaughan, Gu'alupe
Shropshire. Vaughan of Collin.
Skillern. Wall.
Sluder. Wallace.
Smyth. Ward.
Stauner. Welch.
Staples. Williams.
Stokes. Wolters.
Thaxton. Wood.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bell. Mundine.
Edwards. Pitts.
Fisher. Rogers.
McKamy. Wilcox.

Excused.

Ayers. Holland of Burnet.
Bailey. Melton.
Beau. Moore, Fort Bend.
Bertram. Oliver.
Boyd. Peery.
Callan. Pfeuffer.
Carpenter. Randolph.
Carpenter. Rogan.
Childs. Rudd.
Conolly. Schlick.
Doyle. Seabury.
Drew. Smith.
Fields. Struther.
Flint.

House bill No. 567 read third time
and passed.

Mr. Feild moved to reconsider the
vote by which House bill No. 567 was
passed, and to table the motion to re-
consider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

House bill No. 571, a bill to be en-
titled "An act prescribing the time of
holding the terms of the district court
in the Twenty-eighth, Thirty-sixth and
Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of the
State of Texas, and to repeal all laws
and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read second time and
was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Turner moved to suspend the
constitutional rule requiring bills to be
read on three several days in each
house, and that House bill No. 571 be
put on its third reading and final pass-
age.

The motion prevailed by the follow-
ing vote:

Yeas—88.

Alexander. Beaird.
Barbee. Benson.
Barrett. Bird.
House bill No. 571 read third time, and
Mr. Turner offered the following amendment:
Amend by inserting "February" in lieu of "January," in line 20, page 1, and by inserting "first" in lieu of "second," in line 25, page 1, and by inserting "two" in lieu of the word "one," in line 26, page 1.
Adopted.
The bill was passed.
Mr. Turner moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 571 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 580, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District."
The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.
Mr. Crowley moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 580 be put on its third reading and final passage.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—88.
Alexander. Gilbough.
Barbee. Good.
Barrett. Graham.
Beaird. Green.
Benson. Harris.
Blackburn. Hill of Gonzales.
Blair. Hill of Travis.
Bounds. Holland of Harris.
Brewster. Humphrey.
Brigance. Jones.
Bumpass. Kirk.
Burney. Logan.
Burns. Lotto.
Collier. Love.
Crowley. Manson.
Crawford. Martin.
Cureton. Maxwell.
Curry. McGaughey.
Dean. McFarland.
Dennis. McKamy.
Dickinson. McKellar.
Dies. Meade.
Dorrough. Mercer.
Evans of Grayson. Morris.
Ewing. Morton.
Field. O'Connor.
Freeman. Patterson.
Garrison. Porter.

Nays—none.

Absent.
Bell. Neighbors.
Edwards. Pitts.
Pisher. Rogers.
Lillard. Wallace.
McKamy. Wilcox.
Mundine.

Excused.
Ayers. Holland of Burnet.
Bailey. Melton.
Bean. Moore, Fort Bend.
Bertram. Oliver.
Boyd. Peery.
Callan. Pfeuffer.
Carpenter. Randolph.
Carswell. Rogan.
Childs. Rudd.
Conoly. Schlick.
Doyle. Seabury.
Drew. Smith.
Fields. Strother.
Flint.

Holland of Gonzales. Turner.
Hill of Vaughan. Vaughan.
Holland of Harris. Vaughan of Collin.
Humphrey. Wall.
Jones. Ward.
Kimbell. Welch.
Kirk. Williams.
Logan. Wolters.
Lotto. Wood.
Love.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 580, an act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District.
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House bill No. 580 read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yea—86.


Nays—none.

Absent.


Nays—none.

Absent.


Mr. Smyth moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 580 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.  The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 612, a bill to entitle "An act to validate and confirm an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Laredo, ceding to the United States of America certain streets intersecting land to be purchased by the United States of America 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."

On motion of Mr. Dickinson House Rule 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably be printed and laid on the
desk of each member before being acted on by the House, was suspended.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, a bill to be entitled “An act to permit Thomas E. Jesse F., Stella and Drew Finch to sue the State of Texas for the recovery of certain lands situated in Wise county, Texas, and to provide services for the same.”

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

Amend on page 1, section 1, by adding after the word “Texas,” in line 20: “Provided, further, that both parties to the suit shall have right of appeal.”

Adopted.

The bill was passed.

Mr. Crawford moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 464 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

House bill No. 616, a bill to be entitled “An act to create a more efficient road system for the county of Calhoun, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as said road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of said commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers’ and witnesses’ fees, and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers upon said roads.”

On motion of Mr. McFarland, House Rule No. 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably be printed and laid on the desk of each member before being acted upon by the House, was suspended.

The bill was read second time and was ordered engrossed.

Mr. McFarland moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 616 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yea—88.
Rogers. Staples. Strotbel.

Nay—none.

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House bill No. 616 read third time, and passed.

Mr. Blackburn moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 616 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, and place on its final passage, House bill No. 40, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1278, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to continuances."

The bill was passed.

Mr. Ward moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 616 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. McKamy moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading, 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."

Mr. Blackburn moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. next Monday, and the motion was lost.

Pending the motion of Mr. McKamy to suspend pending business.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the House, at 12:20 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

FIFTY - FIRST DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Monday, March 22, 1897.

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Alexander. Crawford.
Barbee. Cureton.
Barrett. Curry.
Bell. Dean.
Benson. Dennis.
Bird. Dickinson.
Blackburn. Dies.
Blair. Dorough.
Bounds. Drew.
Brewster. Evans of Hunt.
Brigance. Evans of Grayson.
Bumpass. Ewing.
Carswell. Field.
Childs. Fields.
Collier. Freeman.

Good. Garrison.
Patterson. Peery.
Green. Pfeiffer.
Harris. Porter.
Henderson. Reubell.
Hensley. Rhem.
Hill of Gonzales. Robbins.
Hill of Travis. Rogan.
Holland of Burnet. Savage.
Holland of Harris. Seabury.
Humphrey. Shelburne.
Jones. Skillern.
Kimbell. Sluder.
Kirk. Stamper.
Lillard. Staples.
Logan. Stokes.
Lotto. Strother.
Love. Thaxton.
Manson. Thomas.
Martin. Thompson.
Maxwell. Tracy.
McGaughey. Turner.
McKamy. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
McKellar. Vaughan, Collin.
Meade. Wall.
Mercer. Wallace.
Moore of Lamar. Ward.
Morris. Welch.
Morton. Wilcox.
Mundline. Wolters.
O'Connor. Wood.

Absent.

Browne. Moore, Fort Bend.
Burney. Neighbors.
Burns. Pitts.
Carpenter. Reiger.
Crowley. Rogers.
Edwards. Shropshire.
Fisher. Smyth.
Gilbaugh. Williams.

Excused.

Ayers. Flint.
Bailey. Melton.
Bean. Oliver.
Bertram. Randolph.
Boyd. Rudd.
Callan. Schlick.
Conoly. Smith.
Doyle. Smith.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Hon. G. W. Savage, a member of this House.

Pending reading of the Journal of Saturday.

On motion of Mr. Bounds, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Reiger for to-day, on motion of Mr. Wood.
Mr. Brown for to-day, on motion of Mr. Holland.