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."

Pending consideration.

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

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**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.

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

**GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

- 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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.**

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

Sir: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed
Senate bill No. 86, a bill to be entitled "An act in relation to the taking of depositions of the Commissioner and other officers of the General Land Office."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 21, nays 1.

Senate bill No. 288, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern Railroad, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same and construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 22, nays 1.

Senate bill No. 304, 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 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 may desire."

By the following two-thirds vote: yeas 23, nays none.

Senate bill No. 187, a bill to be entitled "An act prohibiting the issuance of bonds for any purpose by any county, city or town in excess of one-fourth of 1 per cent of the taxable values of such county, city or town, except upon an election to be held therefor, and providing for such election and the manner of holding the same, and defining the qualification of voters at such election."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 23, nays none.

Senate joint resolution No. 3, "To amend section 3 of the Constitution, article 11, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railroads."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 25, nays 2.

Senate bill No. 233, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2460 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding articles 2460a, 2460b, 2460c and 2460d, relating to mileage charged by sheriffs and constables in civil cases."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 24, nays none.

Senate bill No. 287, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5172 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the commissions of tax collectors."

By the following vote: yeas 18, nays 3.

Senate bill No. 291, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend subdivision 15 of article 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Fifteenth Judicial district of Texas, passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in the year 1895, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 25, nays none.

Senate bill No. 292, a bill to be entitled "An act making it unlawful for any fire, or fire and marine, or marine insurance company, which is legally licensed to transact the business of fire and marine insurance in this State, to place or cause to be placed, to write or cause to be written, any contract or policy of insurance against loss by fire, or the perils of the sea, on any property in this State, except through legally authorized and licensed agents, resident in the State, and prescribing penalties for violation of same; and to further prescribe conditions to be complied with by any fire, or fire and marine, or marine insurance company, before it shall be licensed or re-licensed by the Commissioner to do business in this State."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 23, nays none.

Also, that the Senate hereby recalls the notice to the House, heretofore reported, that the Senate had concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 248; the Senate has reconsidered its action in concurring in the
amendments to said bill, does now refuse to concur in said amendments, and asks for a free conference committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on Senate bill No. 248, and that Senators Dibrell, Atlee, Lewis, Kerr and Linn of Victoria have been appointed as such committee upon the part of the Senate.

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

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

Senate bills Nos. 187 and 304, to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.
Senate bill No. 86, to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.
Senate bill No. 288, to the Committee on Internal Improvements.
Senate bill No. 287, to the Committee on Finance.
Senate bill No. 223, to the Committee on State Affairs.
Senate bill No. 292, to the Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.
Senate bill No. 291, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.
Senate joint resolutions Nos. 3 and 8, to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

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:

Senate bill No. 251, entitled "An act to prohibit in certain cases the cutting, injuring or destroying pecan trees, and providing a penalty therefor."

Senate bill No. 236, entitled "An act to amend article 22, title 4, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to bonds of administrators and executors and sureties thereon."

Senate bill No. 15, entitled "An act to amend article 2601, chapter 6, title 51, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Senate bill No. 16, entitled "An act to amend article 1942, chapter 8, title 39, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to bonds of administrators and executors and sureties thereon."

Senate bill No. 75, entitled "An act to validate all office forfeitures of land heretofore made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the non-payment of any part of the interest due thereon, which land has been heretofore sold by the State through any of its authorized agencies, and without reference to the date when, or the acts of the Legislature under which, said sales were made."

Senate bill No. 74, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to forfeit all lands heretofore sold by the State under any of the various acts of the Legislature for failure to pay any portion of the purchase price therefor or interest thereon or for failure to reside on said land."

Senate bill No. 246, entitled "An act to validate the incorporation of cities and towns of one thousand inhabitants or over, incorporated since March 30, 1895, which have heretofore attempted to be made under certain conditions."

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its engrossment, Substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, the

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Being the department under consideration.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:

Amend line 3, page 3, by inserting "1400" instead of "1200" wherever it occurs.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Reiger.

Mr. Patterson offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting the word "six," in line 13, page 3, in lieu of the word "five."

Mr. Maxwell moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Welch, Mr. Staples and Mr. Tracy.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—64.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bertram.
Bird.
Blair.
Browne.
Carpenter.
Carswell.
Childs.
Collier.
Conoly.
Cureton.

Curry.
Dean.
Dennis.
Evans of Grayson.
Ewing.
Fields.
Freeman.
Garrison.
Graham.
Harris.
Henaley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Mr. Martin offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out lines 13 and 14, on page 3, and insert in lieu there-of the following: Salaries of eleven clerks, at $1200 each, $13,200, for each year.

Mr. Wolters moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Martin, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Sluder.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—74.

Harrett. McKamy.
Bertram. McKellar.
Bird. Meade.
Blackburn. Melton.
Blair. Mercer.
Brewster. Moore of Lamar.
Browne. Morris.
Bumpass. O'Connor.
Brewster. O'Connor.
Burns. Peery.
Carpenter. Pfeuffer.
Collier. Porter.
Conoly. Randolph.
Jawford. Rhea.
Cureton. Reubell.
Curry. Rhea.
Dean. Robbins.
Dennis. Schlick.
Dies. Shelburne.
Drew. Skillern.
Evans of Grayson. Sluder.
Ewing. Smith.
Fields. Stamper.
Freeman. Stokes.
Garrison. Strother.
Graham. Shelburne.
Harris. Thomas.
Henderson. Thompson.
Hensley. Tracy.
Hill of Gonzales. Tucker.
Hill of Travis. Vaughan, Guau'lupe.
Humphrey. Wall.
Jones. Wallace.
Kimbell. Welch.
Logan. Wilcox.
Lotto. Williams.
Manson. Wolters.
Maxwell. 

Nays—20.

Alexander. Morton.
Ayers. Mundine.
Benson. Patterson.
Brigance. Rogan.
Green. Savage.
Holland of Burnet. Vaughan of Collin.
Holland of Harris. Turner.
Kimbell. Wall.
Kirk. Vaughan of Collin.
Martin. Ward.
McGaughey. Wood.

Absent.

Beaird. Bell.

We vote no because we are not in favor of tabling amendments to the appropriation bill. It ought to have full and free discussion, because the rule requiring the bill to be considered in committee of the whole has been suspended.

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Mr. Blair offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out, in lines 28 and 29, after the word “employ,” the following: “One clerk at $1400, and nine clerks at $900 each,” and insert therein the words “twelve clerks.”

Mr. Sluder offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Strike out, after “clerk,” in line 29, “at $1400, and nine clerks at $900 each” to perform the work herein contemplated in addition to his present force,” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “at $1200, and nine clerks at $800 each” to perform the work herein contemplated, in addition to his present force.”

Tabled on motion of Mr. O’Connor.

Mr. Maxwell moved to table the amendment by Mr. Blair, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blair, Mr. Henderson and Mr. O’Connor.

Tabled by the following vote:

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Mr. Dashiell offered the following amendment:

Amend line 31, page 3, by striking out “9600” wherever it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof “9500.”

Mr. Seabury offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out the word “nine,” in line 29, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the words “other necessary,” and strike out “9600” in each column in line 31 and insert in place thereof the figures “9500.”

Lost.

Mr. Bertram offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Dashiell:

Amend by striking out all after “authorized,” in line 28, and insert the following: “to employ one clerk at $75 per month and nine clerks at $60 per
month, so long as they are needed," and strike out "9600" wherever it occurs, and insert "7500" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Brigance moved to table the substitute, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Bertram.

Lost by the following vote:

**Yeas-46.**
- Ayers
- Barrett
- Bell
- Bird
- Blair
- Boyd
- Brigance
- Browne
- Carpenter
- Childs
- Conoly
- Curry
- Dean
- Dennis
- Dies
- Feld
- Freeman
- Garrison
- Greer
- Hensley
- Hill of Gonzales
- Hill of Travis
- Holland of Harris

**Nays-54.**
- Alexander
- Barbee
- Benson
- Bertram
- Blackburn
- Brewer
- Bumpass
- Burns
- Carswell
- Crawford
- Cureton
- Drew
- Evans of Grayson
- Ewing
- Fields
- Good
- Graham
- Henderson
- Holland of Burnet
- Humphrey
- Jones
- Kimbell
- Kirk
- Logan
- Love
- Mancon
- Martin

**Absent.**
- Beard
- Collier
- Dickinson
- Edwards
- Smyth
- Peery
- Balley
- Bean
- Bounds
- Burney
- Callan
- Crowley
- Dorroh
- Doyle
- Neighbors
- Fisher
- Flint
- Gilbough
- Moore, Fort Bend
- Rogers
- Rudd
- Shropshire
- Smith
- Excused.

Lost by the following vote:

**Yeas-40.**
- Alexander
- Barbee
- Benson
- Bertram
- Blackburn
- Brewer
- Bumpass
- Crawford
- Dennis
- Drew
- Evans of Grayson
- Ewing
- Fields
- Graham
- Henderson
- Holland of Burnet
- Humphrey
- Jones
- Kimbell
- Kirk
- Lillard

**Nays-64.**
- Ayres
- Barrett
- Bell
- Bird
- Blair
- Boyd
- Brigance
- Browne
- Carpenter
- Childs
- Conoly
- Curry
- Dean
- Dennis
- Dies
- Feld
- Freeman
- Garrison
- Greer
- Hensley
- Hill of Gonzales
- Hill of Travis
- Holland of Harris
- Holland of Burnet
- Humphrey
- Jones
- Kimbell
- Kirk
- Lillard
- Love
- Mancon
- Martin
- Peery
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- Pitts
- Samuel
- Moore, Fort Bend
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Question next recurring on the amendment by Mr. Dashiell, it was adopted.

Mr. Wood offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out lines 13, 14 and 15 and insert instead “26 clerks at $900 each per annum, or $23,400 for the 26 clerks.”

Mr. O'Connor moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Love and Mr. Wood.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—53.

Barrett. Lotto.
Bell. Manson.
Bird. Martin.
Blair. Maxwell.
Brigance. McFarland.
Carpenter. McKamy.
Carswell. McKellar.
Childs. Meade.
Collier. Moore of Lamar.
Conoly. O'Connor.
Cureton. Oliver.
Curry. Patterson.
Dean. Pfeiffer.
Dennis. Robbins.
Dies. Rudd.
Drew. Seabury.
Garrison. Stamper.
Good. Thomas.
Green. Thompson.
Harris. Vaughan, Guad’lupe.
Hensley. Ward.
Hill of Gonzales. Welch.
Hill of Travis. Wilcox.
Holland of Harris. Williams.
Logan. Bolters.

Nays—51.

Alexander. Mundine.
Barbee. Neighbors.
Benson. Peery.
Bertram. Pitts.
Blackburn. Porter.
Brewest. Randolph.
Bumpass. Rhea.
Crawford. Rogan.
Evans of Grayson. Savage.
Ewing. Schlick.
Feild. Shelbourn.
Fields. Skiller.
Freeman. Sluder.
Graham. Smith.
Henderson. Staples.
Holland of Burnet. Stokes.
Humphrey. Strother.
Jones. Tracy.
Kimbell. Tucker.
Kirk. Turner.
Lillard. Vaughtan of Colli.
Love. Wall.
Melton. Wallace.
Mercer. Wolters.
Morris. Wood.

Absent.

Ayers. Evans of Hunt.
Beaird. Reubell.
Dickinson. Smyth.
Edwards. Thaxton.

Excused.

Bailey. Doyle.
Bean. Fisher.
Bounds. Flint.
Burney. Gilbough.
Burns. Moore, Fort Bend.
Callan. Rogers.
Crowley. Shropshire.
Dorroh.

I vote against tabling the amendment, because I believe that all legislation should be conducted in a business-like way, with the strictest economy held always in view. If the above amendment had prevailed, it would have saved to the State over $4000 in this item alone. I know that there are hundreds of men that would be glad to get $75 per month that are as competent as any clerk now in the Comptroller's office.

Mr. Patterson offered the following amendment:

Amend line 7, on page 3, by inserting “1500” where “1400” occurs.

Lost.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:

Amend line 6, page 3, by inserting “1400” instead of “1200” and “2800” instead of “2400.”

Mr. Wolters moved to table the
amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Welch, Mr. Dies and Mr. Crawford. Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—94.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bell.
Benson.
Blackburn.
Blair.
Boyd.
Brewster.
Brigance.
Brown.
Bumpass.
Carpenter.
Carswell.
Childs.
Collier.
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Crawford.
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Evans of Grayson.
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Harris.
Henderson.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Kimbell.
Logan.
Lotto.
Love.
Manson.
Martin.
Maxwell.
McFarland.

Nays—8.

Ayres.
Bertram.
Bird.
Good.

Absent.

Beard.
Dickinson.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.
Henesey.

Excused.

Barley.

Bounds.
Burney.
Burns.
Callan.
Crowley.

Doyle.
Fisher.
Flint.
Gilbough.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Dorroh.

Mr. Staples offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out “1600” in each place where it occurs in section 1, page 2, in line 28, and insert in lieu thereof “1500.”

Tabled on motion of Mr. Wolters.

Mr. Fields offered the following amendment:

On page 3, amend lines 19 and 20 by adding after the word “contingent” the words “and not more than $200 shall be used for contingent expenses other than those specified in this paragraph.”

Adopted.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:

Amend line 10, page 3, by inserting “1400” instead of “1300” wherever it occurs.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Maxwell.

Pending consideration of the Comptroller’s Department.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the House at 12.14 p. m. took recess until 3 o’clock p. m. to-day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 3 o’clock p. m., pursuant to recess.

SPEAKER’S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, 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,”

On its engrossment. Pending business, by unanimous consent, was temporarily suspended to take up the morning call, dispensed with this morning by consent.

On motion of Mr. Lillard, Mr. Reubell was excused for this evening, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, Mr. Burney was excused from yesterday indefinitely, and Mr. Smith for yesterday, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Wood:

A petition of 40 citizens of Corsicana, Navarro county, requesting the
passage of House bills Nos. 222, referring to cigarettes, and 424, referring to cocaine and opium.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Fields:
A resolution of 100 teachers of Hill and Johnson counties, passed at a meeting of teachers at Alvarado, Johnson county, in opposition to the Presler text-book bill, in favor of the re-establishment of the Chair of Pedagogy of the State University, and the appointment of Dr. J. Baldwin there-to, and in favor of a better organization of the district schools, and the appropriation of a sum of money for the summer normal schools of Texas.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Harris (by request):
House bill No. 624, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 1158, chapter 3, title 29, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the appellate jurisdiction of county courts in civil cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.”

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

By Mr. Harris (by request):
House bill No. 625, a bill to be entitled “An act to authorize and provide for appeals to the county courts and the district courts of this State from orders, judgments or decisions of the board of equalization of taxes of any city or town within the State of Texas; to prescribe and regulate the procedure and practice in such appeals, 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. Harris (by request):
House bill No. 626, a bill to be entitled “An act to refund to J. S. Slaughter $300 illegally collected from him as occupation taxes for pursuing the occupation of a commercial traveler, drummer, salesman and solicitor of trade by sample.”

Read first time and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Mr. Wilcox:
House bill No. 627, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 594, of chapter 11, title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to confer on the board of aldermen of towns and villages having a population of 500 inhabitants and over the right to establish, erect, construct, regulate and keep in repair bridges, culverts, sewers, sidewalks, crossings, and to regulate the construction and use of the same, and to make the owner of the lot or lots fronting on a sidewalk responsible for the cost of construction, and creating a lien against said lot or lots for the amount of said cost.”

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

By Mr. Henderson (by request):
House bill No. 628, a bill to be entitled “An act to pay John Littleton for services rendered as teacher in the public schools in Red River county during May, June, July and August, 1871.”

Read and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Mr. Wolters:
House bill No. 629, a bill to be entitled “An act to prevent the selling or trading of animals of the horse or ass species affected with a discharge from the nose.”

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

By Mr. Tracy:
House bill No. 630, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend title 30, chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by repealing subdivision 5 of article 1194, and adding thereto subdivision 18a, providing that in suits where the amount in controversy is $250 or less, the same shall be brought in the county where the defendant has his domicile.”

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

By Mr. Wolters:
House bill No. 631, a bill to be entitled “An act to require the surviving husband or wife to pay over to the children of the husband and wife the part of the community and separate property to which each may be entitled within a certain period, to provide a penalty for a violation thereof, and to require the county judge to report thereon.”

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

By Mr. Pitts (by request):
House bill No. 632, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 994, of chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to add the county of Hill to the Second supreme judicial district, and to correct erroneous reading of said article.”
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Tucker:

House bill No. 633, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 42, article 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State (1895), providing for the reorganization of the Forty-second Judicial district, and to fix the time of holding court therein."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Kimbell:

House bill No. 634, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2286 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the taking and returning of depositions."

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

By Mr. Hensley:

House concurrent resolution No. 18.

Whereas, there are now many priceless relics of the Republic of Texas in private hands that would be freely tendered to the State if there were suitable arrangements provided for their display and protection; and

Whereas, the public exhibition of such relics would prove one of the ablest commentaries on early Texas history; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings of this State be and hereby is instructed to provide and set apart one of the rooms and cause the same to be vacated in the suite of rooms now occupied by the department of Insurance, Statistics and History, to permit of the proper arrangement and display of all relics of the Republic of Texas that may be committed to the custody of the State, the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History, to exercise a general supervision of the same.

Be it further resolved, that the Society of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are hereby declared to be the special guardians of said relics and are empowered to designate some particular chapter of their society who shall be the special custodians, and shall exercise their judgment in the arrangement and management of said exhibit. The expenses for removing any books or furniture necessary to vacate the required room in the Department of Insurance, Statistics and History shall be paid out of any unexpended appropriation for that department. The expenses for providing the necessary tables and cases to exhibit and protect such exhibit to be paid out of any unexpended appropriation made for public buildings and grounds.

Read second time and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, Chairman:

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 610, a bill to be entitled "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."

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.

MAJORITY REPORT.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 602, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3395, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the manner of holding local option and prohibition elections."

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.

MINORITY REPORT.

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

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

We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 602, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3395, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to holding local option and prohibition elections;"
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Do not concur with the majority, and beg to report the same back to the
House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS,
MOORE of Lamar.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 584, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to amend article 2742, ti-
tle 79, chapter 9, of the Revised Civil
Statutes of the State of Texas, relating
to workhouses and county convicts,
ard regulating the fines and costs as-
sessed against county convicts;"

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

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 591, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to restore to and confer
upon the county court of Lampasas
county the civil and criminal jurisdic-
tion heretofore belonging to said court
under the Constitution and general stat-
tutes of Texas; to define the jurisdic-
tion of said court; to conform the ju-
risdiction of the district court of said
county to such change; to fix the time
of holding court, and to repeal all laws
in conflict with this act;"

Do not concur with the majority, and
beg leave to report the same back to
the House with the recommendation
that it do not pass unless amended so
as to take effect two years after pass-
age.

NEIGHBORS,
BLAIR,
McKAMY.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 572, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to give jurisdiction to the
several Courts of Civil Appeals over
cases transferred from one of such
courts to another under the direction
of the Supreme Court, and providing
for the transfer of such cases;"

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

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the
House.
We, a minority of your Judiciary
Committee No. 1, to whom was re-
ferred
House bill No. 591, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to restore and confer up-
on the county court of Lampasas coun-
y the civil and criminal jurisdiction
heretofore belonging to said court un-
der the Constitution and general stat-
Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the duties of the Secretary of State in relation to the distribution and sale of the reports of the Appellate Courts, and to add article 2907a thereunto, providing that a copy of same shall be furnished the county judge of each county of the State."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report to the House that the committee refuses to reconsider its action in this matter as reported herein on the 5th instant.

WARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Turner, acting chairman:

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 475, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 402, of chapter 6, title 8, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating 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 person shall be reported, preserved and filed in the office of the Adjutant-General of Texas as a secret archive of that office."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

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 person shall be reported, preserved and filed in the office of the Adjutant-General of Texas as a secret archive of that office."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 531, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of article 1092, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the fees of office in examining trials."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 153, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 271 of chapter 6, title 8, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted in 1888, relating to the approval of official bonds, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the same."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.
March 23, 1897

House bill No. 609, a bill to be entitled "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 spirituous, vinous or intoxicating liquors, and to prescribe adequate penalties therefor."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 109, a bill to be entitled "An act relating to the presence of minors in court rooms."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 164, a bill to be entitled "An act to make it a penal offense, and prescribe the punishment for the violation of this act, for any State Superintendent of Public Instruction, any county judge acting as superintendent of public instruction for any county, any county superintendent of public instruction, any superintendent of public instruction of any city or town, any trustee of any public free school, or any principal or teacher of any public school, who shall accept an agency on salary, commission or otherwise, from any person, firm, association of persons or corporation, dealing in school books, school furniture or school supplies."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 590, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 16, title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding to the said chapter article 942a, relating to the deposit of State, county or municipal funds with banks and banking corporations, and to prohibit the use of such funds for private purposes."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 199, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 491, of chapter 2, title 13, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to offenses pertaining to public roads and irrigation."

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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 211, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 958 (805), title 18, chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to conspiracy to commit murder, rape, etc."

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

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

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 550, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 3319 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to liens of livery stables and owners of pastures.”
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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 551, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 785, chapter 3, title 17, of the Penal Code, relating to injurious to railroads and trains, and to increase the penalty for such offenses.”
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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 554, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 276, chapter 6, title 8, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the duties of the Commissioners’ Court, and to provide a penalty for a failure of such court or any member thereof to discharge their duty in certain cases.”
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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 494, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 788, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the use of animals without the consent of the owner.”
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.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.
By Mr. Williams, chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 288, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern Railroad, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same, and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas."

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

WILLIAMS, Chairman.

By Mr. McGAUGHEY, chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 619, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 3982 of chapter 13, title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the transfer of children of school districts."

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.

McGAUGHEY, Chairman.

House bill No. 483, a bill to be entitled "An act to empower the State Board of Education to procure for use in the public free schools of the State of Texas a series of text-books; defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto; making appropriations therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violations, and declaring an emergency."

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.

McGAUGHEY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:

We, a minority of your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 483, a bill to be entitled "An act to empower the State Board of Education to procure for use in the public free schools of the State of Texas a series of text-books; defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto; making appropriations therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violation, and declaring an emergency."

Do not concur with the majority, and we beg to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the following objections:

1. In order to do away with one trust, it intends to place a more powerful monopoly in its stead.

2. If ever instituted, it would be the hardest task to get rid of it again, on account of its power. A mistake in the choice of books would work endless mischief and would be difficult to correct.

3. A strong minority of schools would work under great disadvantage under such a system.

4. It would prevent worthy persons in the improvement of school books and methods.

5. Uniformity of text-books, methods, etc., tends to create uniformity of mind and to prevent the development of individuality.

6. It is paternalistic, and tends to regulate the taste of the people.

7. The law provides that trustees shall prescribe the text-books; no change of books can be made without
their consent; if they would do their duty, there would be less complaint; but we do not deem it the province of the Legislature to strengthen the backbone of weak trustees.

LOTTO,
JONES,
MCKELLAR.

By Mr. Robbins, chairman:

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

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

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

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

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

Strike out all after the word "advance," in lines 23 and 24, page 3 of printed bill, down to and including the word "inspection," in line 30, and insert this amendment:

"It shall be the duty of the county clerk of the county in which any leases are made, or to which it may be attached for judicial purposes, to record all lease contracts made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office under the seal of his office, when presented for record by the lessee, in a well bound book kept open for public inspection. And if any lessee shall fail to have his lease recorded within twenty days after the contract is made, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to accept the application of any other person applying to lease any lands embraced in any such unrecorded lease and to cancel so much of such unrecorded lease as may be embraced in any such subsequent lease, and the original lessee shall have his rebate."

Amend section 3, page 4, by striking out all between the words "law," in line 14, and the word "thence," in line 25, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Said line begins at the northwest corner of El Paso county, thence east to the southwest corner of Andrews county, thence north to the northwest corner of Gaines county, thence east to the northwest corner of Scurry county, thence south to the southwest corner of Scurry county, thence east to the northeast corner of Mitchell county, thence south to the southeast corner of Mitchell county, thence east to the northwest corner of Runnels county, thence south to the southwest corner of Runnels county, thence east to the northwest corner of Concho county.

ROBBINS, Chairman.

By Mr. Holland of Harris, chairman:

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

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

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 291, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend subdivision 15 of article 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Fifteenth Judicial District of Texas, passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in the year 1895, 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 and be not printed.

HOLLAND of Harris, Chairman.

By Mr. Garrison, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 508, a bill to be entitled "An act to aid in the support and maintenance of the John Sealy hospital at Galveston, and making an appropriation for the same for the years beginning March 1, 1897, to February 28, 1899."

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

GARRISON, Chairman.

By Mr. Reiger, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 187, a bill to be entitled "An act prohibiting the issuing of bonds for any purpose by any county, city or town in excess of one-fourth of 1 per cent of the taxable values of such county, city or town, except upon an election to be held therefor, and providing for such election and the manner of holding the same, and defining the qualification of voters at such election;"

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. Curry, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 297, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5049, chapter 1, of title 94, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to the collection of a tax on occupations."

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, but that Substitute House bill No. 297 be reported in lieu thereof, with the recommendation that it do pass.

CURRY, Chairman.

By Mr. Beaird, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House joint resolution No. 15, a joint resolution to amend section 8, article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

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

BEAIRD, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Rogan, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 237, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto an additional article to be entitled "article 1547d,"

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

ROGAN, Chairman.

By Mr. Dies, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 606, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern Railroad, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas;"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

By Mr. Welch, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 457, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 21 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries and powers, being chapter 17 of acts of the Legislature of 1889, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railways."

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.

BEAIRD, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Rogan, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 237, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto an additional article to be entitled "article 1547d,"

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

ROGAN, Chairman.

By Mr. Dies, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 606, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern Railroad, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas;"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIES, Chairman.

By Mr. Welch, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 457, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 21 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries and powers, being chapter 17 of acts of the Legislature of 1889, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railways."

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.
fining the powers of the city council in
the registration and control of the
opening of business houses and other
places on Sunday."
And find the same correctly en-
grossed.

WELCH, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Brewster, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the
House.
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills
have carefully examined and com-
pared
House bill No. 185, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to repeal article 3898 of
chapter 7, title LXXXVI of the Re-
vised Civil Statutes."
And find the same correctly en-
grossed.

WELCH, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the
House.
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills
have carefully examined and com-
pared
House bill No. 346, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to transfer Red River
and Fayette counties from the district
school system to the community school
system, and to authorize and empower
the said counties to organize and con-
duct all of their public free schools un-
der the community system, as provided
by the laws now in force."
And find the same correctly en-
grossed.

WELCH, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the
House.
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills
have carefully examined and com-
pared
House bill No. 401, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to grant a pension to
Martha Merchant, surviving wife of
Berry Merchant, deceased."
And find the same correctly en-
grossed.

WELCH, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the
House.
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills
have carefully examined and com-
pared
House bill No. 575, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to establish a more effi-
cient road system for Marion county,
and to provide for the appointment of
county superintendent of public roads."
And find the same correctly en-
grossed.

WELCH, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Lillard, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the
House.
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills
have carefully examined and com-
pared
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 commis-
sioners, and prescribing their duties as
such, and providing for their compen-
sation as road commissioners, and de-
fining 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 pro-
viding officers' fees; and to provide for
payment for 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 con-
flict herewith."
And find the same correctly enrolled,
and have this day, at 12:40 p. m., pre-
sented the same to the Governor for
his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Brigance, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the
House.
Your committee to visit the Agri-
cultural and Mechanical College, the Sam
Houston Normal Institute, and the
Prairie View Normal School, beg to
submit as follows:
We found all these institutions in
excellent condition. The buildings and
promises are all clean, the sanitation
good, the food furnished (at the A. and
M. and Prairie View) is good and
wholesome; at all the institutions the
pupils are surrounded with conditions
favorable to health, and the discipline
of the schools is in conformity with
approved modern principles, appealing
to the best instincts of human nature and promoting the development of the highest type of strong, well balanced, symmetrical character. As a result of wise methods of management, we were gratified to observe that the feeling of the pupils toward the teachers and toward each other were of the most cordial kind.

Texas and her farmers' sons are certainly to be congratulated upon having at the head of the Agricultural and Mechanical College such a man as Governor Ross. Jefferson devoted the years left after retiring from the Presidency to building the University of Virginia and urging a system of public schools for Virginia. Lee, upon the dispersion of his veterans, became a college president and devoted his remaining days to the higher education of the youth of Virginia and the South. How fitting it is that one so much loved in Texas as Governor Ross, after filling the position of highest political honor and responsibility that lies within the gift of our people, should upon his retirement gather around him the young men of Texas and consecrate his life to their education. No one can visit the college without being impressed with the simple, yet noble, character of the president, and its healthful and elevating effect upon the young men by whom he is surrounded. Governor Ross has undoubtedly found this place of the greatest usefulness, and his labors will extend their gracious influences throughout Texas for generations after he has been "gathered to his fathers."

The Sam Houston Normal Institute is also fortunate in the selection the State Board of Education has made in choosing a principal for that institution. Prof. Pritchett is indeed a teacher of distinguished executive ability, a man who moves quietly and unpretentiously about, accomplishing important ends, while a less judicious or more self-conscious man would only have made a noisy beginning to end later in failure. No one can investigate his labors at Huntsville without learning to appreciate his quiet, effective methods of work, his clear grasp of the conditions and needs of pupils, classes—the entire school—the certainty with which he attains his ends, the firm hold he takes upon the young teachers surrounding him and the great work he is doing for the public schools of Texas by his careful and able management of our teachers' training school.

Edward L. Blackshear is serving his first year as principal of the Prairie View Normal School for colored teachers, but he has entered into his work with an appreciation of his responsibility, with an earnest desire not only for personal success but no less for the success of the institution and the elevation of his race. He seems careful, painstaking, and is really doing good for the colored people and for Texas. Your committee would not see this State take any backward step in the liberal educational policy toward the colored people, which has now become a matter of pride with us at home and is accredited to us abroad as a high honor.

Your committee is impressed with the thought that the public in general, the people at large, have not had their attention sufficiently called to the great work done by these institutions. When we come to think of it rightly, education is the great business of the world. Our system of laws is a growth, a development, the result of centuries of experiment and education. Education is development, and that vast, indefinable, complex conception which we designate as our modern civilization, is itself the development of centuries of conscious and unconscious effort. In the problem of the development of State, national, international, world-wide institutions, thousands of unconscious, conflicting elements mingle in what seems to the narrow observer to be but an aimless strife, but above the roar of the conflict of unconscious elements a wider observation will reveal the guiding and dominating influence of conscious forces directing and controlling all with reference to comprehensive, intelligent purposes. To supply the comprehensive plan, the guiding hand, and the dominating forces of these larger developments is the great work of our highest educational institutions. It is in this way apparent that the masses of the people reap the benefits of the expenditures made for the support of these institutions. It is not alone the young man who is educated broadly and liberally that profits by his education; his community, his city, his State, his country, and all the development proceeding around him take character, direction and impulse from him. While the immediate good is to the individual, the larger good diffuses itself in a thousand forms throughout the land, affecting the industrial progress of the country, the social betterment of all classes, the moral elevation of the citizens and all
the phases of the development of a great people of a great State.

Every citizen, therefore, though he may not have children to be educated at these institutions, in fact receives from them priceless and innumerable benefits.

It follows, therefore, that the State is bound by every elevated conception of public duty—as it values the prosperity and happiness of the people, as it values a high standard of citizenship, as it appreciates a high order of manhood, as it honors elevated and refined womanhood, as it would promote order, contentment, industry, honesty, purity and honor among all its people—to support with liberal and ungrudging munificence all her great institutions of learning and all her educational interests, not neglecting the humblest little public primary school in all the State.

There is no nobler strain of thought than the following address by Bishop Doane to the people of New Jersey: "The men of Athens were few, their territory small, their soil indifferent; yet did Athenian arms prevail against the myriads of the East; and to Athenian letters and Athenian arts, all nations still award the palm. In the same noble lists let us engage, and let kindred institutions in every admitted nation still award the palm. Let us withdraw ourselves and consecrate the State to the great work of education. Let us sustain our present seats of learning and set kindred institutions in every varied form be multiplied about us. Let us collect the children of the land, and on their minds make the mark which shall go down to latest generations."

In pursuance of this liberal policy, your committee would recommend the following additional appropriations for these schools:

**A. AND M. COLLEGE.**

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SAM HOUSTON NORMAL.

In addition to the appropriation of $27,500 $27,500 for support and maintenance, we recommend an increase for this purpose of 10,000 10,000.

And the following additional appropriations:

- Library, apparatus and improvement: 2,000 2,000
- Repairs and painting: 500

PRAIRIE VIEW NORMAL.

In addition to the appropriation of $10,000 $10,000 for support and maintenance, we recommend the following additional appropriations:

- For mechanical dept: 2,500 2,500
- For industrial dept: 350 350

We recommend the following additional appropriation:

- Water supply: $5,000
- Barn and shed: 1,500
- Student labor fund: 1,500
- Physical and chemical apparatus: 500
- Laundry: 1,000

Respectfully submitted,

BRIGANCE, Chairman,

DEAN,

PFEUFFER.

By Mr. Rogan, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 22, 1897.

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

Your special committee appointed to visit the Confederate Home and investigate the condition and management of the same and report thereon, beg leave to submit the following report and recommendations:

We made several visits to the Home and inspected the institution in all of its departments—bed rooms, hospital and other buildings. We also investigated, as best we could with the means at our command, the management for the past two years, and we regret to say that there is much dissatisfaction among the inmates and a want of confidence in the management, and we believe justly so to considerable extent. While your committee entertains the highest respect for the present Superintendent, and fully appreciate his sterling worth and great public services, we think that he is not able to perform the responsible duties of his position by reason of age and physical infirmities, and that the discharge of...
his duties has often been cast upon those who are incapable and negligent.

We made a thorough inspection of the dining room and kitchen at meal time, and found that they were not cleanly or properly kept. We also found the food plentiful and of fair quality, but very badly prepared. Complaint among the inmates in regard to the preparation of their food was almost universal.

We visited all the sleeping rooms, and found they were not kept clean and in good condition.

We also visited the hospital, and found it in bad condition, having a filthy appearance, with very dirty floors, and a pressing demand for disinfectants; the hospital room was crowded with patients to such an extent as to be uncomfortable, some of whom ought not to be there.

We found the so-called laundry very deficient in all the ordinary facilities for good and efficient work—some old half-barrels and worn-out washboards—and an old woman to do the washing on half-pay, for nearly 200 people.

Submitting the foregoing findings, we beg to submit the following suggestions and recommendations:

We believe that a good and efficient man can be obtained to take charge of the Home as Superintendent, and keep all of the necessary books at a salary of $1000 per year, as his board and many other expenses are paid by the State, and we suggest that the board of directors take action on this line as soon as possible.

We recommend that the Quartermaster be a competent and suitable ex-Confederate soldier at a salary of $600 per annum, and that he give his entire attention to his official duties, especially looking after the cleanliness of the kitchen, dining room, hospital and the grounds.

We recommend that the board employ an experienced ex-Confederate physician as Surgeon, who shall devote his entire time and attention to the inmates, at the salary now paid.

We recommend the employment of an efficient housekeeper, who shall be Matron, and have supervision of the culinary department, sleeping rooms and laundry, at such salary as the board may deem advisable.

We recommend that all other necessary help, such as cooks, waiters, seamstresses, nurses, etc., be left to the board of directors as their discretion may dictate for the better welfare and condition of the Home and its inmates.

We further recommend to the Legislature the favorable consideration of House joint resolution No. 34, now pending, and also the passage of House bill No. 521.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ROGAN,
Chairman;
WOOD,
MORTON,
WALL,
BARBEE,
MCKELLAR.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Austin, March 23, 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. 216, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 745, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, requiring foreign corporations to file their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, and imposing certain conditions upon said corporations transacting business in this State, and authorizing the Secretary of State to issue permits to such corporations."

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The above reported Senate bill, No. 216, was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House the request of the Senate for a free conference committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on Senate bill No. 248, and the same was granted.

The Speaker, in accordance therewith, announced the following committee on part of the House: Messrs. Blair, Bell, McFarland and Harris.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being substitute House bill No. 95, on its engrossment.

Mr. Curry moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

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."

On the motion to suspend, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Curry, Mr. Pfeuffer and Mr. Blackburn.

Lost by the following vote (not receiving the necessary two-thirds majority):

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Resuming consideration of substitute House bill No. 95, Mr. McKamy offered the following amendment:

Amend section 15 by striking out "9" in line 24 and inserting "7" in lieu thereof.

Amend section 16 by striking out "7" in line 32 and inserting "6" in lieu thereof.

Adopted.

Mr. Hill of Gonzales moved to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the bill.

Tabled on motion of Mr. McFarland.

Mr. McKamy offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding at bottom of section 1, line 26, "provided further, however, that nothing in this act shall apply to, or in any manner affect or interfere with the sale of any patent or proprietary medicines, sold in original packages."

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by adding the word "sale" or manufacture.

Accepted by Mr. McKamy.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Substitute "shall not interfere with the sale of patent or proprietary medicines when sold by wholesale."

Lost.

The amendment by Mr. McKamy as amended was adopted.

Mr Wallace offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "five hundred" in line 5 and in line 4, page 6, and insert in lieu thereof "one thousand" in each place.

Mr. Field moved to table the amendment, and the motion was lost.

After further consideration, Mr. Wilcox moved the previous question, and it was not seconded.

On the amendment by Mr. Wallace, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr.
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Shelburne, Mr. Brewster and Mr. Barbee.
Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas-69.
  Alexander.  ...  Doyle.
  Ayres.  ...  Doyle.
  Barrett.  ...  Doyle.
  Benson.  ...  Doyle.
  Bertram.  ...  Doyle.
  Bird.  ...  Doyle.
  Blackburn.  ...  Doyle.
  Boyd.  ...  Doyle.
  Browne.  ...  Doyle.
  Bumpass.  ...  Doyle.
  Carpenter.  ...  Doyle.
  Carswell.  ...  Doyle.
  Childs.  ...  Doyle.
  Crawford.  ...  Doyle.
  Cureton.  ...  Doyle.
  Curry.  ...  Doyle.
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  Dies.  ...  Doyle.
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  Harris.  ...  Doyle.
  Hederson.  ...  Doyle.
  Hill of Gonzales.  ...  Doyle.
  Hill of Travis.  ...  Doyle.
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  Holland of Harris.  ...  Doyle.
  Humphrey.  ...  Doyle.
  Jones.  ...  Doyle.
  Lillard.  ...  Doyle.
  Love.  ...  Doyle.
  Maxwell.  ...  Doyle.
  McFarland.  ...  Doyle.
  Nays-29.
  Barbee.  ...  Doyle.
  Brewster.  ...  Doyle.
  Brigance.  ...  Doyle.
  Collier.  ...  Doyle.
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Absent.
  Beaird.  ...  Doyle.
  Bell.  ...  Doyle.
  Blair.  ...  Doyle.
  Dickinson.  ...  Doyle.
  Edwards.  ...  Doyle.
  Evans of Hunt.  ...  Doyle.
  Hensley.  ...  Doyle.
  Bailey.  ...  Doyle.

Excused.
  Bean.

Lazy.  ...  Doyle.
  Bean.

Mr. Hill of Gonzales offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after section 17 the following: "Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit any store not employing a registered pharmacist from selling at wholesale or retail any patent or proprietary medicines or staple drugs."
Mr. Maxwell moved to table the amendment:
Lost.
The amendment by Mr. Hill of Gonzales was adopted.

Mr. Savage offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out section 7. Adopted.

Mr. Randolph offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out section 10, and insert in lieu thereof the following:
"As soon as practicable after the passage of this act, and biennially thereafter, the Governor shall appoint five competent pharmacists of this State, who shall constitute the State Board of Pharmacy. The persons so appointed shall hold office for two years, and should a vacancy occur on the Board from any cause, the Governor shall appoint another from the competent pharmacists of this State, who shall hold his office for the unexpired term."
Mr. Thomas moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.
The amendment by Mr. Randolph was lost.
On engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bumpass, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Kirk.
Substitute House bill No. 95 ordered engrossed by the following vote:
Yeas-61.
  Barbee.  ...  Walker.
  Barrett.  ...  Walker.
  Bell.  ...  Walker.
  Benson.  ...  Walker.
  Boyd.  ...  Walker.
  Brewster.  ...  Walker.
  Brigance.  ...  Walker.
  Browne.  ...  Walker.
  Carpenter.  ...  Walker.
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  Collier.  ...  Walker.
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  Curry.  ...  Walker.
  Dennis.  ...  Walker.
  Evans of Grayson.  ...  Walker.
  Ewing.  ...  Walker.
  Feld.  ...  Walker.
  Fields.  ...  Walker.
  Freeman.  ...  Walker.

Fisher.  ...  Walker.
  Flint.  ...  Walker.
  Gilbough.  ...  Walker.
  Moore, Fort Bend.  ...  Walker.
  Rogers.  ...  Walker.
  Shropshire.  ...  Walker.
  Dallas.  ...  Walker.
On motion of Mr. McGaughey, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 469, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3909a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the course of study in public schools, and to provide for the addition to said course of study of a system of humane treatment of animals."

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

Amend by striking out the word "scholars" and insert the word "pupil."

Adopted.

Mr. Meade moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

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

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."

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

"Sec. 4. The near approach of the close of the present session, and the crowded condition of the calendar, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Brigance moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 613 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Excused.


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

House bill No. 469, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3909a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State
Excused.
Bailey.
Bean.
Bounds.
Burney.
Burns.
Callan.
Crowley.

House bill No. 613 read third time and passed.
On motion of Mr. Wolters, the House, at 5:45 p.m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.
Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, March 24, 1897.
The House met at 9 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.