Mr. Burney offered the following amendment:

Strike out "$1800 each year," in line 27, page 8, and insert "$1500" in lieu thereof.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Wolters.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all of line 5, on page 9.

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

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—55.

Barbee. Logan.
Barrett. Lotto.
Bean. Manson.
Bell. Maxwell.
Benson. McFarland.
Blackburn. McKamy.
Boyd. Moore of Lamar.
Brigance. Morris.
Burns. Peery.
Carpenter. Randolph.
Carswell. Reubell.
Childs. Robbins.
Crawford. Seabury.
Cureton. Shelburne.
Curry. Sudder.
Dean. Smyth.
Drew. Staples.
Ewing. Thaxton.
Field. Thomas.
Fisher. Thompson.
Freeman. Turner.
Garrison. Wall.
Green. Ward.
Harris. Welch.
Hensley. Williams.
Hill of Travis. Wolters.
Lillard. 

Nays—36.

Beaird. Love.
Bertram. Martin.
Burney. McKellar.
Dennis. Melton.
Dickinson. Mercer.
Dies. Morton.
Doyle. Oliver.
Edwards. Patterson.
Evans of Grayson. Porter.
Fields. Rhea.
Graham. Rogan.
Holland of Burnet. Savage.
Humphrey. Shropshire.
Kimbell. Skillern.
Kirk. Stokes.

Mr. Beaird moved to commit substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, to a committee of the whole House, and that the House now resolve itself into said committee to consider the bill.

Pending consideration, Mr. Blair offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The House has heard of the death of Major W. C. Lewis, father of Hon. P. J. Lewis, Senator from Bexar; therefore be it Resolved, That the House stand adjourned as a token of respect to the deceased and sympathy for the said Senator until the hour of 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Aye, second time, and Mr. Peery offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "9 a. m. tomorrow," and insert "3 p. m. to-day."

On motion of Mr. Blair, the amendment was tabled.

The resolution was adopted, and the House, at 12:35 p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SEVENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Tuesday, April 20, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:
A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,
On motion of Mr. Crawford, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
On account of important business:
Mr. Meade for to-day, on motion of Mr. Carpenter.
Mr. Brewster for to-day, on motion of Mr. Boyd.
Mr. Collier for to-day, on motion of Mr. Boyd.
Mr. Rogers until Saturday, on motion of Mr. Brimage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Reiger, chairman:
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 16, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 597, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4017 of chapter 16, title 76, of the Revised Statutes, 1895, relating to charters of cities, towns and villages, and applying the provisions of articles 4013 to 4016 to cities and towns organized and incorporated under the general laws."

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

REIGER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 16, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 635, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 595, title 18, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to taxation in towns and villages, and to fix the rate of same."

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

REIGER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 16, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 675, a bill to be entitl...
titled "An act to amend article 575, chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide the manner of discontinuing certain territory as a part of the incorporations of cities and towns."

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.

REIGER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 312, entitled "An act to amend article 597 of chapter 2, title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to cities and towns, and the election of its officers."

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

REIGER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 304, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate and confirm an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Laredo, ceding to the United States of America certain streets intersecting land to be purchased by the United States of America for the purpose of providing a new site for the military post or reservation called Fort McIntosh, or the erection of fortifications, and for such other uses as the government may desire."

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 a similar bill has already this session been enacted into a law.

REIGER, Chairman.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber.
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:
Senate bill No. 351, entitled "An act to amend articles 641 and 642, chapter 2, title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the creation of corporations."

Senate bill No. 354, entitled "An act to validate the incorporation, and to declare valid the acts of towns and villages heretofore regularly incorporated for free school purposes, having within their limits towns incorporated for municipal purposes, which latter had ceased to exercise their functions as such, or which had not assumed control of the public schools within their limits, and to provide that such towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes shall have exclusive control of the public free schools within their limits, and to repeal all laws in conflict."

By a two thirds vote: yeas 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. 351, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.
Senate bill No. 354, to the Committee on Education.

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. 87, entitled "An act to amend an act of the regular session of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled an act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a live stock sanitary commission, rules and regulations, to provide penalties for violating the same, and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, approved April 20, A. D. 1883."

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

RAILROAD COMMISSION

Being the department under consideration.
Pending question:
The motion of Mr. Beaird to commit the bill to a committee of the whole House, and that the House now resolve itself into said committee to consider the bill, and that the House now resolve itself into said committee to consider the bill. Mr. Fields moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Beaird, Mr. Blackburn, and Mr. Oliver.

Lost by the following vote:

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Barrett.      | Love.             |
Bean.         | Manson.           |
Benson.       | McFarland.        |
Bird.         | McGaughhey.       |
Blair.        | McKamy.           |
Boyd.         | McKellar.         |
Brewster.     | Melton.           |
Brigance.     | Mercer.           |
Burney.       | Moore, Fort Bend. |
Burns.        | Morris.           |
Carpenter.    | Morton.           |
Carswell.     | Neighbors.        |
Childs.       | O'Connor.         |
Conoly.       | Peery.            |
Crawford.     | Randolph.         |
Crowley.      | Reubell.          |
Cureton.      | Rhea.             |
Dean.         | Robbins.          |
Dennis.       | Rogan.            |
Dickinson.    | Savage.           |
Dies.         | Schlick.          |
Dorroh.       | Shilburne.        |
Doyle.        | Shropshire.       |
Drew.         | Sluder.           |
Evans of Hunt.|                   |
Evans of Grayson. | Smyth. |
Ewing.        | Stokes.           |
Field.        | Strother.         |
Fields.       | Thomas.           |
Fisher.       | Tucker.           |
Garrison.     | Turner.           |
Gilbough.     | Vaughan of Collin.|
Good.         | Wall.             |
Green.        | Wallace.          |
Harris.       | Ward.             |
Hensley.      | Welch.            |
Hill of Travis.| Williams.         |

Absent.

Bell.       | Freeman.  |
Bertram.    | Kirk.     |

Lillard.    | Skillern. |
Maxwell.    | Smith.    |
Moore, Lamar.| Staples.  |
Pitts.      | Vaughan of Guadalupe |
Porter.     | Wolters.  |

Excused.

Bounds. | Meade. |
Brown. | Mundine. |
Bumpass. | Pfeiffer. |
Callan. | Reiger. |
Collier. | Rogers. |
Flint. | Rudd. |
Hill of Gonzales. | Stamper. |
Holland of Harris. |       |

Mr. Beaird moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to commit was lost, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

Items relating to the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE were next read, and Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all of line 12, page 9.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Martin.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Nays—46.

Ayers. | Boyd. |
Barrett. | Brigance. |
Bell. | Carpenter. |
Mr. Shropshire offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the figures "1300" wherever they appear in line 10, page 9, and insert in lieu thereof "1600."

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Shropshire.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—55.

Alexander. Ewing.
Barbee. Fife.
Beard. Fields.
Benson. Graham.
Bertram. Henderson.
Bird. Holland of Burnet.
Blackburn. Jones.
Brigance. Kirk.
Burney. Logan.
Burns. Love.
Carpenter. Martin.
Carswell. Mathews.
Crawford. McClellan.
Dickinson. McCullar.
Dorrough. Mercer.
Doyle. Morton.
Drew. Neighbors.

Oliver. Siller.
Patterson. Sluder.
Porter. Smith.
Reubell. Thaxton.
Rhea. Tracy.
Rogan. Tucker.
Savage. Vaughan of Collin.
Schlick. Wali.
Shelburne. Welch.
Shropshire. Wood.

Nays—48.

Ayres. Hill of Travis.
Bailey. Humphrey.
Barrett. Maxwell.
Bean. McGaughey.
Bell. McKamy.
Blair. Melton.
Boyd. Moore, Fort Bend.
Conoly. Moore, Lamar.
Crowley. Morris.
Cureton. Peery.
Curry. Peery.
Evans of Hunt. Randolph.
Evans of Grayson. Robbins.
Fisher. Thomas.
Freeman. Thompson.
Garrison. Turner.
Gilbough. Wallace.
Green. Ward.
Harris. Wilcox.
Hensley. Williams.

Excused.

Bounds. Holland of Harris.
Browne. Mundine.
Bumpass. Pfeuffer.
Callan. Reiger.
Collier. Rogers.
Flint. Rudd.
Hill of Gonzales. Stamper.

Mr. Shropshire offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all of line 13, page 9. Tabled on motion of Mr. Field.

Mr. Holland of Burnet offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of lines 9 to 22, on page 9, inclusive.

Mr. Drew offered the following amendment to the department:

Amend line 21 by striking out "$1000" in each column and insert "$500."

Mr. Fields offered the following sub-
Absence. Substitute for the amendment by Mr. Drew:

Amend line 21, page 9, by striking the figures "$1000" where they appear in both columns, and insert in lieu thereof the figures "$300."

Mr. Green moved to table the substitute, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tracy, Mr. Fields and Mr. Blackburn.

Tabled by the following vote:

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Yea votes: Ayers, Barrett, Beaird, Bell, Benson, Boyd, Brewster, Carpenter, Carswell, Conoly, Crawford, Crowley, Curreton, Curry, Dean, Dennis, Dills, Doyle, Ewing, Field, Freeman, Garrison, Gilbough, Graham, Green, Harris, Hensley, Hill of Travis, Humphrey, Jones, Logan.


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Excused:

| Bailey | O'Connor |
| Childs | Pitts |
| Edwards | Smyth |
| Good | Turner |
| Kimbell | Vaughan, Gualupe |
| Lillard | Wolters |

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Absents:

| Bounds | Browne |
| Bumpass | Pfeuffer |
| Callan | Reiger |
| Collier | Rogers |
| Flint | Rudd |
| Hill of Gonzales | Stamper |
| Holland of Harris | |

Mr. Green moved to table the amendment by Mr. Drew, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Drew and Mr. Tracy.

Tabled by the following vote:

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Yea votes: Ayers, Barrett, Beaird, Boyd, Carswell, Childs, Conoly, Crawford, Crowley, Curreton, Curry, Dean, Dennis, Dills, Doyle, Ewing, Field, Freeman, Garrison, Gilbough, Graham, Green, Harris, Hensley, Hill of Travis, Humphrey, Jones, Logan, Melton, Moore, Ft. Bend, Moore of Lamar, O'Connor, Peery, Porter, Randolph, Reubell, Robbins, Rudd, Savage, Shropshire, Smith, Staples, Thaxton, Thomas, Vaughn of Collin, Wilcox, Williams.

Holland of Burnet. Rhea.
Kirk. Rogan.
Lotto. Schlick.
Love. Shropshire.
Martin. Skillern.
McKellar. Sluder.
Morton. Stokes.
Neighbors. Tracy.
Oliver. Tucker.
Patterson. Wall.
Porter. Welch.
Absent.
Bailey. Morris.
Bell. Pitts.
Good. Smith.
Kimbell. Smyth.
Lillard. Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Meade. Wolters.
Excused.
Bounds. Holland, Harris.
Browne. Mundine.
Bumpass. Pfeuffer.
Callan. Reiger.
Collar. Rogers.
Flint. Stamper.
Hill of Gonzales.
Mr. Evans of Hunt moved to table the amendment by Mr. Holland of Burnet, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Green, Mr. Holland of Burnet and Mr. Peery.
Tabled by the following vote:
Yeas—79.
Alexander. Graham.
Ayres. Green.
Bailey. Harris.
Beard. Hensley.
Bean. Hill of Travis.
Benson. Humphrey.
Boyd. Jones.
Brewster. Lotto.
Carpenter. Manson.
Carswell. Martin.
Childs. Maxwell.
Conoly. McGaughey.
Crawford. McKamy.
Crowley. McKeller.
Curry. Melton.
Dean. Moore, Fort Bend.
Dennis. Moore of Lamar.
Dickinson. Morris.
Dies. O'Connor.
Dorroh. Oliver.
Doyle. Patterson.
Evans of Hunt. Peery.
Evans of Grayson. Randolph.
Ewing. Reubell.
Field. Robbins.
Fields. Rogan.
Fisher. Rudd.
Freeman. Savage.
Garrison. Schlick.
Gilbough. Seabury.

Shelburne. Thompson.
Shropshire. Tucker.
Sluder. Turner.
Smith. Vaughan of Collin.
Smith. Wallace.
Staples. Ward.
Strother. Wilcox.
Thaxton. Wood.

Nays—19.
Bertram. Morton.
Bird. Neighbors.
Blackburn. Porter.
Burney. Rhea.
Burns. Skillern.
Cureton. Stokes.
Drew. Tracy.
Holland of Burnet. Wall.
Kirk. Welch.
Mercer.
Absent.
Barbee. Logan.
Bell. Love.
Blair. McFarland.
Brigance. Pitts.
Edwards. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Good. Williams.
Kimbell. Wolters.
Lillard.

Excused.
Bounds. Holland of Harris.
Browne. Meade.
Bumpass. Mundine.
Callan. Pfeuffer.
Collar. Reiger.
Flint. Rogers.
Hill of Gonzales. Stamper.

I vote against the motion to table the amendment proposing to abolish the State Department of Agriculture, because I believe that all the necessary functions of this department can be performed by other State departments, with a great deal less cost to the taxpayers of Texas, than it requires to maintain and operate the Agricultural Department.

MORTON.

I vote "no" on this question, for the reason that if the motion prevails it will prohibit any further amendments.

TRACY.

Items relating to the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
Were next read, and Mr. Burns offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out in line 6, on page 10, "25,000" and insert "15,000."
Mr. Beard offered the following substitute for the amendment:
Substitute the following: "Amend by striking out all after line 23, page 9,
and all on page 10 down to line 6 of the bill.

Mr. Doyle offered the following amendment to the amendment by Mr. Burns:

Amend the amendment by striking out "15,000" and inserting "22,500."

Mr. Randolph moved to table both amendments, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Reubell and Mr. Drew.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas-72.

Ayers. Lotto. 
Bailey. Manson. 
Barrett. McFarland. 
Bean. McGaughey. 
Bell. McKamy. 
Boyd. Mercer. 
Brower. Moore, Fort Bond. 
Brigance. Moore of Lamar. 
Browne. Morris. 
Carpenter. O'Connor. 
Carswell. Peery. 
Childs. Randolph. 
Conoly. Reubell. 
Crawford. Rhea. 
Crowley. Robbins. 
Cureton. Rogan. 
Curry. Rudd. 
Dennis. Savage. 
Dickinson. Seabury. 
Dorroh. Shelburne. 
Doyle. Shropshire. 
Edwards. Sluder.

Absent.

Barbee. Maxwell. 
Blair. Melton. 
Dean. Pitts. 
Diles. Vaughan, Guadalupe. 
Good. Welch. 
Lillard. 

Excused.

Bounds. Meade. 
Bumpass. Mundline. 
Callan. Pfeuffer. 
Collier. Reiger. 
Flint. Rogers. 
Hill of Gonzales. Stamper. 
Holland of Harris. 

PAIRED.

Mr. Love (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Dean (absent), who would vote "aye."

Mr. Maxwell offered the following amendment to the pending department:

Amend line 32, page 9, by striking out the words "not more than," also lines 3 and 4, page 10, the words "and not more than."

Adopted.

Mr. Fisher offered the following amendment to the pending department:

Amend by striking out the figures "$50" in line 4, page 10, and insert in lieu thereof "$30."

Adopted.

The amendment by Mr. Beard was lost.

Mr. Smyth offered the following resolution:

Whereas, to-morrow, Wednesday, is San Jacinto Day, a day famous in the history of Texas, and its glorious memories are worthy of our respect; therefore be it

Resolved, that when this House adjourns to-day, it shall stand adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Read second time, and

Mr. Bertram moved to lay on the table.

On the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Thomas.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas-50.

Alexander. Childs. 
Ayres. Conoly. 
Bean. Cureton. 
Benson. Dickinson. 
Bertram. Diles. 
Bird. Drew. 
Brower. Edwards. 
Burns. Evans of Grayson. 
Carpenter. Field. 
Carswell. Fields. 

Nays-31.

Beard. Martin. 
Benson. McKellar. 
Bertram. Morton. 
Bird. Neighbors. 
Blackburn. Oliver. 
Burney. Patterson. 
Burns. Porter. 
Drew. Schlick. 
Evans of Hunt. Skillern. 
Fields. Stokes. 
Graham. Tracy. 
Henderson. Tucker. 
Holland of Burnet. Vaughn of Collin. 
Kirk. Wallace. 
Logan. Wood. 

Absent.

Barbee. Maxwell. 
Blair. Melton. 
Dean. Pitts. 
Diles. Vaughan, Guadalupe. 
Good. Welch. 
Lillard. 

Excused.

Bounds. Meade. 
Bumpass. Mundline. 
Callan. Pfeuffer. 
Collier. Reiger. 
Flint. Rogers. 
Hill of Gonzales. Stamper. 
Holland of Harris. 

PAIRED.

Mr. Love (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Dean (absent), who would vote "aye."

Mr. Maxwell offered the following amendment to the pending department:

Amend line 32, page 9, by striking out the words "not more than," also lines 3 and 4, page 10, the words "and not more than."

Adopted.

Mr. Fisher offered the following amendment to the pending department:

Amend by striking out the figures "$50" in line 4, page 10, and insert in lieu thereof "$30."

Adopted.

The amendment by Mr. Beard was lost.

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Ayres. Conoly.

Bean. Cureton.

Benson. Dickinson.

Bertram. Diles.

Bird. Drew.

Brower. Edwards.

Burns. Evans of Grayson.

Carpenter. Field.

Carswell. Fields.
By unanimous consent, the following bill was introduced:

By Mr. Green:

House bill No. 696, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the waters of this State otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trout line, and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof."

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

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the House at 12:30 p.m. took recess until 3 o'clock p.m. to-day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 3 o'clock p.m.

Pending question, 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."

On its engrossment.

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Ward, chairman:

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 351, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 641 and 642, chapter 2, title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the creation of corporations."

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

WARD, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

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

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 362, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537 of chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session in 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts."

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 not pass.
WARD, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House:

We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 362, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537 of chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session in 1885, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts."

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 section 6 by adding after the word "highways" the following: "Public streets in cities and towns not incorporated."

RANDOLPH,
NEIGHBORS,
BARRETT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 662, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4584 of chapter 14, of title 94, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the removal of county seats."

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

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Substitute Senate bill No. 228, a bill to be entitled "An act to define and regulate the issuance of bonds by railroad companies."

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

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 688, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the Waco and Northwestern Railroad with its appurtenances or any part thereof, and to authorize an increase in the stocks and bonds of said Texas Central Railroad Company."

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

By Mr. Good, Chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashieill, Speaker of the House:

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred Substitute Senate bill No. 138, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 812, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the removal of county seats."

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

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading Substitute Senate bill No. 138, a bill to be entitled "An act to define and prescribe the time for holding terms of the Courts of Civil Appeals in the State of Texas."

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

Amend by adding the following after the word "years," on line 20, page 1, as section 2 of this bill: "Sec. 2. The near approach of the close of the session; the crowded condition of the calendars of each House, and the importance of this act to the people of Texas, create an emergency and imperative public necessity, that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in
each House be suspended, and this bill be put upon its third and final passage, and it is so enacted.”

Adopted.

The bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Fisher moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House, and that Senate bill No. 133 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—91.

Alexander.  Love.  Love.
Ayres.  Manson.  Martin.
Bell.  McEuen.  Moore, Fort Bend.
Bird.  Morris.  Oliver.
Blackburn.  Oliver.  Patterson.
Blair.  Peery.  Peery.
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Boy.  Peery.  Peery.
Brewster.  Peery.  Peery.
Brigance.  Peery.  Peery.
Burns.  Patterson.  Patterson.
Carpenter.  Peery.  Peery.
Carswell.  Peery.  Peery.
Childe.  Peery.  Peery.
Dennis.  Rogan.  Rogan.
Dickinson.  Savage.  Savage.
Doyle.  Seabury.  Seabury.
Ewing.  Staples.  Staples.
Ewing.  Struther.  Struther.
Gilbough.  Thomas.  Thomas.
Henderson.  Wall.  Wall.
Henderson.  Wall.  Wall.
Holland of Burnet.  Welch.  Welch.
Humphrey.  Wilcox.  Wilcox.

Absent.

Beard.  McFarland.
Burney.  O'Connor.
Conoly.  Pitts.
Crowley.  Reuben.
Dean.  Smith.
Dorroh.  Tracy.
Jones.  Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Lillard.  

Excused.

Bounds.  Holland of Harris.
Browne.  Meade.
Bumpass.  Mundine.
Callan.  Reiger.
Collier.  Rogers.
Flint.  Rudd.
Hill of Gonzales.  Stamper.

Senate bill No. 133 read third time, and pending consideration,

Mr. Blair offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that when this House adjourn to-day it shall meet at 9:30 Thursday morning, the 22nd of April, 1897.

Mr. Bertram moved to table the resolution, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Dies.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—35.

Alexander.  Love.
Ayres.  Martin.
Bailey.  Maxwell.
Barbee.  McGaughey.
Barrett.  Morton.
Bean.  Oliver.
Benson.  Patterson.
Bertram.  Rogan.
Bird.  Rhea.
Blackburn.  Savage.
Blair.  Savage.
Boyd.  Shielburne.
Brewster.  Shielburne.
Brigance.  Shielburne.
Burns.  Shielburne.
Carpenter.  Shielburne.
Carswell.  Skillern.
Childe.  Skillern.
Crawford.  Skillern.
Curry.  Skillern.
Dennis.  Skillern.
Dorothy.  Skillern.
Doyle.  Skillern.
Evans of Hunt.  Skillern.
Evans of Grayson.  Skillern.
Fields.  Thomas.
Fleming.  Wall.
Garrison.  Wallace.
Graham.  Welch.
Holland of Burnet.  Wilcox.
Kimbell.  

Nays—61.

Bailey.  Dennis.
Barbee.  Dorroh.
Barrett.  Doyle.
Bean.  Evans of Hunt.
Bird.  Ewing.
Blackburn.  Fisher.
Blair.  Gilbough.
Boy.  Good.
Brewster.  Green.
Brigance.  Harris.
Childs.  Henderson.
Crawford.  Henderson.
Curry.  Hill of Travis.
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I vote "yea" for the following reason: The Governor vetoed the appropriation made to perpetuate the memory of the heroes of that memorial day; therefore I think it would be a sham, besides I think it would be showing disrespect to the Governor for the House to stand adjourned upon that memorial day.

SKILLERN.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Blair moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Returning to consideration of Senate bill No. 133, on its final passage,

Mr. Fisher moved the previous question, which was seconded.

On ordering the main question yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Freeman, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Bertram.

The main question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—76.


Nays—17.


On final passage of the bill yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Freeman, Mr. Bertram, and Mr. Carpenter.

Senate bill No. 133 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Bailey. McGaughey.
Barrett. McKellar.
Beard. McKamy.
Bean. Melton.
Bell. Mercer.
Bird. Moore, Fort Bend.
Boyd. Moore of Lamar.
Brewster. Morris.
Brigance. Pfeuffer.
Burns. Porter.
Childs. Randolph.
Dennis. Rhea.
Dies. Rudd.
Dorroh. Schlick.
Evans of Hunt. Seabury.
Ewing. Shropshire.
Field. Sluder.
Fields. Staples.
Fish. Stokes.
Freeman. Strother.
Garrison. Thaxton.
Gilbough. Thomas.
Green. Thompson.
Harris. Tucker.
Hill of Travis. Turner.
Holland of Burnet. Wall.
Logan. Wallace.
Love. Ward.
Manson. Wilcox.
Maxwell. Wood.

Nays—32.

Alexander. Humphrey.
Barbee. Kirk.
Benson. Lotto.
Bertram. Martin.
Carpenter. Morton.
Carswell. Oliver.
Conoly. Peery.
Crawford. Robbins.
Curry. Rogan.
Dickinson. Savage.
Doyle. Shelburne.
Drew. Skillern.
Evans of Grayson. Smith.
Graham. Smyth.
Henderson. Vaughan of Collin.
Hensley. Wolters.

Absent.

Blackburn. Good.
Blair. Jones.
Burney. Kimbrell.
Crowley. Lillard.
Cureton. Neighbors.
Dean. O'Connor.
Edwards. Patterson.

Pitts. Vaughan, Guadalupe
Reubell. Welch.
Tracy. Williams.

Excused.

Bounds. Holland of Harris.
Browne. Meade.
Bumpass. Mundine.
Callan. Reiger.
Collier. Rogers.
Flint. Stamper.

Hill of Gonzales.

I vote "no" on Senate bill No. 133, extending the vacation of the Civil Court of Civil appeals from to three months, for the reason that the court is now behind with its work and litigants are being deprived of their rights. I do not think it right to extend the time until the business is disposed of; and further, it is not the policy of the State to extend the term of vacation in this court and at the same time seek to redistrict the State into judicial districts and shortening their terms. Therefore, I can not see the consistency or justice of such a measure. CRAWFORD.

Mr. Fisher moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 133 was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Brigance, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 442, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 4908 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide that constables in towns and cities of 2500 inhabitants may appoint one deputy.”

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

Amend by adding another section, to be “Sec. 3. That the near approach of the close of this session and large amount of business remaining to be disposed of before the final adjournment creates an imperative public necessity and emergency which authorize the suspension of the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and such rule is hereby suspended, and same take effect from and after it passage, and it is so enacted.”

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Brigance moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 442 be
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put on its third reading and final passage.  
The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—94.**

Alexander.  Martin.  
Ayers.  Maxwell.  
Barbee.  McGaughey.  
Bean.  McKamy.  
Bell.  McKellar.  
Benson.  Melton.  
Bertram.  Moore, Fort Bend.  
Bird.  Moore of Lamar.  
Blair.  Morris.  
Boyd.  Morton.  
Brewster.  Oliver.  
Brigance.  Peery.  
Burns.  Porter.  
Carpenter.  Randolph.  
Childs.  Rhea.  
Conoly.  Robbins.  
Crowley.  Rogan.  
Dennis.  Rudd.  
Drew.  Savage.  
Evans of Hunt.  Shelburne.  
Evans of Grayson.  Shropshire.  
Ewing.  Skillern.  
Fields.  Sluder.  
Fisher.  Smith.  
Fisher.  Smyth.  
Freeman.  Staples.  
Garrison.  Stokes.  
Gilbough.  Thaxton.  
Green.  Thomas.  
Harris.  Thompson.  
Henderson.  Tucker.  
Hensley.  Turner.  
Hill of Travis.  Vaughan, Collin.  
Holland of Burnet.  Wall.  
Humphrey.  Ward.  
Kimbell.  Welch.  
Kirk.  Wilcox.  
Logan.  Wolters.  
Lotto.  Wood.  
Love.  

**Nays—none.**

**Absent.**

Beaird.  Jones.  
Blackburn.  Lillard.  
Burney.  Neighbors.  
Carswell.  O'Connor.  
Crowley.  Patterson.  
Cureton.  Plitts.  
Dean.  Reubell.  
Dennis.  Tracy.  
Edwards.  Vaughan, Guadalupe.  
Good.  Williams.  

**Excused.**

Bounds.  Holland of Harris.  
Browne.  Meade.  
Bumpass.  Mundine.  
Callan.  Reiger.  
Collier.  Rogers.  
Flint.  Stamper.  
Hill of Gonzales.  

House bill No. 442 read third time and passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—86.**

Alexander.  Martin.  
Ayers.  Maxwell.  
Barrett.  McKamy.  
Beaird.  McKellar.  
Bean.  Melton.  
Bell.  Mercer.  
Benson.  Moore, Fort Bend.  
Bird.  Moore of Lamar.  
Blackburn.  Morris.  
Boyd.  Morton.  
Brewster.  Oliver.  
Brigance.  Patterson.  
Burns.  Peery.  
Carpenter.  Porter.  
Conoly.  Randolph.  
Crowley.  Rhea.  
Dickinson.  Robbins.  
Drew.  Savage.  
Dorroh.  Schlick.  
Doyle.  Seabury.  
Evans of Hunt.  Shelburne.  
Evans of Grayson.  Shropshire.  
Ewing.  Skillern.  
Fields.  Sluder.  
Fisher.  Smith.  
Freeman.  Staples.  
Garrison.  Stokes.  
Green.  Thomas.  
Hensley.  Thompson.  
Hershey.  Tucker.  
Hill of Travis.  Vaughan, Collin.  
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Kimbell.  Welch.  
Kirk.  Ward.  
Logan.  Welch.  
Lotto.  Wilcox.  
Love.  Wood.  

**Nays—3.**

Carswell.  Manson.  
Fields.  

**Absent.**

Bertram.  Dean.  
Burney.  Dennis.  
Burney, Edwards.  
Childs.  Good.  
Cureton.  Henderson.
Mr. Brigance moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 442 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. McGaughey moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to strike out line 12, page 9, of the general appropriation bill, was adopted this morning, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Martin called up the motion to reconsider, and on his motion it was tabled.

On motion of Mr. Curry, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading Substitute House bill No. 603, entitled "An act to amend articles 5068, 5076, 5108, and 5130, title 109, chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the place of rendition of certain property for taxation, and the oath of parties rendering property for taxation."

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

Mr. Rogan offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding section 2, as follows:

"Sec. 2. Owing to the importance of this bill in securing additional revenue to the State, and the crowded condition of the docket, and the near approach of the close of the session, an emergency exists and an imperative public necessity is created, requiring that the constitutional rule which requires bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this bill be placed upon its third reading and final passage."

Adopted.

Mr. Curry offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "State," in line 14, page 1, the words "or county."

Adopted.

Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "wagons," in line 5, page 6, the word "bicycles."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Curry moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 603 be put upon its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

Alexander. Maxwell.
Barbee. McGaughy.
Bean. McKamy.
Benson. McKellar.
Bertram. Melton.
Bird. Mercer.
Brewster. Moore, Fort Bend.
Brigance. Moore of Lamar.
Burns. Morris.
Carpenter. Morton.
Carswell. Oliver.
Childs. Patterson.
Conoly. Peery.
Crawford. Pfeuffer.
Cureton. Randolph.
Curry. Rhea.
Dickinson. Robbins.
Dorroh. Rogan.
Doyle. Rudd.
Drew. Savage.
Evans of Grayson. Schlick.
Ewing. Seabury.
Field. Shelburne.
Fields. Shropshire.
Fisher. Skillern.
Freeman. Sluder.
Garrison. Smith.
Gilbough. Staples.
Graham. Stokes.
Green. Thaxton.
Harris. Thomas.
Hendley. Thompson.
Hill of Travis. Tucker.
Holland of Burnet. Vaughan of Collin.
Humphrey. Wall.
Jones. Wallace.
Kimbell. Ward.
Kirk. Welch.
Logan. Wilcox.
Lotto. Williams.
Love. Wolters.
Manson. Wood.
Martin. Nays—none.
Absent.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Beaird.  
Bell.
Blackburn.  
Blair.
Boyd.
Burney.  
Crowley.
Dean.
Dennis.  
Dies.
Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.

Excused.
Bounds.  
Browne.  
Bumpass.
Callan.  
Collier.
Plint.
Hill of Gonzales.

House bill No. 603 was read third time, and Mr. Kirk offered the following amendment:
Lost.
The bill was passed.
Mr. Curry moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 603 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
On motion of Mr. Randolph, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its third reading and final passage,
House bill No. 199, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title LXIII of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to insert article 3235a, permitting the tenant to demand and require of the landlord an itemized account or statement of the advances and rents due or to become due."
The bill was laid before the House, read third time, and Mr. Bean offered the following amendment:
Ammend by adding the words "and verified" after the word "itemized," in line 29, in section 1, article 3235a.
Adopted.
Mr. Patterson raised the point of no quorum, and the Clerk was directed to call the roll.
The roll call developed the fact that there was not a quorum present, only 78 members answering to their names, whereupon,
Mr. Wolters moved that the House stand adjourned.
Yays and nays were demanded by Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Rhea and Mr. Henderson.
Adjourned by the following vote:

Yays—50.

Alexander.  
Benson.  
Bertram.  
Bird.  
Carpenter.  
Carswell.  
Cureton.  
Evans of Grayson.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Feild.  
Freeeman.  
Graham.  
Hensley.  
Kimbell.  
Love.  
Martin.  

Nays—29.

Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Barrett.  
Bean.  
Bell.  
Brewster.  
Brigance.  
Childs.  
Conoly.  
Crawford.  
Curry.  
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Absent.

Barbee.  
Beaird.  
Blackburn.  
Blair.  
Boyd.  
Burney.  
Burns.  
Crowley.  
Dean.  
Dennis.  
Dies.  
Edwards.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Fisher.  

Good.  
Henderson.  
Lillard.  
Neighbors.  
O'Connor.  
Pits.  
Porter.  
Reubell.  
Smyth.  
Strother.  
Tracy.  
Vaughan, Gual'upe.  

Shropshire. Turner. 
Smyth. Vaughan, Guad'lupe. 
Thompson. Wallace. 

**Excused.**

Bounds. Holland of Harris. 
Browne. Meade. 
Bumpass. Mundine. 
Callan. Reiger. 
Collier. Rogers. 
Flint. Stamper. 

**Hill of Gonzales.**

Accordingly, the Chair, at 5:10 p. m., declared the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Thursday, April 22.

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**SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY.**

**Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Thursday, April 22, 1897.**

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

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

The roll was called, and 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.

The second roll call developed a quorum, the following members answering to their names:

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**Absent.**

Bell. Manson. 
Hair. McKamy. 
Brewster. Melton. 
Brigance. Moore, Fort Bend. 
Burney. Mundine. 
Burns. Neighbors. 
Collier. O'Connor. 
Dennis. Patterson. 
Edwards. Pitts. 
Fisher. Reubell. 
Garrison. Rogers. 
Gilbough. Seabury. 
Green. Stamper. 
Henderson. Staples. 
Hill of Gonzales. Vaughn, Guad'lup. 
Kirk. Vaughn of Colli. 
Lillard. 

**Excused.**

Bumpass. Holland of Harris. 
Callan. Reiger. 
Flint. Rudd. 

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

Pending reading of the Journal of Tuesday,

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

**GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

On account of important business:

- Mr. Reubell until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Evans of Grayson.
- Mr. Seabury for to-day, on motion of Mr. Wallace.
- Mr. Fisher for this week, on motion of Mr. Wilcox.
- Mr. Dennis for to-day, on motion of Mr. Williams.
- Mr. Brigance for to-day, on motion of Mr. Smyth.
- Mr. Staples for to-day, on motion of Mr. McGaughy.
- Mr. Hill of Gonzales for to-day, on motion of Mr. Doyle.
- Mr. Manson until Saturday, on motion of Mr. Cureton.