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Callan.  Rogers.
Crowford.  Thaxton.
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Edwards.  Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Evans of Grayson.  Wilcox.

House bill No. 517 was laid before the House, read third time, and passed.

Mr. Beaird moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 517 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

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."

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

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the House at 6:20 p.m. adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

SIXTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Saturday, April 3, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Mr. Speaker.  Dickinsen.
Alexander.  Dies.
Ayers.  Doyle.
Barrett.  Drew.
Beaird.  Ewing.
Bell.  Fields.
Bertram.  Freeman.
Bird.  Garrison.
Blackburn.  Good.
Blair.  Graham.
Boyd.  Green.
Brewster.  Harris.
Brigance.  Hensley.
Bumpass.  Hill of Gonzales.
Burns.  Hill of Travis.
Carpenter.  Holland of Burnet.
Carswell.  Holland of Harris.
Crowley.  Humphrey.
Cureton.  Jones.
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Dennis.  Lillard.

Logan.  Robbins.
Lotto.  Rogan.
Love.  Rudd.
Martin.  Savage.
Maxwell.  Schlick.
McGaughey.  Seabury.
McKamy.  Shelburne.
McKellar.  Shropahre.
Meade.  Skillern.
Melton.  Sluder.
Mercer.  Snyder.
Moore, Fort Bend.  Stamper.
Moore of Lamar.  Strother.
Morton.  Thomas.
Mundine.  Tracy.
O'Connor.  Tucker.
Oliver.  Turner.
Patterson.  Vaughan of Collin.
Peery.  Wall.
Porter.  Wallace.
Randolph.  Ward.
Reiger.  Williams.
Reubell.  Wolters.
Rhea.  Wood.

Absent.

Barbee.  Gilbough.
Benson.  Manson.
Browne.  Neighbors.
Collier.  Pfeuffer.
Conoly.  Pitts.
Crawford.  Smith.
Dorroh.  Staples.
Evans of Hunt.  Stokes.
Felld.  Welch.

Excused.

Bean.  Henderson.
Burney.  Morris.
Callan.  Rogers.
Chils.  Thaxton.
Evans of Grayson.  Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Flint.  Wilcox.

A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:

Mr. Benson for to-day, on motion of Mr. Patterson.
Mr. Collier indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Dies.
Mr. Rogers indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Barbee until Monday, on motion of Mr. Dean.
Mr. Evans of Hunt from the 29th inst. indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Shelburne.
Mr. Welch indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Carswell.
Mr. Pfeuffer indefinitely, on motion of Mr. McKamy.
Mr. Fisher for to-day, on motion of Mr. Bell.
Mr. Conoly and Mr. Dorroh for to-day, on motion of Mr. Wood.
Mr. Manson indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Brewster.
Mr. Stokes until Monday, on motion of Mr. Cureton.
Mr. Field indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Reubell.
Mr. Browne until Monday, on motion of Mr. Boyd.
Mr. McFarland and Mr. Bailey until Monday, on motion of Mr. Bell.

PRIVILEGED REPORT.

By Mr. Holland of Harris, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House, and Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

We, your joint committee on redistricting the State of Texas into judicial districts, beg leave to report that we have accomplished the purpose for which the committee was appointed, and that a bill embodying the districts, terms of court, etc., as formulated by your committee, will be at once introduced in both branches of the Legislature.

Holland of Harris, Chairman.

NOTICE.

Mr. Speaker: I hereby give notice that on next Tuesday, April 6, I will call up the motion of Mr. Freeman to reconsider the vote by which S. H. Bill Nos. 16 and 192, the Johnson grass bill, was ordered engrossed, and which motion was spread on the Journal February 12, and move to table the motion to reconsider.

WALLACE.

On motion of Mr. Fields, it was ordered that Substitute House bills Nos. 603, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 5065, 5076, 5098, and 5130 of title CIV, chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas;" be reprinted in connection with the bill for which it was substituted.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Smith:
A petition of five teachers of South Texas, asking for adequate appropriation for the maintenance and support of State summer normals.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, a memorial of the alumni of the Prairie View State Normal School, through the president, N. O. Henderson, asking for the enlargement of the agricultural and mechanical department of the school.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Tracy:
House bill No. 664, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Milam county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts on public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training and maintaining hedges along all public roads, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

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

By Mr. Holland of Harris (for joint committee on redistricting the State into judicial districts):
House bill No. 665, a bill to be entitled "An act to redistrict the State of Texas into judicial districts, for the purpose of reducing their number and equalizing the work of the judges, to fix the times of holding the court therein, to provide for the appointment of district judges and district attorneys in certain cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Wood:
House bill No. 666, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5065, title 104, chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to exemptions of property from taxation."
Read first time and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Harris:
House bill No. 667, a bill to be entitled "An act to render more effective and efficient the present road law of the State of Texas in its application and operation in the counties of Galveston, Harris, Brazoria and Wharton, and to authorize and empower said counties to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways within the said respective counties."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

BILL RECOMMITTED.

House bill No. 251, to the Committee on Education, on motion of Mr. Shelburne.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed
House bill No. 176, a bill to be entitled "An act to quiet titles to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled an act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or of the Confederate States, a certificate for 1280 acres of land, approved April 9, 1881, and to validate patents issued on such locations and surveys."

By the following vote: yea's 24, nays none.

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

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

With amendments, and by a two-thirds vote: yea's 21, nays none.

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 bill No. 158, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.
Senate bill No. 212, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, Chairman:
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 604, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Milam county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts on public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training and maintaining hedges along all public roads, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

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

WARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Brewster, acting chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 589, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2313, chapter 4, title 140, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, relating to the introduction of certain abstracts of titles as evidence."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BREWSTER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

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 and Lamar 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."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BREWSTER, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Rogers, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 36, a joint resolution amending article XVI, section 55, 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.

ROGERS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 20, a joint resolution to amend article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto section 11.

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:

Amend by striking out after the word "Texas" the words "at the next general election," and insert in lieu thereof the words "on the first Tuesday in August, 1907."

ROGERS, Chairman.

By Mr. Fields, acting chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 276, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1316, chapter 12, title 30, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, and to require judges of the district and county courts to prepare their charges to the jury before the argument of a cause before the jury, and repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

FIELDS, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Holland of Harris, chairman:

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 665, a bill to be entitled "An act to redistrict the State of Texas into judicial districts, for the
purpose of reducing their number and equalizing the work of the judges, to fix the times of holding the court therein, to provide for the appointment of district judges and district attorneys in certain cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith.

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.

HOLLAND of Harris, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

A minority of your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 665, a bill to be entitled "An act to redistrict the State of Texas into judicial districts, for the purpose of reducing their number and equalizing the work of the judges, to fix the times of holding the court therein, to provide for the appointment of district judges and district attorneys in certain cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

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

Amend by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 after "3" and insert in lieu thereof the following, "that the said judges and district attorneys shall hold the offices to which they were elected until the next general election."

TRACY.

By Mr. Martin, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 128, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 128, title IX, chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the apprehension of lunatics."

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.

MARTIN, Chairman.

By Mr. Lillard, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 346, entitled "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 conduct all of their public free schools under community system, as provided by the laws now in force."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 162, entitled "An act to amend article 193, chapter 1, title 7, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to disturbance of public worship,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 563, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the acts of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, passed at the regular session thereof, and entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Dallas, Lamar and Medina counties, 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 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 counties, and pro-
viding for officers' fees, and to provide for the summoning of teams for roads, and allowance of time of service for same on roads, and fixing a penalty for 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 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

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

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 96, entitled "An act to provide the mode of furnishing certain supplies to the asylums, and to repeal chapter 3, title 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted April 29, 1895."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

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

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 612, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate and confirm an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Laredo, ceding to the United States of America certain streets intersecting land to be purchased by the United States of America for the purpose of providing a new site for the military post or reservation called Fort McIntosh, for the erection of fortifications and for such other uses as the government of the United States may desire."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.
Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 223, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore and confer upon the county courts of Menard and Atascosa counties the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said courts under the Constitution and General Laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district courts of the said counties to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."
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The bill was read third time, and passed.

Mr. Bell moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 223 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Green moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 653 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.

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The bill was read second time, and Mr. Kimbell offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all from line 16 down to line 24, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"In the county of Limestone begin on the first Monday in January, and on the last Monday in July, and may continue in session six weeks each term.

"In the county of Freestone on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in January, and on the sixth Monday after the last Monday in July, and
may continue in session four weeks each term.

"In the county of Navarro on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in January, and may continue in session nine weeks, and begin on the first Monday in June, and may continue in session six weeks, and begin on tenth Monday after the last Monday in July, and may continue in session nine weeks."

Adopted.
The bill was ordered engrossed.
The Speaker laid before the House on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 589, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2313, chapter 4, title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, relating to the introduction of certain abstracts of titles as evidence."

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

Amend by inserting in line 20, page 6 of engrossed bill, after the word "exists" the following, "Creating an imperative public necessity."

Adopted.
The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

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Bell.
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Savage.
Schlick.
Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Skillern.
Sluder.
Smith.
Smyth.
Stamper.
Strother.

Thomas.
Tracy.
Tucker.
Turner.
Vaughan of Collin.
Wall.
Wallace.
Ward.
Williams.
Wood.

Nays—none.

Absent.
Benson.
Brewster.
Gilbough.
Good.
Holland of Harris.
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Morris.
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Rogers.
Stokes.
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Thompson.
Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Welch.

Mr. Shropshire moved to reconsider the vote by which the House bill No. 589 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 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 and Lamar 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."

Read third time, and Mr. McKamy offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting after "section," in line 3, page 1, the figure "3" in lieu of "2."

Adopted.
The bill was passed.
Mr. McKamy moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 592 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 654, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system in Gregg county, and to provide for the appointment of road overseers, and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the commissioners court with regard thereto, and to utilize the labor of county convicts and defaulting poll tax payers on the public roads of said county, and providing for the appointment of an overseer to work such convicts and defaulting poll tax payers."

On motion of Mr. Rudd, House Rule No. 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably be printed and laid on the desk of each member before being acted on by the House, was suspended, as applies to this bill. The bill was read second time and was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Rudd moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 654 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—88.

Mr. Speaker. Rudd.
Alexander. Thomas.
Ayers. Savage.
Barrett. Schlick.
Beard. Shelleyburne.
Bell. Shropshire.
Bertram. Skillern.
Bird. Slater.
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Holland on Burnet. Savage.
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Robbins. Rudd.
Wood. Rudd.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Benson. Neighbors.
Brewster. Pitts.
Gilbough. Seabury.
Good. Staples.
Holland of Harris. Wolters.

Excused.

Barbee. Flint.
Bean. Henderson.
Bounds. Manson.
Browne. McFarland.
Burney. Morris.
Callan. Pfeiffer.
Childs. Rogers.
Collier. Stokes.
Conoly. Thaxton.
Crawford. Thompson.
Dorroh. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Edwards. Welch.
Evans of Grayson. Wilcox.
Feld. Wood.

House bill No. 654 was read third time, and passed.

Mr. Reubell moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 654 was lost, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, Senate bill No. 263, a bill to be entitled "An act to lease to H. P. N. Gam mel of Austin, Travis county, Texas, the stereotyped plates of volumes fifty-six (56) to eighty-six (86), inclusive, of the Texas Reports, being reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Texas."
The bill was read second time, and Mr. O'Connor offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2 by adding thereto the following: "Provided, that if the said H. P. N. Gammel shall, at any time, fail or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this act, or of his contract made hereunder, the Secretary of State shall declare said contract forfeited, and shall demand a return of said plates."

Adopted.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be passed to a third reading?

Mr. Wall moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Saturday, April 10.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bumpass, Mr. Rhea and Mr. Thomas.

After consideration, Mr. Reiger moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and the main question was ordered.

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I vote "yea," because I think the State can have the work done for less money.

The Speaker laid before the House, with Senate amendments, House bill No. 571, a bill to be entitled "An act prescribing the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-eighth, Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflicts herewith."

The amendments were read, and on motion of Mr. Turner, the House concurred.

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

The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 631, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the catching of fish, green turtle, loggerheads, terrapins or shrimps, with seins, drag nets, fykes, set nets, gill nets, trammel nets, traps, dams, or weirs in any of..."
the bays or navigable waters of this State within the limits or within one mile of the limits of certain cities and towns, and to provide a penalty therefor,"

The bill was read second time.

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Turner moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 651 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

Mr. Speaker. Lotto.
Alexander. Love.
Ayers. Martin.
Barrett. Maxwell.
Beard. McGaughey.
Bell. McKamy.
Bertram. McKellar.
Bird. Meade.
Blackburn. Melton.
Blair. Mercer.
Boyd. Moore, Fort Bend.
Brewster. Moore of Lamar.
Brigance. Morton.
Bumpass. O'Connor.
Burns. Oliver.
Carpenter. Patterson.
Casswell. Peery.
Crowley. Pitts.
Cureton. Randolph.
Curry. Reubell.
Dean. Robbins.
Dennis. Rudd.
Dickinson. Savage.
Dies. Schlick.
Doyle. Seabury.
Drew. Shelburne.
Ewing. Skillern.
Fields. Sluder.
Freeman. Smith.
Garrison. Stamper.
Good. Strother.
Graham. Thomas.
Green. Tracy.
Hensley. Tucker.
Hill of Gonzales. Turner.
Hill of Travis. Vaughan of Collin.
Holland of Burnet Wall.
Holland of Harris, Wallace.
Humphrey. Ward.
Jones. Williams.
Kimbell. Wolters.
Kirk. Wood.
Lillard.
Nays—...

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sert "any county;" in the last line, strike out "may" and insert "shall."

Section 7, of original bill, line 5, strike out "county judge" and insert "public cotton weigher."

Section 8, in original bill, line 3, insert "the" between the words "to" and "requirements," and add to section 8, of the original bill, the following:

"Provided, nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit any individual seller of cotton from selecting anyone he may choose to weigh his cotton."

Section 10, of original bill, line 3, strike out the word "at" and insert "by."

Add to section 13, of the original bill, the following, "and he shall be entitled to 10 cents for every certified copy from his record book, to be paid by the party applying therefor."

And we suggest that the sections of this bill will be numbered consecutively from 1 to the last section.

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

Pending question, Shall the committee report be adopted?
Mr. Williams moved to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the bill.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Wolters.

The committee report was adopted.
Mr. Fields offered the following amendment:
Amend section 8 by adding thereto the words, "and provided further, that any person so weighing cotton for any individual shall give bond, as required of public weighers."

Adopted.
Mr. Evans of Hunt offered the following amendment:
Reinsert section 1, as follows:
"Section 1. That the Governor is hereby authorized and required to appoint three or more competent persons as public weighers in every city which receives, or shall hereafter receive, annually over 100,000 bales of cotton, on sale or for shipment, who shall subscribe and take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, and execute a bond, as hereinafter provided for."

Adopted.
Mr. Harris offered the following amendment:
Amend section 2, line 20, by inserting after "State" the following words, "receiving less than 100,000 bales of cotton, as provided in the preceding section."

Adopted.
Mr. Blackburn moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The bill was ordered engrossed.
Mr. Vaughan of Collin moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 576 was ordered engrossed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

House bill No. 199, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 63 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to insert article 3235a, permitting the tenant to demand and require of landlord an itemized account and statement of the advances and rents due or to become due."

The bill was laid before the House, read second time and was ordered engrossed.
Mr. Randolph moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 199 was ordered engrossed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Blair offered the following resolution:

House concurrent resolution No. 20, Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Twenty-fifth Legislative stand adjourned sine die on the 20th day of April, 1897.

The resolution was read first time, and a second reading was called for, whereupon,
Mr. Carpenter objected to a second reading.
Mr. Blair moved that the resolution be read second time.
Mr. Ayers raised the point of no quorum, and the clerk was directed to call the roll.

The roll was called, and there was not a quorum present, only sixty-seven members answering to their names, whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, the House, at 12:37 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock next Monday.

SIXTY-THIRD DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Monday, April 5, 1897.

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.
Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present: