There being no quorum present, Mr. Fields moved a call of the House, which was seconded, and the Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in those members who were absent without leave.

While waiting to obtain a quorum, on motion of Mr. Batterson, the House at 10:30 a.m. adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:
Mr. Conoly for last Friday and Saturday, on motion of Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Bailey for to-day, on motion of Mr. McFarland.

Mr. Benson until Tuesday and Mr. Green until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Faitherson.

Mr. Stokes and Mr. Skillern for to-day, on motion of Mr. Kirk.

Mr. Bumpass for this week, on motion of Mr. Burney.

Mr. Peery from last Friday until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Hensley.

Mr. Stamper for this week, on motion of Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Turner for last Friday and Saturday, on motion of Mr. Beaird.

Mr. Morris for to-day, on motion of Mr. McGaughey.
Mr. Pfeuffer for last Saturday and to-day, on motion of Mr. Curry.

Mr. Rudd for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Logan.

Mr. Moore of Fort Bend until Thursday and Mr. Gilbough for to-day, on motion of Mr. Meade.

Mr. Fisher for to-day, on motion of Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Thomas from last Friday until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Wall.

Mr. Bertram for to-day, on motion of Mr. Mercer.

Mr. Moore of Lamar for to-day, on motion of Mr. Love.

Mr. Schlick for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Wolters.

Mr. Holland of Burnet until Monday, on motion of Mr. Burns.

Mr. Brigance for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Wolters.

Mr. Porter for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Humphrey.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Mundine for this week, on motion of Mr. Burney.

Mr. Vaughan of Collin for this week, on motion of Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Jones for to-day, on motion of Mr. Field.

Mr. Doyle, rising to a question of personal privilege, said:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House:

I rise to a question of personal privilege. It is known to the membership of this House that I offered an amendment to the General Land Office Department of the appropriation bill, proposing a horizontal cut of 10 per cent on all items except salary of Commissioner. Colonel Baker thinks I did him an injustice, to single out his department, asking a reduction. I am frank to admit that it would be a great injustice to single out his department alone, as the Land Department has been conducted with strict economy. It is known to the members of this House that I have prepared amendments for each department, reducing every item 10 per cent except such as are fixed by law and the amounts for asylums. I do not think such would be at the expense of efficiency. I wanted to add the amounts thus saved to the insane asylums, without increasing the total appropriations. I believed my amendments were in the interest of harmony and according to the promise many of us made during the last canvass.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 9, 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. 677, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 23 and 24 of House bill No. 351, entitled '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,' passed at the present session."

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

Respectfully,
WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 9, 1897.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 431, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4308, title 90, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1885, requiring any person, firm or corporation weighing cotton to give bond."

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 for the reason that this committee has reported favorably a bill on same subject.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

By Mr. Curry, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 10, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 686, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the law in regard to taxation and to regulate the sale of liquor by amending article 5060a and article 5060c, of title 104, chapter 1a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and adding article 5060j to said chapter, requiring every person, firm, corporation or association of persons selling vinous, malt or intoxicating liquors or medi-
H. 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.

CURRY, Chairman.

By Mr. Dennis, acting chairman:
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 10, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared 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, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered, and other deficiencies." And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENNIS, Acting Chairman.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following bills:

House bill No. 459, 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."

House bill No. 527, entitled "An act to amend article 22, of title 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes, so as to extend the time of the district court of Waller and Fort Bend counties."

House bill No. 557, entitled "An act to amend sections 23 and 24 of House bill No. 381, entitled "An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of 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," passed at the present session.

House bill No. 380, entitled "An act to amend subdivision 32, of article 22, title 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, fixing the time for holding the district court in the Thirty-second judicial district."

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its engrossment, Substitute House bill No. 208, the general appropriation bill, the House considering the bill by departments, and the

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Being the department under consideration.

Pending question, the following amendment by Mr. Logan:

Amend line 6, page 5, by adding "two filing clerks," and strike out "$1200" and add "$2400."

And the following amendment to the amendment by Mr. Martin:

Amend the amendment by striking out "$2400" wherever it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof "$2000."

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

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, relating to validating county court house and jail bonds, and bonds for the construction of bridges,

With amendment by committee.

The resolution was read second time, the committee report was adopted, and it was ordered engrossed.

The House resumed consideration of Substitute House bill No. 208, the general appropriation bill, with pending amendments.

On the amendment by Mr. Martin, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Martin, Mr. McKellar and Mr. Ayers.

After consideration,

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

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Martin to the amendment, it was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—28.


Question next recurring on the amendment by Mr. Logan, it was adopted.

Mr. Logan offered the following amendment:

Amend line 11, page 5, by striking out “6 compiling draughtsmen,” and add “5 compiling draughtsmen.” Add “$7000,” and strike out “$8400.”

Adopted.

There being no further amendments offered to the General Land Office department, the Speaker laid before the House the substitute offered by Mr. Tracy on the 6th instant for said department.

Mr. Tracy, by consent of the House, withdrew the substitute.

The items relating to the ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

Were next read, and Mr. Burns offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend by striking out, in line 8, page 6, “$2500,” and insert “$2000,” (2) and in line 9, page 6, strike out “$2000” and insert “$1800,” (3) and in line 10 strike out “$2000” and insert “$1800.”

Mr. Evans of Grayson moved the previous question on the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Burney.

Mr. Rogan called for a division of the amendment.

Question then first recurrent on the amendment to strike out “$2500” in line 8, page 6, and insert “$2000.”

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Barbee. Mercer.
Burney. Morton.
Burns. Patterson.
Curry. Pitts.
Doyle. Rhea.
Drew. Shropshire.
Feild. Tracy.
Fields. Tucker.
Graham. Wall.
Kimbell. Wallace.
McKellar. Wood.

Nays—65.

Mr. Speaker. Dennis.
Ayers. Dickinson.
Barrett. Dorroh.
Beard. Edwards.
Bell. Evans of Hunt.
Bird. Evans of Grayson.
Blair. Ewing.
Boyd. Freeman.
Brewster. Garrison.
Brigance. Harris.
Carpenter. Hensley.
Childs. Hill of Travis.
Collier. Humphrey.
Conoly. Kirk.
Crawford. Logan.
Crowley. Lotto.
Cureton. Love.
Dennis. Mason.
Dickinson. Melton.
Edwards. Meade.
Garrison. McGaughey.
Harris. McKamy.
Hensley. Melton.
Boyd. O’Connor.
Beaird. Oliver.
Bird. Patterson.
Blair. Reubell.
Bounds. Robbins.
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Brewster. Patterson.
Brigance. Reubell.
Carpenter. Robbins.
Childs. Rogan.
Collier. Roden.
Conoly. Rudd.
Crawford. Savage.
Crowley. Schlick.
Cureton. Seabury.
Dennis. Shelburne.
Dickinson. Smyth.
Edwards. Staples.
Evans of Hunt. Strother.
Ewing. Thompson.
Garrison. Tracy.
Harris. Tucker.
Hensley. Turner.
Hill of Travis. Wall.
Kirk. Ward.
Lillard. Welch.
Logan. Wilcox.
Lotto. Williams.
Manson. Wolters.
Maxwell. Wood.

Absent.

Browne. Neighbors.
Carswell. Pitts.
Good. Rogers.
Holland of Harris. Shropshire.

Excused.

Alexander. Holland of Burnet.
Bailey. Jones.
Bean. Moore, Fort Bend.
Benson. Moore of Lamar.
Bertram. Morris.
Blackburn. Mundine.
Bumpass. Peery.
Callan. Pfeiffer.
Dean. Randolph.
Dies. Reiger.
Fisher. Skillern.
Flint. Stamper.
Gilbough. Stokes.
Green. Thomas.
Henderson. Vaughan of Collin.
Hill of Gonzales. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out "$1000" in line 11, and insert "$900."

Mr. Boyd offered the following substitute for the amendment:
Substitute by striking out "$900" and inserting "$1200."

Mr. Fields moved the previous question on the pending amendments, and the main question was ordered.

On the substitute by Mr. Boyd yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Shropshire, Mr. Pitts and Mr. Barbee.

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**Question next to the amendment by Mr. Oliver, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Shropshire.**

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Gilbough.
Green.
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Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Lamar.
Holland of Gonzales.

Mr. Burney offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out line 10, page 6.

Mr. Wolters moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burney, Mr. Burns and Mr. Pitts.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Mr. Speaker.
Ayers.
Barrett.
Bean.
Bird.
Bird.
Boyds.
Brigance.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Collie.
Conoly.
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Harris.
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Hill of Travis.
Humphrey.
Kimbell.

Excused.

Holland of Burnet.
Jones.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
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Tracy.
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Burns.
Carswell.
Good.
Holland of Harris.
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Excused.

Holland of Burnet.
Jones.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Mundine.
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Reiger.
Skillern.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Thomas.

Holland of Gonzales.
Vaughan of Collin.

Pending consideration of the Attorney-General's Department,

Mr. Drew called up the report of the free conference committee on Senate bill No. 240, the Colquitt delinquent tax bill, which was printed in full in the Journal of April 9, and on motion of Mr. Blair postponed until to-day.

Mr. Drew moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. Blair moved that the report be rejected.

On the motion of Mr. Blair to reject yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blair, Mr. Bell and Mr. Pitts.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Barrett.
Bell.
Blair.
Brewster.
Burney.
Curry.

McKamy.
Mercer.
O'Connell.
Patterson.
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Porter.
Seabury.
Smyth.
Staples.
Strother.
Thompson.
Tracy.
Wolters.
Wood.

Nays—60.

Ayres.
Barbee.
Blair.
Brewster.
Burney.
Curry.
The report of the free conference committee on Senate bill No. 240 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Mr. Speaker. Carpenter.
Ayers. Childs.
Barbee. Collier.
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Burns. Dickinson.
Whereas, The Kansas Legislature is in the throes of distress because of over-zealous lobbyists and small per diem of members; and

Whereas, A clear conscience and a full stomach are hard to maintain on a per diem of $2 per day; and

Whereas, There is great danger of the per diem per day not equalling the per noc tem per night; therefore be it

Resolved, That as a matter of precaution, this House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock m. on Monday, May 3, 1897.

The resolution was read first time, and, pending consideration,

On motion of Mr. Brigance, the House took a 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.

Pending question,

Substitute House bill No. 221, a bill to be entitled "An act to preserve and protect the wild game, birds and fowl of the State of Texas, and provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, sale or shipment thereof, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

On its engrossment, with the following amendment by Mr. Smyth pending:

Amend line 5, page 2, by striking out the word "antelope."

Mr. Drew moved to reconsider the vote by which the free conference committee report on Senate bill No. 240 was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Tracy:

A petition of 70 members of the bar and citizens of Robertson county, protesting against the passage of the bill redistricting the State into judicial districts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Savage:

A petition of school teachers of Montague county, asking an appropriation to defray the expense of summer normals.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Wolters:

House bill No. 687, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 804 of the Revised Criminal Statutes, relating to trespasses on the enclosed posted land of another for purposes of hunting and fishing, and to regulate the penalty therefor."

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

By Mr. Kimbrell:

House concurrent resolution No. 22:

Whereas, public policy as well as the due administration of public justice, demands that the State shall be redistricted into more convenient judicial districts, to the end that the courts of the State shall be, as to the business before them and the economy of their conduct, more equally distributed; and

Whereas, there exists wide-spread dissatisfaction toward the provisions of the bill on that subject now before the Legislature, and there not being now sufficient time to formulate a bill equalizing the business of the different districts based upon the volume of probable litigation, the population and wealth of the several counties, and upon such other statistical information as can be with more time conveniently obtained; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House appoint five members of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate appoint three Senators, who shall constitute a special joint committee, which, in the event of a called session of the present Legislature, shall meet in the city of Austin ten days before the convening of such called session, for the purpose of preparing a bill for the redistricting of the State into proper judicial districts; and

Resolved further, that the members of such special committee shall receive five dollars per diem while engaged in the work of formulating such bill, to be paid out of the contingent expense fund appropriated by the Legislature.

The resolution was read second time, and

Mr. Carpenter moved to refer it to the Committee on Judicial Districts, Pending which, by consent, the resolution went over.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 12, 1897.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
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."

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

CARPENTER, Chairman.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 12, 1897.

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

Sir: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted a concurrent resolution to adjourn sine die on Saturday, May 1, 12 o'clock noon, by the following vote: Ayes, 18; nays, 3.

Respectfully,
WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

Mr. Curry moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its third reading and final passage, 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. Blair, Mr. Bell and Mr. Boyd.

The roll called showed that there was not a quorum present, whereupon Mr. Evans of Grayson moved a call of the House.

The call was seconded and the clerk was directed to call the roll.

Later a quorum was developed, and the motion to suspend was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—54.

Ayers.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bounds.
Boyd.
Brewster.
Browne.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Collier.
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Nays—30.

Beaird.
Bell.
Blair.
Brigance.
Burns.
Dennis.
Edwards.
Feild.
Fields.
Good.
Harris.
Holland of Harris.
Holland of Burnet.
Lotto.
McKamy.
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Alexander.
Bailey.
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Green.
Henderson.
Hill of Gonzales.

PAIRED.

Mr. Love (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Wolters (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. McGaughey (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Blackburn (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. McGaughey moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its third reading and final passage,
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 motion to suspend was lost.

By unanimous consent, pending business was suspended, and

The Speaker laid before the House on its second reading, House bill No. 124, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the survey of lands to be set apart as an endowment fund for the branch university for colored people of this State."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Wolters offered the following amendment:

"Section 7. The near approach of the end of this session of the Legislature creates an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that the bill be put upon its third reading and final passage."

Adopted.

Mr. Pitts offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend line 28, page 2, by striking out after the word "for" these words: "a branch university" and substituting therefor the words "the Prairie View Normal School."

Mr. O'Connor moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Pitts, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Bragance.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea—61.

Mr. Speaker.

Ayers.
Barrett.
Bell.
Bird.
Brewster.
Browne.
Burney.
Carpenter.
Chiles.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Crowley.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dickinson.
Dorroh.
Doyle.
Drew.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.
Evans of Grayson.

Ewing.
Feild.
Garrison.
Good.
Hensley.
Humphrey.
Kimbell.
Kirk.
Lillard.
Logan.
Lotto.
McFarland.
McGaughery.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Meade.
Melton.
Morton.
O'Connor.
Oliver.

Porter.
Reubell.
Rogan.
Rogers.
Savage.
Schlick.
Smith.
Smyth.
Staples.

Thaxton.
Tracy.
Turner.
Wallace.
Ward.
Welch.
Wilcox.
Williams.
Wolters.

Nays—27.

Barbee.
Beard.
Blair.
Bovars.
Bœyd.
Brianch.
Burns.
Collier.
Curen.
Fields.
Freeman.
Graham.
Holland of Harris. Wood.
Martin.

Absent.

Carswell.
Hill of Travis.
Love.
Manson.

Excused.

Alexander.
Bailey.
Bean.
Benson.
Bertram.
Blackburn.
Bumpass.
Callan.
Dean.
Dyes.
Fisher.
Flin.
Gilbough.
Green.
Henderson.

Holland of Burnet.
Jones.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Morris.
Mundine.
Peery.
Randolph.
Reiger.
Skillern.
Stamper.
Stokes.
Thomas.
Vaughan of Collin.
Vaughan, Gua'tpe.

Hill of Gonzales.

Mr. Smyth offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all of line 17, page 3; also the figures "1881," line 18, page 3, and insert after the word "in," line 14, page 3, the words "El Paso, Pecos and Reeves counties."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Wolters.

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

Mr. Smyth offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 by adding at end of said section: "Provided, that any legal surveys that may have heretofore been made and forfeited for any non-compliance with law shall be adopted without a resurvey of the same."
Mr. Carpenter moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The amendment by Mr. Smyth was lost.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Wolters moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House, and that House bill No. 124 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—86.

Mr. Speaker. Lillard.

Ayers, Logan.

Barbee, Martin.

Barrett, McFarland.

Beard, McGeary.

Bell, McKamy.

Burnet, McKellar.

Burd, Meade.

Blair, Melton.

Brewster, Pfeuffer.

Brigance, Porter.

Brown, O'Connor.

Burney, Oliver.

Childs, Reubell.

Conoly, Rhea.

Crawford, Robbins.

Crowley, Rogan.

Currier, Savage.

Dennis, Schlick.

Dickinson, Shelburne.

Dorroh, Shropshire.

Doyle, Sluder.

Drew, Smith.

Edwards, Staples.

Evans of Hunt, Strother.

Evans of Grayson, Thaxton.

Ewing, Tracy.

Field, Tucker.

Fields, Turner.

Freeman, Wall.

Garrison, Wallace.

Good, Ward.

Graham, Welch.

Harris, Wilcox.

Hensley, Williams.

Humphrey, Wolters.

Kimbell, Wood.

Kirk.

Nays—2.

Pitts, Smyth.

Absent.

Carswell, Love.

Hill of Travis, Manson.

Holland of Harris, Maxwell.

Patterson. Thompson.

Rogers. Seabury.

Excused.

Alexander. Holland of Burnet.

Bailey. Jones.

Bean. Moore, Fort Bend.

Benson. Moore of Lamar.

Bertram. Morris.

Blackburn. Mundline.

Bumpass. Peery.

Callan. Randolph.

Dean. Reiger.

Dies. Skillern.

Fisher. Stamper.

Flint. Stokes.

Gilbough. Thomas.

Green. Vaughan of Collin.

Henderson. Vaughan, Guna'lupe.

Hill of Gonzales.

House bill No. 124 read third time and passed.

Mr. Wolters moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 124 passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House on its second reading, with majority favorable report, and minority favorable report with amendment.

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."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Tracy moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report, and to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Monday, April 19, at 3 p.m.

On the motion to postpone, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Evans of Hunt, and Mr. Maxwell.

The call of the roll showed there was not a quorum present, and Mr. Carpenter moved a call of the House, which was seconded, whereupon Mr. Wolters moved to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Garrison moved to adjourn until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

Question recurring on the longest time first, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blair, Mr. Wolters and Mr. Harris.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Accordingly the House, at 5:40 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

**SEVENTIETH DAY.**

**Hall House of Representatives,**

Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 13, 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:

- Ayers
- Barbee
- Barrett
- Beard
- Blair
- Bounds
- Doyle
- Ewing
- Harris
- Kimbell
- Kirk
- Lillard
- Lotto
- Martin
- McFarland
- McGaughey
- Bell
- Bertram
- Brill
- Burns
- Carpenter
- Brigance
- Browne
- Burns
- Carpenter
- Childs
- Collier
- Crawford
- Dorroh
- Drew
- Evans of Hunt
- Evans of Grayson
- Field
- Fields
- Freeman
- Garrison
- Carswell
- Edwards
- Hill of Travis
- Holland of Harris
- Love
- Manson
- Meade
- Absent
- Excused
- Alexander
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- Bean
- Benson
- Bertram
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- Bumpass
- Callan
- Dean
- Moore of Lamar
- Morris
- Mundine
- Peery
- Randolph
- Reiger
- Moore of Lamar
- Skillern
- Morris
- Stokes
- Thomas
- Vaughan, Guajnpe
- Vaughn of Collin

Holland of Harris
- Humphrey
- Kimbell
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- Manson
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- Meade
- Melton
- Moore of Lamar
- Morton
- Neighbors
- O'Conner
- Oliver
- Patterson
- Pitts
- Porter
- Reubell
- Rhea
- Robbins
- Rogan
- Savage
- Schlick
- Seabury
- Shelburne
- Shropshire
- Skillern
- Sluder
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- Tracy