Mr. Fields moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 288 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

The motion of Mr. Blair prevailed, and the House at 5:50 p.m. adjourned accordingly.

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, March 26, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashell in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

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Ayres. Brigance.
Barbee. Burney.
Barrett. Burns.
Bell. Carpenter.
Benson. Carswell.
Bertram. Childs.
Bird. Collier.
Blackburn. Conoly.
Blair. Crawford.
Bounds. Cureton.
Boyd. Curry.

Dean. Neighbors.
Dennis. O'Connor.
Dies. Oliver.
Dorroh. Patterson.
Drew. Peery.
Evans of Grayson. Pfeiffer.
Ewing. Pitts.
Feld. Porter.
Fields. Randolph.
Fisher. Reubell.
Freeman. Rhea.
Garrison. Rogan.
Gilbany. Savage.
Good. Schlick.
Green. Seabury.
Harris. Shelburne.
Henderson. Shropshire.
Hensley. Skillern.
Hill of Gonzales. Sluder.
Hill of Travis. Smith.
Holland of Burnet. Smyth.
Holland of Harris. Stamper.
Humphrey. Staples.
Jones. Stokes.
Kimbell. Strother.
Kirk. Thaxton.
Lillard. Thomas.
Logan. Thompson.
Lotto. Tracy.
Love. Tucker.
Manson. Turner.
Martin. Vaughan, Guad'lupe
Maxwell. Vaughan of Collin.
McGaughey. Wall.
McKamy. Wallace.
McKeller. Ward.
Melton. Welch.
Mercer. Wilcox.
Morris. Williams.
Morton. Wolters.
Mundine. Wood.

Mr. Wallace for this evening until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Seabury.

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Melton. Welch.
Mercer. Wilcox.
Morris. Williams.
Morton. Wolters.
Mundine. Wood.

Mr. Wallace for this evening until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Seabury.
Mr. Meade until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Carpenter.
Mr. Strother until Monday, on motion of Mr. Hill of Gonzales.
Mr. Robbins until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Stamper.
Mr. Moore of Lamar until Monday, on motion of Mr. Love.
Mr. Wolters from this evening until Monday, on motion of Mr. Blair.
Mr. Blackburn until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. McKamy.
Mr. Hill of Gonzales until Tuesday, on motion of McGaughey.
Mr. Dies indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Seabury.
On account of sickness:
Mr. Renbell for to-day, on motion of Mr. Evans of Grayson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.
By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on State Affairs, to to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 285, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation for the establishment of a public park on the site of the battlefield of San Jacinto, and the erection of the necessary buildings and improvements thereon, and providing for the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park."
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 that it be not printed.
CARPENTER, 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
House bill No. 592, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 3, of chapter 132, of the acts of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, establishing a special road law for Dallas, Lamar and Medina counties, prescribing the same fees in county convict cases for the officers in said counties as those allowed officers in similar cases under the general laws of the State."
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 that it be not printed.
ROGAN, Chairman.

SENATE MESSAGE.
Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed
House bill No. 180, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5043 of the Revised Statutes of 1895, so as to exempt Maverick county from the provisions of title 102, chapter 6, relating to the inspection of hides and animals."
With amendments.
Senate bill No. 285, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the establishment of a public park on the site of the battlefield of San Jacinto, and the erection of the necessary buildings and improvements therein, and providing for the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park."
Ayes 38, noes 7.
Respectfully,
R. E. DODSON,
Assistant Secretary.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.
The above reported bill, Senate bill No. 285, was read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

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 House considering the bill by departments, and the

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.
Being the department under consideration.
On motion of Mr. Garrison, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading.
House bill No. 539, a bill to be entitled "An act making appropriations for the deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for payment of expenses in support of the State government from March 1, 1895, to February 28, 1897, and for previous years, be-
ing for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered, and other deficiencies,"

With the following committee amendments:
Amend by striking out the words and figures, "salary of Librarian from March 1, 1895, to December 31, 1896, $550;" also amend by adding at the end of section 1: "Groceries, drugs, shoes, and other expenses for State Orphans' Asylum, $1716.16."

The bill was laid before the House on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Blair, rule No. 73, requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole to consider all bills carrying appropriations, was suspended.

The bill was read second time.

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Bertram, further consideration of House bill No. 539 was postponed until next Monday at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Kimbell moved to further suspend pending business to take up on second reading House bill No. 321. Lost.

The House returned to consideration of pending business, same being Substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation, the House considering the bill by departments, and the COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Being the department under consideration,
Mr. Curry moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until April 1, 1897.

Mr. Gilbough moved to table the motion of Mr. Curry, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Lillard, Mr. Logan and Mr. Benson.

(Tabled by the following vote:)

Yea 66:
Barbee.
Beard.
Bell.
Bertram.
Bird.
Blackburn.
Blair.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Bragg.
Bumpass.
Burney.
Burns.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Conoly.

Hollaod of Harris.
Jones.
Lotto.
McGauehey.
McKamy.
Meiton.
Mercer.
Morris.
Mundine.
Neighbors.
O'Connor.
Peevy.
Pfeuffer.
Pitts.
Randolph.
Schlick.
Shelburne.

Shropshire.
Skillern.
Smith.
Smyth.
Stokes.
Struther.
Thomas.
Thompson.
Tracy.
Tucker.
Turner.
Vaughan, Guadule.
Wallace.
War.
Wilcox.
Williams.
Wolters.

Nays 36:
Alexander.
Ayers.
Balley.
Barrett.
Benson.
Brewster.
Carswell.
Collier.
Curry.
Dorroh.
Drew.
Evans of Grayson.
Evans of Ewing.
Green.
Humphrey.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.
Logan.

Love.
Martin.
McKellar.
Morton.
Oliver.
Patterson.
Porter.
Rogam.
Savage.
Seabury.
Sluder.
Staples.
Thaxton.
Vaughan of Collin.
Wall.
Welch.
Wood.

Maxwell.
Rhea.
Rogers.
Rudd.

Bean.
Callan.
Crowley.
Dies.
Doyle.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.

McFarland.
Meade.
Moore. Fort Bend.
Moore. Lamar.
McAiger.
Reubell.
Robbins.
Graham.

Excused:

Bean.
Callan.
Crowley.
Dies.
Doyle.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.

McFarland.
Meade.
Moore. Fort Bend.
Moore. Lamar.
McAiger.
Reubell.
Robbins.
Graham.

The House returned to consideration Substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, on its engrossment, the Comptroller's office being the department under consideration.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment:

Amend lines 7, 8 and 9 by striking out "1400" and insert "1200," on page 3.

Lost.

Mr. Patterson offered the following amendment:
Amend by inserting “600” in line 18, of section —, on page 3, in lieu of “540.”

Mr. Martin offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out line 18, on page 3.

The amendment of Mr. Patterson was lost.

On the amendment by Mr. Martin, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Martin, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Wilcox.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—36.

Barbee. Love.
Benson. Martin.
Bertram. McKeller.
Bird. Mercer.
Browne. Morton.
Bumpass. Mudine.
Burney. Neighbors.
Burns. Oliver.
Carpenter. Porter.
Carswell. Rhea.
Cureton. Rogan.
Curry. Savage.
Drew. Skillern.
Henderson. Sluder.
Holland of Burnet. Thaxton.
Humphrey. Tracy.
Kimbell. Vaughan of Collin.

Nays—67.

Aynes. Jones.
Bailey. Lillard.
Barrett. Logan.
Beard. Maxwell.
Bell. Mcgaughey.
Blackburn. McKamy.
Bounds. Melton.
Boyd. Morris.
Brewster. O'Connor.
Brigance. Patterson.
Collier. Peery.
Conoly. Pfeiffer.
Crawford. Randolph.
Dean. Rudd.
Dennis. Schlick.
Dies. Seabury.
Dorothy. Shelburne.
Evans of Grayson. Shropshire.
Ewing. Smith.
Fields. Smyth.
Fisher. Stamper.
Freeman. Staples.
Garrison. Stokes.
Gilbough. Strother.
Good. Thomas.
Green. Tucker.
Harris. Turner.
Hensley. Vaughan, Guadalupe
Hill of Gonzales. Wall.
Hill of Travis. Wallace.
Holland of Harris. Ward.

Welch. Wolters.
Wilcox. Wood.
Williams.  

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment:

Amend lines 19 and 20, page 3, by striking out “3500” in both lines, and insert in lieu thereof “2500.”

On the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Bertram and Mr. Henderson.

(Light in the chair.)

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—44.

Barbee. Holland of Burnet.
Benson. Holland of Harris.
Bertram. Humphrey.
Bumpass. Jones.
Burney. Kimbell.
Burns. Kirk.
Carswell. Lillard.
Curry. Logan.
Dean. Love.
Drew. Martin.
Fields. McKellar.
Green. Melton.
Mr. Burney offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out line 28, on page 3.

On the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burney, Mr. Bertram and Mr. Henderson.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—36.
Alexander. Love.
Barbee. Martin.
Benson. McKellar.
Bertram. Mercer.
Brewster. Morton.
Bumpass. Mundine.
Burney. Oliver.
Burns. Porter.
Carpenter. Rhea.
Carrwell. Rogan.
Curry. Shelburne.
Dorroh. Shropshire.
Drew. Skillern.
Henderson. Smith.
Holland of Burnet. Stokes.
Humphrey. Tracy.
Kimbell. Vaughan of Collin.
Kimbell. Wallace.
Logan.

Nays—59.
Barrett. Lotto.
Bell. Maxwell.
Bird. McGaughey.
Blair. Melton.
Blair. Morris.
Bounds. Neighbors.
Brigance. O'Connor.
Brown. Peery.
Browne. Pfeuffer.
Brown. Randolph.
Brewster. Rudder.
Carpenter. Schlick.
Childs. Seabury.
Collier. Shelburne.
Conoly. Shropshire.
Crawford. Smith.
Cureton. Smyth.
Dennis. Stamper.
Died. Staples.
Doroh. Strother.
Evans of Grayson. Thompson.
Ewing. Tucker.
Feild. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Fisher. Ward.
Freeman. Welsh.
Garrison. Wilcox.
Gilbough. Wolters.
Good. Wood.

Absent.

Edwards. Oliver.
Flint. Patterson.
Manson. Rogers.
McKamy. Turner.

Excused.

Bean. McFarland.
Callan. Meade.
Crowley. Moore, Fort Bend.
Dickinson. Moore of Lamar.
Doyle. Reiger.
Evans of Hunt. Reubell.
Graham. Robbins.

Mr. Burney offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out line 28, on page 3.

On the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burney, Mr. Bertram and Mr. Henderson.

Lost by the following vote:

Nays—63.
Ayers. Hensley.
Barrett. Hill of Travis.
Beaird. Lotto.
Bell. Maxwell.
Bird. McGaughey.
Blackburn. Morris.
Blair. Neighbors.
Bounds. O'Connor.
Boyd. Peery.
Brewster. Pfeuffer.
Brigance. Randolph.
Brown. Rudder.
Carpenter. Schlick.
Childs. Seabury.
Collier. Shelburne.
Conoly. Shropshire.
Crawford. Smith.
Cureton. Smyth.
Dennis. Stamper.
Died. Staples.
Doroh. Strother.
Evans of Grayson. Thompson.
Ewing. Tucker.
Feild. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Fisher. Ward.
Freeman. Welsh.
Garrison. Wilcox.
Gilbough. Wolters.
Good. Wood.

Absent.

Ayers. Manson.
Bailey. McKamy.
Beard. Meade.
Callan. Randolph.
Childs. Seabury.
Evans of Grayson. Sluder.
Graham. Staples.
Lillard.
Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment:

Strike out all in lines 14 and 15, on page 3, and insert in line 19 "assistant clerks at $900 each—$17,100 for each year."

Mr. Maxwell moved to table the amendment, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Burns and Mr. Henderson.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea's—56.

Ayers.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Bell.
Blair.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Brigance.
Browne.
Carpenter.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Dean.
Dennis.
Doroh.
Drew.
Ewing of Grayson.
Feld.
Fisher.
Freeman.
Garrison.
Gilbough.
Good.
Green.
Harris.
Hensley.

Nay's—42.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Benson.
Bertram.
Bird.
Brewster.
Bumpass.
Burney.
Burns.
Carswell.
Curry.
Ewing.
Fields.
Henderson.
Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.

Vaughan of Collin.
Wall.

Williams.

Absent.

Beard.
Childs.
Collier.
Flith.
Graham.
Love.

Manson.
McKamy.
Neighbors.
Patterson.
Smith.
Staples.

Excused.

Bean.
Blackburn.
Callan.
Crowley.
Dickinson.
Dies.
Doyle.
Edwards.
Ewing of Hunt.

McFarland.
Meade.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Reiger.
Reubell.
Robbins.
Rogers.

Wolters.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment:

Strike out the figures and words in line 16, page 3.

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

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea's—50.

Ayers.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Bell.
Blair.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Brigance.
Browne.
Carpenter.
Carswell.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Dean.
Dennis.
Doroh.
Drew.
Ewing.
Feld.
Fisher.
Freeman.
Garrison.
Gilbough.
Good.
Green.
Hensley.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Benson.
Bertram.
Bird.
Brewster.
Bumpass.

Burney.

Nay's—46.

Burns.
Carswell.
Curry.
Ewing.
Fields.
Henderson.
Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Benson.
Bertram.
Bird.
Brewster.
Bumpass.

Burney.

Nay's—46.
Holland of Burnet. Porter.
Humphrey. Rhea.
Kimbell. Rogan.
Kirk. Savage.
Lillard. Shelburne.
Logan. Shropshire.
Love. Skillern.
Maxon. Sudder.
Martin. Stokes.
McKeller. Thaxton.
Melton. Tracy.
Mercer. Tucker.
Morton. Turner.
Mundine. Wall.
Oliver. Welch.

Absent.
Childs. Rogers.
Collier. Smith.
Lotto. Stamper.
McKamy. Staples.
Neighbors. Vaughan of Collin.
Patterson. Wolters.

Excused.
Bean. Graham.
Callan. Meade.
Crowley. Moore, Fort Bend.
Dickinson. Moore of Lamar.
Dies. Reiger.
Doyle. Reubell.
Edwards. Robbins.
Evans of Hunt. Strouther.
Flint.

Mr. Curry offered the following amendment:
Strike out "$1200 for each year" and insert "$900 for each year," in line 3, page 3.
Tabled on motion of Mr. Blair.
Pending consideration of substitute House bill No. 203, on its engrossment, the Comptroller's office being the department under consideration.
On motion of Mr. Welch, the House at 12:20 p.m. took recess until 3 p.m. to-day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The House was called to order by the Speaker at 3:30 o'clock p.m.
On motion of Mr. Brewster, Mr. Dies and Mr. Collier were excused indefinitely on account of important business.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.
(By unanimous consent.)
By Mr. Randolph:
House bill No. 637, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 1050 and 1051 of chapter 23 of the Revised

Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the terms of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and to provide for the transfer of all transcripts, papers, minutes, books, records, etc., now in the custody of the clerks of said court at Tyler and Dallas, and for the transfer of the State libraries at said cities, 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. Boyd:
House bill No. 638, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the adoption and use of a uniform series of school text-books, and the enforcement of the same."
Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Crawford:
House bill No. 639, a bill to be entitled "An act to secure proper ventilation for coal mines in the State of Texas, and to provide for the safety of employees, and provide for the appointment of mine inspector, his salary, and to regulate the weighing of coal."
Read first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Minerals.

By Mr. Morris (by request):
House bill No. 640, a bill to be entitled "An act to make it a penal offense for any person in this State, while acting in the capacity of railroad agent, express agent, one or both, while serving as agent or employee, etc., to ship on their account and in their personal interest for sale any kind of fruit, vegetables, melons, etc., over such lines of transportation."
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Rudd:
House bill No. 641, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1331, title 30, chapter 13, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, in relation to special verdicts in civil cases."
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Kimbell:
House bill No. 642, a bill to be entitled "An act to grant relief to certain teachers who taught during the school year of 1895-96 in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of the State of Texas, the said services, as teachers terminating with the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring the county of Greer from the State of
Texas and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Morton and Mr. Burney:

Whereas, it is desirable, if not urgently imperative that the administration of justice through the courts should be expedited and at the same time that the expenses of such administration should be if possible, lessened; and,

Whereas, it is apparent that nothing so far has been done, and probably nothing will or can be done by the Legislature to further the above purpose by reducing the number of judicial districts.

And whereas, that by the abolition of the judicial district system and the substitution therefor of a county judicial system, wherein the duties of the district judges and district attorneys would devolve upon and be executed by the county judges and the county attorneys respectively, would abolish 108 officers without creating any additional officers and would enable the courts to expedite justice at less expense than now paid; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, that Judiciary Committee No. 1 be instructed to prepare and report to this House at earliest practicable date a joint resolution amending the State Constitution to be submitted to the voters of the State providing for the establishment of a county judicial system in which all of the duties now discharged by district judges and district attorneys shall devolve upon and be executed by the county judges and county attorneys respectively.

The resolution was read and went over under the rules.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Bertram, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 25, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred 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."

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.

BERTRAM, Chairman.

By Mr. Lillard, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 15, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 822, chapter 4, title 17, of the Penal Code, relating to counties exempted from the provisions of articles 813-821, Penal Code."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 577, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Montague, Red River and Wichita counties, in the State of Texas, and making county commissioners of said counties ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of the commissioners' courts of said counties, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared House bill No. 140, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4744, title XCVII, chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas (1885), relating to powers and duties of overseers of public roads."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House joint resolution No. 7, 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,"
And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.
LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House concurrent resolution No. 17, And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.
LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 67, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 635, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the acknowledgments of married women as to the conveyance of their separate property,"
And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.
LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 402, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer to transfer the sum of $20,000 from organized county tax fund account to State revenue account,"
And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.
LILLARD, Chairman.
By Mr. Boyd, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.

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

The committee appointed to draft and submit resolutions in memory of the Hon. Samuel G. Graham, deceased, late of Johnson county, and a member of the Fifteenth Legislature of this State, beg leave to report the following:

Whereas, Hon. Samuel G. Graham, a member of the Fifteenth Legislature of this State, departed this life in Johnson county, Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1897; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives desires to place upon its records a fit memorial to the memory of this just and upright citizen and legislator; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, that in the decease of Mr. Graham, the State of Texas has lost one of its most loyal, patriotic and intelligent citizens, whose modesty in manner was only surpassed by the intelligent zeal and patriotism which illustrated his life, as well in civil as in the official relations of life.

Resolved further, that we hereby tender condolence and sympathy to the family of deceased, and in token thereof forward a copy of these resolutions attested by the signatures of the Speaker of the House and the Chief Clerk, and that a page of the House Journal be appropriately inscribed to his memory.

BOYD,

SHROPSHIRE,

PITTS,

Committee.

Adopted.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 26, 1897.

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

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

Senate bill No. 73, entitled "An act to provide for preliminary hearings in trials of trespass to try title to real estate; for a more speedy settlement of land titles in this State; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

House bill No. 387, entitled "An act to restore and confer upon the county court of Orange county the criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to it under the Constitution and general statutes of the State of Texas, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 21, nays none.

Senate bill No. 172, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to use the Texas State exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial, and providing an appropriation for overhauling said exhibit."

House bill No. 457, 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 an act of the Legislature of 1889, by defining the powers of the city council to regulate the opening of business houses on Sunday."

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

House bill No. 351, entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, ditches and water courses, 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."

Yea's 21, nays none.

Respectfully,

R. E. DODSON,
Assistant Secretary.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

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

Senate bill No. 73, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 172, to the Committee on State Affairs.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 248, "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
Consecrated to the Memory of

Samuel G. Graham of Johnson County

Who served the State with Fidelity and Distinction as a Member of

of the

House of Representatives

of the

Fifteenth Legislature of Texas.
thereof and in Redfish bay, on the Gulf coast of Texas, in order to encourage the procuring and maintenance of deep water at Aransas Pass, and prescribing certain conditions attaching to and following such purchase.

On motion of Mr. Childs, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its third reading and final passage,

House bill No. 157, a bill to entitled "An act to amend article 2977 of chapter 4, title 55, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to divorce, so as to permit the wife to obtain a divorce where the husband shall have left her for one year with intention of abandonment, or for non-support, and permit either party to obtain a divorce on account of the continued drunkenness of the other, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read third time, and

Mr. Childs offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting in section 1, article 2977, the word "excesses" in lieu of "excess," and by inserting in section 4, article 2977, the word "convicted" in lieu of "conviction."

Adopted.

The bill was passed.

Mr. Childs moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 157 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Hensley called up

House concurrent resolution No. 18, providing a room in the Department of Insurance, Statistics and History for relics of the Republic of Texas, and designating the Society of the Daughters of the Republic as custodians, With Senate amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hensley, the House concurred.

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

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

The bill was read second time, and

Mr. McKellar offered the following amendment:

Amend after the word "thereof,"

section 2, line 27, page 1, and insert "provided, nothing in this act shall prevent the sale of fish mentioned in this act in the county where caught."

Mr. Green moved to table the amendment.

There being no quorum voting, the Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—48.


Nays—28.


Mr. Ward offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "thereof," line 27, section 2, the following, "provided, that this section shall not apply to a sale of such fish in the county where caught, or where such sale is not made for export from such county."

Adopted.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the word "seines," in line 13, section 1; also strike out the words "in any other manner than" in line 13, section 1.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Fend.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment:

Amend by exempting Red River county.

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

Lost by the following vote:

Yea—29.
Ayres.
Bell.
Beaird.
Beard.
Bertram.
Bertha.
Blair.
Blanton.
Carawell.
Childs.
Dennis.
Dorothy.
Drew.
Eldridge.
Garrison.
Gilbough.
Good.
Green.
Harris.

Hill of Travis.
Logan.
Melton.
Morris.
Neighbours.
Oliver.
Randolph.
Rudd.
Thaxton.
Tucker.
Turner.
Vaughan.
Ward.
Wilcox.

Nays—57.
Alexander.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Benson.

Bounds.
Boyd.
Brewer.
Brown.
Bumpass.

Burney.
Burns.
Carpenter.
Conley.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Currie.
Dean.
Evans of Grayson.
Ewing.
Fisher.
Freeman.
Henderson.
Holland of Burnet.
Humphrey.
Jones.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.
Lotto.
Love.
Martin.
McKeller.
McGaughey.
Morton.
Mundine.
Porter.
Rhea.
Rogan.
Savage.
Schlick.
Shelburne.
Skirlern.
Sluder.
Smyth.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Thomas.
Thompson.
Tracy.
Vaughan of Collin.
Wall.
Wallace.
Welch.
Williams.
Wood.
Staples.

Absent.

Bell.
Bird.
Brigance.
Fieals.
Hensley.
Holland of Harris.
Manson.
Maxwell.
McGaughey.
McKamy.
O'Connor.
Patterson.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Patterson.

Excused.

Bean.
Blackburn.
Callan.
Collier.
Crowley.
Dickinson.
Dyes.
Doyle.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.
Flint.

Hill of Gonzales.
McFarland.
Meade.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Reiger.
Reubell.
Robbins.
Strother.

The following amendments to the amendment by Mr. Henderson were adopted:

By Mr. Barrett:
Exempt Clay and Jack counties.

By Mr. Bertram:
Amend by exempting Hopkins county from the provisions of this bill.

By Mr. Martin:
Amend by adding Coryell county.

By Mr. Vaughan of Collin:
Amend by exempting from the operation of this bill the county of Collin.

By Mr. Humphrey:
Add to the exempted counties Woods and Rains.
By Mr. Tracy:
Amend by exempting Milam county from the operation of the provision of this bill.

By Mr. Carpenter:
Amend by exempting Fannin county from the operation of the bill.

By Mr. Kirk:
Amend by exempting Lavaca county from the provisions of this bill.

By Mr. Skillern:
Amend by having Nacogdoches county exempt from the provisions of this law.

By Mr. Thomas:
Amend by exempting Comanche county.

By Mr. Holland of Burnet:
Amend by exempting Burnet and Lampasas counties from the operation of this bill.

By Mr. Burns:
Amend by exempting Brown and Coleman counties from this bill.

By Mr. Cureton:
Amend by adding Bosque and Hamilton to the amendment.

By Mr. Mercer:
Amend by exempting Delta and Franklin counties.

By Mr. Alexander:
Amend by exempting Bowie county.

By Mr. Mundine:
Amend by exempting Lee and Burleson counties from the operation of this bill.

By Mr. Love:
Amend by exempting Lamar county.

By Mr. Strother:
Exempt Dallas county.

By Mr. Bird:
Amend by exempting McLennan county.

By Mr. Savage:
Amend by exempting Montague county from the provisions of this act.

By Mr. Mundine:
Amend by exempting Lee county from the operations of this bill.

Mr. Ewing offered the following amendments:
Amend section 1, in line 20, by striking out the words "thereof, or with his consent," and insert in lieu thereof the words "or lessees thereof, or with their consent."
Adopted.

Amend by adding after the word "ponds," in line 18, the words "or natural lakes."
Adopted.

Mr. Thomas offered the following amendment:
Amend caption by substituting the word "thereof" for "hereof," in line 9. Adopted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after the word "thereof," in section 2, line 27, the following words: "Denton county is hereby exempted from the operations of this law, so far as applies to the use of nets, traps and seines."
Adopted.

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding to section 1 the following: "Provided, that the counties of Cherokee and Houston shall be exempt from the operation of this section, in so far as it relates to the use of nets and traps." (Signed—Stokes, Wall.)
Adopted.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment.
Amend by exempting El Paso, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Brewster, Buelac, Foley, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney and Maverick from the operation of the same section of the bill.
Adopted.

Mr. Lotto offered the following amendment:
Amend by exempting Austin county from the operation of section 2.
Adopted.

Mr. Randolph offered the following amendment.
Amend section 1 by inserting after the words "tide water," in line 15, the following: "Or shall drain any lake, pool or pond, or shall muddy any water for the purpose of catching any fish therein on land not his own."
Adopted.

Mr. Fisher offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after the word "thereof," line 27, page 1, the following words as a part of section 2: "Provided, that this section of the bill shall not apply to nor be in force in Williamson, Duval, Goliad and Caldwell counties."
Adopted.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment:
Amend section 2 by exempting De Witt and Goliad counties from the provisions of section 2 of the bill.
Adopted.

Mr. Thomas offered the following amendment:
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Amend by striking out section 2.
Mr. Feild moved to table the amendment by Mr. Thomas, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bumpass, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Welch.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—52.
Alexander. Lillard.
Ayres. Logan.
Barbee. Lotto.
Beaird. Love.
Blair. Martin.
Browne. Melton.
Carpenter. Mercer.
Carswell. Oliver.
Cureton. Porter.
Dean. Randolph.
Dennis. Rhea.
Dorothy. Rogan.
Drew. Rudd.
Ewing. Savage.
Feild. Schlick.
Fisher. Shropshire.
Flint. Sluder.
Garrison. Stamper.
Gilbough. Tucker.
Good. Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Green. Vaughn of Collin.
Harris. Wallace.
Hill of Travis. Ward.
Humphrey. Wilcox.
Jones. Williams.
Kimbell. Wood.

Nays—34.
Bailey. Freeman.
Bell. Holland of Burnet.
Benson. Kirk.
Bertram. McKellar.
Bird. Morris.
Bounds. Morton.
Boyd. Mundine.
Brewster. Shelburne.
Bumpass. Skillern.
Burney. Smyth.
Burns. Stokes.
Conoly. Thaxton.
Crawford. Thomas.
Curry. Tracy.
Evans of Grayson. Wall.
Fields. Welch.

Absent.
Bean. O'Connor.
Brigance. Patterson.
Childs. Peery.
Hensley. Pfeiffer.
Holland of Harris. Pitts.
Manson. Rogers.
Maxwell. Seabury.
McGaughey. Staples.
McKamy. Thompson.
Neighbors. Turner.

Excused
Callan. Meade.
Collier. Moore, Fort Bend.
Crowley. Moore of Lamar.
Dickinson. Reiger.
Dre. Reubell.
Doyle. Robbins.
Edwards. Smith.
Evans of Hunt. Strother.
Graham. Wolters.
Hill of Gonzales.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment.
Amend by striking out the enacting clause.
Tabled on motion of Mr. Gilbough.
Mr. Morris offered the following amendment.
Amend by exempting the counties of Walker, Montgomery and Trinity from the provision of section 2.
Adopted.
Mr. Gilbough moved the previous question, and the motion was duly seconded.
On ordering the main question, the same being engrossment of the bill, there was not a quorum voting, whereupon the Speaker directed the Clerk to call the roll.
The main question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—51.
Ayres. Kirk.
Barbee. Lillard.
Bertram. Logan.
Blair. Lotto.
Bounds. Melton.
Boyd. Mercer.
Browne. Morton.
Burns. Oliver.
Carpenter. Pitts.
Carswell. Porter.
Crawford. Randolph.
Cureton. Schlick.
Curry. Seabury.
Dean. Shropshire.
Dennis. Sluder.
Dorothy. Stamper.
Drew. Tucker.
Evans of Grayson. Vaughn of Collin.
Feliz. Wall.
Fields. Ward.
Freeman. Welch.
Garrison. Wilcox.
Gilbough. Williams.
Harris. Wood.
Jones. Kimbell.

Nays—36.
Alexander. Bell.
Bailey. Benson.
Barrett. Bird.
Brewster. Morris.
Bumpass. Neighbors.
Burney. O'Connor.
Conoly. Savage.
Ewing. Skillern.
Fisher. Rogers.
Good. Reiger.
Green. Reuben.
Henderson. Smyth.
Hill of Travis. Stokes.
Holland of Burnett. Thaxton.
Humphrey. Thomas.
Love. Thompson.
Martin. Tracy.
McKeller. Vaughan, Guadalupe

Absent.
Beard. McKamy.
Brigance. Patterson.
Childs. Peery.
Graham. Pfeuffer.
Hensley. Rogers.
Holland of Harris. Rudd.
Manson. Shelburne.
Maxwell. Staples.
McGaughey. Turner.

Excused.
Bean. Hill of Gonzales.
Callan. Meade.
Collier. Moore, Fort Bend.
Crowley. Moore of Lamar.
Dickinson. Reiger.
Duck. Reuben.
Doyle. Robbins.
Edwards. Smith.
Evans of Hunt. Strother.
Flint. Wolters.

House bill No. 546 was ordered engrossed.
On motion of Mr. Williams, the regular order of business was suspended take up and place on its third reading and final passage.

House bill No. 459, a bill to be entitled "An act to require bond investment companies doing business in the State of Texas to deposit certain sums of money or securities with the Treasurer of the State of Texas, and providing penalties for failure to comply with the terms of this law."
The bill was laid before the House, and was read third time.

Mr. Burney offered the following amendment:
Amend by inserting in line 11, section 1, after the word "corporation," the following, "company or individual."

Adopted.

Mr. Ayers offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after the word "received," in line 18, section 1, the words "until the sum deposited shall amount to the sum of $100,000."

Adopted.

The bill was passed.

Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 459 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House Joint resolution No. 14, to amend sec. 5, art. 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to repeal the provision which authorizes the Legislature to add to the available school fund not exceeding 1 per cent annually of the total value of the permanent school fund.

The resolution was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 410, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize payment of all just claims against the State incurred in enforcing the quarantine laws accruing under the administration of Governor Ross, in the years 1890 and 1891."
The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out the words "the Governor," in line 10, section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof, between the words "that" and "be," the words "the Attorney General, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Health Officer of the State of Texas;" also by striking out the word "he" wherever it may appear in the bill as referring to the Governor and insert in lieu thereof the word "they;" and amend further by striking out in line 10 of section 1 of the printed bill the words "he is" and insert in lieu thereof the words "they are."

Adopted.

Mr. Thompson offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all in section 1 after the word "State" in line 18.

Adopted.

Mr. Kirk moved to reconsider the vote by which the above amendment by Mr. Thompson was adopted, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Fisher moved the previous question on the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

The amendment was lost.

On engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Blair.
The bill was lost by the following vote:

**Yeas—38.**

Mr. Speaker. Logan.
Ayers. Lotto.
Ayres. Mansan.
Barrett. McGaughey.
Beaird. O'Connor.
Benson. Pitts.
Bailey. Rudd.
Browne. Savage.
Dennis. Seabury.
Ewing. Smyth.
Fisher. Thaxton.
Freeman. Thompson.
Garrison. Turner.
Gilbough. Vaughan, Gualupe.
Good. Wall.
Harris. Wallace.
Hill of Travis. Ward.
Jones. Welch.
Kirk. Wilcox.

**Nays—48.**

Alexander. Lillard.
Barbee. Love.
Bertram. Martin.
Bird. McKellar.
Bounds. Lenon.
Boy. Mercer.
Brewster. Morris.
Bumpass. Morton.
Burney. Mundine.
Burns. Oliver.
Carpenter. Porter.
Carswell. Randolph.
Conoly. Rhea.
Crawford. Schlick.
Cureton. Shropshire.
Curry. Skillern.
Dean. Sluder.
Doroh. Stamper.
Drew. Stokes.
Evans of Grayson. Thomas.
Fields. Tracy.
Henderson. Tucker.
Holland or Burnet Vaughan of Collin. Wood.
Humphrey. 

**Absent.**

Bell. McFarland.
Lrigance. McKamy.
Childs. Neighbors.
Doyle. Patterson.
Feild. Peery.
Graham. Pfeuffer.
Green. Ragan.
Hensley. Rogers.
Holland of Harris. Shelburne.
Kimbell. Staples.
Maxwell. Williams.

**Excused.**

Bean. Edwards.
Blackburn. Collier.
Callan. Crowley.
Dies. Dickinson.

Flint. Reubell.
Hill of Gonzales. Robbins.
Meade. Smith.
Moore, Fort Bend. Strother.
Moore of Lamar. Wolters.

I vote no because it is a question with me whether these debts have not already been paid by the county; or if not, that the county in which they occurred should pay them.

**HENDERSON.**

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

House bill No. 528, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 579, 580, 586 and 615, title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to increase population necessary to incorporate a town or city, to require record of plot, and to provide for abolishing corporation by majority vote."

Mr. Barbee moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Lost.

Mr. Tracy moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 410 was lost, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House bill No. 528 was laid before the House, was read second time, and was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Gilbough moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 528 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—81.**

Mr. Speaker. Carswell.
Alexander. Conoly.
Ayres. Crawford.
Bailey. Cureton.
Barbee. Curry.
Barrett. Dean.
Beaird. Dennis.
Bell. Dorroh.
Benson. Ewing.
Bertram. Feild.
Bird. Fisher.
Blair. Freeman.
Bounds. Garrison.
Brewster. Gilbough.
Browne. Good.
Bumpass. Harris.
Burney. Henderson.
Burns. Hensley.
Carpenter. Hill of Travis.
The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, the pending business was further suspended to take up and place on its third reading and final passage.

House bill No. 106, a bill to be entitled “An act to require the owner, owners or lessees of coal mines within this State to provide for the safety and health of their employees, and requiring them to construct sufficient means of ingress and egress, and providing a penalty for a failure to do so.”

The bill was laid before the House, read third time and passed.

Mr. Crawford moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 106 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. next Monday and Mr. Gilbough until 9:30 to-morrow.

Question recurring on the longest time first, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Kirk, Mr. Sluder and Mr. Thomas.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Ayres. Henderson. 
Barrett. Kimbell. 
Bell. Manson. 
Benson. Mercer. 
Blair. Mundine. 
Bounds. O'Connor. 
Boyd. Randolph. 
Brigance. Schlick. 
Browne. Turner. 
Conoly. Ward. 
Ewing. Welch. 
Fisher. Williams. 
Good.

Nays—53.

Alexander. Garrison. 
Beaird. Gilbough. 
Bertram. Harris. 
Bird. Hensley. 
Brewster. Hill of Travis. 
Bumpass. Holland of Burnet. 
Burney. Humphrey. 
Carpenter. Kirk. 
Carswell. Lillard. 
Crawford. Logan. 
Cureton. Lotto. 
Curry. Love. 
Dean. McGaughey. 
Dennis. McKellar. 
Dorrah. Melton. 
Fields. Morton. 
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**Absent.**

- Savage
- Seabury
- Shelburne
- Shropshire
- Skillern
- Sluder
- Stamper
- Thaxton
- Thomas
- Thompson
- Tucker
- Vaughan of Collin
- Wall
- Wallace
- Wilcox
- Wood
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Childs
- Drew
- Evans of Grayson
- Flint
- Graham
- Green
- Holland of Harris
- Martin
- Maxwell
- McFarland
- McKamy
- Neighbors
- Bell
- Bertram
- Bird
- Blair
- Bounds
- Boyd
- Brewster
- Browne
- Bumpass
- Burney
- Burns
- Carpenter
- Carswell
- Conoly
- Crawford
- Cureton
- Curry
- Dean
- Dennis
- Dorroh
- Doyle
- Evans of Grayson
- Ewing
- Feild
- Fields
- Fisher
- Freeman
- Garrison
- Gilbough
- Good
- Green
- Harris
- Henderson
- Hensley
- Hill of Gonzales
- Meade
- Moore, Fort Bend
- Moore of Lamar
- Reiger
- Reubell
- Robbins
- Smith
- Strother
- Wolters
- Bean
- Blackburn
- Callan
- Collier
- Crowley
- Dickinson
- Dies
- Doyle
- Edwards
- Evans of Hunt
- Bean
- Briganche
- Drew
- Flint
- Holland of Harris
- Maxwell
- McKamy
- Melton
- Neighbors
- Patterson
- Pfeuffer
- Benson
- Brigance
- Drew
- Flint
- Holland of Harris
- Maxwell
- McKamy
- Melton
- Neighbors
- Patterson
- Pfeuffer
- Excused.

- Bean
- Blackburn
- Callan
- Collier
- Crowley
- Dickinson
- Dies
- Doyle
- Edwards
- Evans of Hunt
- Bean
- Graham
- Hill of Gonzales
- Callan
- McFarland
- Childs
- Meade
- Moore, Fort Bend
- Moore of Lamar
- Reiger
- Robbins
- Rogers
- Strother
- Prayer by Dr. J. A. Jackson, Chaplain.

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**FIFTY-SIXTH DAY.**

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Saturday, March 27, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashiel in the chair.

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

The call was seconded and the clerk was directed to call the roll to ascertain who were absent without leave.

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

Later a quorum was announced, the following members answering to their names:

- Alexander
- Ayers
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Barrett
- Beard
- Bennet
- Bertram
- Bird
- Blair
- Bounds
- Boyd
- Brewster
- Browne
- Bumpass
- Burney
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- Good
- Green
- Harris
- Henderson
- Hensley
- Hill of Gonzales
- Meade
- Moore, Fort Bend
- Moore of Lamar
- Reiger
- Robbins
- Rogers
- Strother
- Prayer by Dr. J. A. Jackson, Chaplain.