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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. 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.

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 in 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, the House, at 12:20 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

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**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:

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**Excused.**

Ayers | Bailey | Bean | Bertram | Boyd | Callan | Conoly | Doyle | Flint | Melton | Oliver | Randolph | Rudd | Schlick | 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.
Mr. Bailey for this week, on motion of Mr. Rogan.
Mr. Flint for to-day, on motion of Mr. Curry.
Mr. Benson for to-day, on motion of Mr. Patterson.
Mr. Fisher until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Ward.
Mr. Burns for to-day, on motion of Mr. Dennis.
Mr. Shropshire indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Holland.
Mr. Burney for to-day, on motion of Mr. Dorroh.
Mr. Bounds until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Fields.
Mr. Dorroh until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Logan.
On account of sickness:
Mr. Doyle indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Hill of Gonzales.
Mr. Crowley indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Thompson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 33, a bill to be entitled "An act to protect accountants, bookkeepers, artisans, craftsmen, factory operatives, mill operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen and common laborers and farm hands; to provide a lien and to prescribe the time of payments and in lawful money of the United States, and providing for attorney's fees in foreclosing such liens, and prescribing the rights of the assignees of such persons, 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 not pass.
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
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 of 1895, relating to the removal of county seats."

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

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 617, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 1295 and 1296, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the appointment of court stenographers and their pay."

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

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 611, a bill to be entitled "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."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.
WARD, Chairman.
tted "An act to amend articles 5098, 5099 and 5100, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and to add article 5068a, and to provide the place for the rendition of certain property for taxation, the oath to be required by the assessors of those rendering property for taxation, and defining a penalty and punishment for a failure on the part of tax assessors to require said oath."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 596, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 98, chapter 2, article 4839, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide for the forfeiture of pay for time lost in negligently failing to perform the duties of district judge."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 593, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 98, chapter 2, article 4839, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide for the forfeiture of pay for time lost in negligently failing to perform the duties of district judge."

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, because a Senate bill covering the same ground has been reported favorably.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 582, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2563 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to connecting fences of adjacent owners of land, and to provide the manner of disconnecting such fences."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 587, a bill to be entitled "An act to protect accountants, bookkeepers, artisans, craftsmen, factory operatives, mill operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen and common laborers; to provide a lien and prescribe the payment in lawful money of the United States, providing for attorney's fees in foreclosing such liens, and prescribing the rights of the assignees of such persons, 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 not pass, because a Senate bill covering the same ground has been reported favorably.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 579, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, of title 96, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding the following articles 3315a, 3315b and 3315c, and to give farm hands a prior lien on any and all crops grown upon farms cultivated by them for wages due."

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, because a Senate bill covering the same ground has been reported favorably.

WARD, Chairman.
to the issuance of the writ of sequestration,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the rec­

ommendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 560, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend articles 5232d
and 1724, chapter 3, title 36, of the Re­
vised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,
relating to the collection of delinquent
taxes, and to provide for the correction
of errors in the delinquent tax record,
prepared by the Comptroller."

Have had the same under considera­
tion and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the rec­
mendation that it do not pass, be­
cause a Senate bill covering the same
ground has been reported favorably.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 555, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend article 1706 of
the Revised Civil Statutes of the State
of Texas, relating to elections in cities
and towns."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
mendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 615, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend articles 1722
and 1724, chapter 3, title 36, of the Re­
vised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,
and to require that calls for

elections on constitutional amend­
ments shall include a plain state­
ment of the purpose of such amend­
ments."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the re­
mendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 607, a bill to be enti­
tled "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 appraisement in cases
where diseased animals are ordered
killed."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the rec­
mendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred

House bill No. 451, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to amend article 1538 of
chapter 2, of the Revised Civil
Statutes of the State of Texas, relating
to the powers and duties of the
commissioners' court."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the rec­
mendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred

Senate bill No. 145, a bill to be enti­
tled "An act to regulate proceedings
in the district court on appeal from
the county court, contesting the pro­
bate of last wills and testaments."

Have had the same under considera­
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the rec­
mendation that it do not pass.

WARD, Chairman.
to require such sales reported to the district court for confirmation."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 263, a bill to be entitled "An act to lease to H. P. N. Gammel, of Austin, Travis county, Texas, the stereotyped plates of volumes 56 to 86, inclusive, of the Texas Reports, being reports of decisions of the Supreme court 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.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 588, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 644, title 21, chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to include clause 5 of article 642, same chapter, and to provide for the manner of subscribing the charter of an intended corporation."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 265, a bill to be entitled "An act regulating business signs and what they shall contain, and to make all the property, stock, money and choses in action used or acquired in the business of any person, as to the creditors of such person liable for his debts when such person transacts such business with the addition of the words 'agent,' 'factor,' 'manager,' 'and company,' & Co.,' or like words, and fails to disclose the name of his principal or partner by a sign placed at the house where he transacts such business."

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 word "factor" wherever it occurs in the caption and body of the bill.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 224, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5175a, 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."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 223, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore and confer on the county courts of Menard and Atascosa counties the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said courts under the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas; and to conform the jurisdiction of the district courts of said counties to such changes, 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.

WARD, Chairman.
same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 102, a bill to be entitled "An act granting permission to M. T. and M. C. Chapman, or their assigns, to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Kaufman county, to ascertain the amount, if any, the State is indebted to said M. T. and M. C. Chapman, or their assigns, on account of the sinking of an artesian well for the State at the North Texas Insane Asylum, Terrell, 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.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 198, entitled "An act to provide and regulate suits for taxes by counties, cities, towns, school districts and school corporations."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 589, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2313, chapter 4, title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, relating to the introduction of certain abstracts of titles as evidence."

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

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 114, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate acknowledgments to all instruments constituting links in the chain of title, 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."

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

WARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 18, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House concurrent resolution No. 14, a resolution to create a commission to visit and examine manufactories in the South and make reports thereon, with the intent of encouraging the same in Texas, and to make an appropriation of $2000 to cover expenses of said commission."

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.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 18, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
We, a minority of your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House concurrent resolution No. 14, have had the same under consideration, and cannot concur with the majority of your committee, and beg leave to recommend that House concurrent resolution do not pass for the following reasons:

1st. The whereass therein contained, while very complimentary to Texas as to her possessions in soil, water power, climate, water supply, minerals and geographical situation, as well as to facilities for transportation and amount of cotton produced; yet these are matters well known to the reading public.

2nd. Said whereass are very complimentary to the grand old States of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, showing that in sections of said States where the soil and situa-
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By Mr. Freeman, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 29, 1897.

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

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

Senate bill No. 72, a bill to be entitled "An act to establish a State Board of Embalming, to provide for the better protection of health and life, to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and to regulate the practice of embalming and the care of and disposition of the dead."

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 section 9 by adding to line 24 the following: "Provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent a county physician from preparing the body of a patient for temporary removal for burial.

FREEMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1897.

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

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

Senate bill No. 111, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the sale of cocaine or morphia, and of opium and preparations of opium containing ten per cent or more of the crude drug, and providing a penalty for the violation 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.

By Mr. Welch, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 351, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, ditches and watercourses, and for the improvement and enlargement of natural drainage of the several counties within the State
of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."
And find the same correctly engrossed.

WELCH, Acting Chairman.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.

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

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in the House amendments to 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."

Also, that the Senate has adopted the House concurrent resolution No. 17, relating to the Afro-American Fair and Interstate Exposition.

Also, that the Senate has passed House joint resolution No. 7, being a joint resolution ratifying and confirming the action of the attorneys representing the State of Texas in compromising its claim to its University lands in McLennan county, Texas, by the following vote: ayes, 23; noes 0.

Senate bill No. 63, being a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal articles 4218d and 4218i, chapter 12a, title 87, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add to said chapter article 4218ff, and to amend articles 4218e, 4218f and 4218s of said chapter and title, relating to the sale and lease of the public school and asylum land."

By the following vote: ayes, 17; noes, 6.

Respectfully,
WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following bill, received from the Senate, was read first time and referred as follows:
Senate bill No. 63, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 618, on request of Mr. Henderson.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House as pending business,

Substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, with the following amendment by Mr. Patterson pending:
Amend by striking out $1800 where it occurs in line 23, on page 1, of the bill.

Mr. Kirk offered the following amendment to the amendment:
Amend in line 23, strike out $1800 and insert $5, and in lines 24 and 25 strike out $300 and insert $1.

(Pending consideration, Mr. Seabury occupied the chair.)

Mr. Patterson accepted the amendment.

After consideration, Mr. Wilcox moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Kirk, Mr. Holland of Harris, and Mr. Barbee.

Tabled by the following vote:

YeaS—67.

Alexander.
Ayers.
Barrett.
Bell.
Bird.
Bounds.
Brewster.
Brigance.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Collier.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dean.
Dickinson.
Dies.
Dorroh.
Drew.
Evans of Hunt.
Evans of Grayson.
Ewing.
Fields.
Freeman.
Garrison.
Good.
Graham.
Green.
Harrill.
Hensley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Nays—27.

Barbee.
Beaird.
Blackburn.
Blair.
Bumpass.
Crawford.
Dennis.

Kimbell.
Lillard.
Logan.
Love.
Manson.
Maxwell.
McGaughey.
McKamy.
Meade.
Moore of Lamar.
Morris.
O'Connor.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Reubell.
Robbins.
Rogan.
Savage.
Seabury.
Skillern.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Strother.
Thomas.
Thompson.
vauhgan, Gua'lupe.
Vaughan of Collin.
Wallace.
Ward.
Welch.
Wilcox.
Williams.
Wood.

Henderson.
Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Kirk.
Lotto.
Martin.
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We vote "no" because this is a piece of extravagance that can well be abolished. The sheriff, district and county attorney can and it is their duty to perform same.

TRACY, RHEA, MERCER, HENDERSON.

I vote no because I am satisfied that the office of State Revenue Agent is a clear loss of $2100 a year to the people of this State. PATTERSON.

We vote aye because we think this agent saves the State more than ten times the amount of his salary. FIELDS, GREEN.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the words "$1800," in line 23, and insert in lieu thereof "$700."

Mr. Wolters moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Crawford.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas-70.


Nays-20.


Absent.


Excused.

We vote "no," because we believe this Legislature should make good the promises to the people, that we wanted to readjust and economize in every department. We find that the State has all the officers necessary for the enforcement of all the laws, and that this office is unnecessary, and we
are opposed to frittering away the people's money.

Mr. Mercer offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out figures 1800 in line 23 and insert the figures 1000.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Maxwell.

MANSION AND GROUNDS.

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the word "furniture," in line 5, page 2, and strike out "3000" and insert "2000" in line 7.

Tabled, on motion of Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. Staples offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "800" in section 1, page 2, line 9, and insert in lieu thereof "500."

Mr. Ewing offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by inserting the figures "$700" in lieu of "$800" in each column.

Tabled, on motion of Mr. Love.

On the amendment by Mr. Staples, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Staples.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—34.


Nays—54.

The Speaker laid before the House as pending business, the motion of Mr. McKamy, to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading, Substitute 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." The motion to suspend prevailed, and the bill was laid before the House, read second time, and the substitute was adopted.

Pending consideration, On motion of Mr. Meade, the House at 3:06 p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, March 23, 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:

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A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Mr. Kirk, further reading was dispenseu with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:

Mr. Rogers from yesterday indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Good.

Mr. Gilbough until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Harris.

Mr. Burns for to-day, on motion of Mr. Tracy.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Flint indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Curry.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.

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

Sir: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed