On motion of Mr. Blackburn, the House at 6:11 p. m. adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.
On motion of Mr. Tucker, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:
Mr. Bell for to-day, on motion of Mr. Bailey.
Mr. Shropshire for to-day, on motion of Mr. Boyd.
Mr. Humphrey for this week, on motion of Mr. McKellar.
Mr. Mercer until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Barbee.
Mr. Bumpass for to-day, on motion of Mr. Burney.
Mr. Fisher for yesterday and to-day, on motion of Mr. Seabury.
Mr. Kirk for to-day, on motion of Mr. Dies.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Shelburne for to-day, on motion of Mr. Crawford.
Mr. Freeman moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to line 26, page 22, of the general appropriation bill was lost, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

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

CONFEDERATE HOME

Being the department under consideration.

Mr. Wall offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all of the figures and words in line 7, page 23, and insert in lieu thereof "For salaries of two helpers, who shall act as nurses and do other work required of them by the superintendent."

Lost.

Items relating to the

QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT

Were next read, and

Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out $33,000 in each column of line 18 and insert in lieu thereof $31,000; and by adding between lines 18 and 19 the following:

"For moving quarantine station to Sabine Pass, $2000."

Mr. Bertram offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out $33,000 in line 18 and insert $10,000 in lieu thereof.

On the substitute by Mr. Bertram, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bertram, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Burns.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.


Nays—84.


Yeas-11.


Nays—84.
The amendment by Mr. Garrison was adopted. Mr. Turner offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after line 18 on page 23 the following:

“For pay of quarantine guard at the north point of Padre Island, said guard to own or furnish the necessary boat or tender, $600 for each year.”

Adopted.

Items relating to the DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND ASYLUM FOR COLORED YOUTHS were next read, and Mr. Ewing offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out line 3, on page 24, and add in lieu thereof the following: “For new building, $12,000.”

Adopted.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out “$450” in line 23, page 23, and insert in lieu thereof “$750 for each year.”

Lost.

Items relating to the SAM HOUSTON NORMAL INSTITUTE were next read, and Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out line 12, page 24, “$27,500 for each year,” and inserting “$37,500” in lieu thereof for each year.

Mr. Brigance offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend by adding “that each member of the Twenty-fifth Legislature should have the appointment of two students to said Sam Houston Normal.”

Adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Items relating to the STATE PENITENTIARIES were next read, and Mr. Pfeuffer offered the following amendment:

Amend line 22, page 24, by striking out “$50,000,” and insert “$100,000” in lieu thereof.

Mr. Garrison offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out all of line 22, page 24.

On the amendment by Mr. Pfeuffer, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn. Mr. Holland of Harris and Mr. Stamper. Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—58.

Martin.
McFarland.
McGaughey.
McKanny.
Melton.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Morris.
Neighbors.
O'Connor.
Oliver.
Pfeuffer.
Porter.
Randolph.
Reubell.
Robbins.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Sluder.
Stamper.
Staples.
Tracy.
Tucker.
Turner.
Vaughan, Gualupe.
Ward.
Welch.
Williams.
Wolters.
Nays—44.

Benson.
Burney.
Burns.
Carpenter.
Carswell.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Crowley.
Cureton.
Dickinson.
Doyle.
Evans of Hunt.
Feld.
Fields.
Garrison.
Green.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Holland of Burnett.
Kimbell.
Logan.
Lotto.
Love.
Manson.
Maxwell.
McKellar.
Moore, Lamar.
Morton.
Patterson.
Peery.
Rogan.
Rudd.
Shropshire.
Skillern.
Smyth.
We vote "no" on the amendment to appropriate $100,000 instead of $50,000 for the purpose of buying farm lands for the State upon which to work State convicts: First, because the present financial condition of the State does not justify an appropriation of even $50,000 at this time for this purpose. Second, because only two years ago a constitutional amendment was submitted to the people which practically decided against this proposition. Third, because if the road bill, providing for the working of short term convicts upon public roads should pass there will be practically no necessity for the purchase of more farm lands.

HILL of Gonzales.

ROGAN.

We vote "aye" for the reason that we believe that this would be both a good investment for the State, and would at the same time enable the State gradually to abandon the contract lease system, and work all the convicts on State account, which would be in the interest of humanity. The only objection that is used to the passage of this amendment is that the revenues of the State may possibly be too small to enable her to expend this amount of money now. But in answer to this, we think that if the revenues now pending are enacted into law there will be abundant revenue for this purpose. Otherwise the Executive of the State can veto this item of the bill, should said revenue measures fall of passage.

DEAN.

FIELDS.

I vote "no" on appropriation of $100,000 to buy convict farms, because it is contrary to the Democratic platform and against the expressed will of the people at the late election in voting down an amendment to the Constitution to authorize the Legislature to make purchases of land for such a purpose.

WALL.

Mr. Garrison, by consent, withdrew the substitute.

Mr. Melton offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after line 22, page 24: "Traveling expenses of two inspectors, $500 for each year."

Lost.

Mr. Blackburn moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to line 22, page 24, increasing the appropriation for farm lands was adopted, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Holland of Harris called up the motion of Mr. Blackburn to reconsider, and moved to lay it on the table.

Yea's and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns, Mr. Holland of Harris, and Mr. Lotto.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea's—53.

Ayers. McKamy.

Bailey. Melton.

Barbee. Moore, Fort Bend.

Bean. Morris.

Bird. Neighbors.

Bounds. O'Connor.

Boyd. Oliver.

Brewster. Pfeuffer.

Brigance. Porter.

Browne. Randolph.

Curry. Reubell.

Dean. Robbins.

Dennis. Rudd.

Dies. Schlick.

Dorroh. Seabury.

Drew. Sluder.

Edwards. Stamper.

Ewing. Staples.

Freeman. Thaxter.

Good. Tucker.

Hensley. Turner.

Holland of Harris. Vaughan, Guadalupe.

Jones. Ward.

Logan. Welch.

Martin. Williams.

McGaughey. Wolters.

Nay's—46.

Benson. Cureton.

Blackburn. Dickinson.

Burney. Doyle.

Burns. Evans of Hunt.

Carpenter. Evans of Grayson.

Carswell. Feld.

Childs. Fields.

Conoly. Garrison.

Crawford. Green.

Crowley. Harris.
Hill of Gonzales. Peery.
Hill of Travis. Rogan.
Holland of Burnet. Shropshire.
Kimbell. Skillern.
Lillard. Smyth.
Lotto. Stokes.
Love. Thomas.
Manson. Thompson.
Maxwell. Vaughan of Collin.
McKellar. Wall.
Moore, Lamar. Wallace.
Morton. Wilcox.
Patterson. Wood.

Absent.
Barrett. Meade.
Beaird. Pitts.
Bertram. Rogers.
Blair. Savage.
Gilbough. Tracy.
Graham.

Excused.
Bell. Kirk.
Bumpass. Mercer.
Callan. Mundine.
Collier. Reiger.
Fisher. Rhea.
Flint. Shelburne.
Henderson. Smith.
Humphrey. Strother.

Items relating to the AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

Were next read, and
Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after line 31, page 24: “For building one professor’s residence, $2500.”
Adopted.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:
Amend line 29, page 24, by striking out $2500 when it occurs, and insert $7500 instead.
Lost.

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment:
Amend line 24, page 24, by striking out the word “and,” after the word “support,” and add the words “and scholarship” after the word “maintenance.”
Lost.

Mr. Brigance offered the following amendment:
Amend line 3, page 24, by striking out the word “main” between the words “on” and “buildings,” so that said line shall read as follows: “Repairs on buildings, to be expended in two years.”
Adopted.

Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all of line 28, on page 24.
Tabled on motion of Mr. Brigance.

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all of line 30, on page 24.

Mr. Fields offered the following amendment to the department:
Amend line 30 by striking out “30,-000,” wherever it occurs in each column, and inserting “20,000” in lieu thereof in each column.

On motion of Mr. Brigance, both amendments were tabled.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out line 29, page 24.
Tabled on motion of Mr. Welch.

Items relating to the PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

Were next read, and
Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after line 10, page 25, the words: “For boring an artesian well, $5000; for building a barn, $1400.”
Adopted.

Items relating to the ADJUTNAT-GENERAL’S OFFICE

Were next read, and
Mr. Patterson offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all of lines 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, on page 25.

Mr. Love offered the following substitute for the amendment:
Amend by striking out all in lines 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, and insert the following: “Payment of the Volunteer Guard when called into active service under the law, and for all other military expenses, $5000 for each year.” (Signed—Love, Carpenter.)

Mr. Patterson accepted the substitute.

Mr. Wolters then offered the following substitute for the amendment as substituted:
Amend by striking out the entire department, except lines 21 and 22.

Mr. Wilcox moved to table both amendments.

Yeas and nays were demanded by
Mr. Wolters, Mr. Logan and Mr. Dorroh.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—57.

Ayers. Martin.
Bailey. Maxwell.
Barrett. McFarland.
Bird. McGaughey.
Bounds. McKamy.
Brigance. Melton.
Browne. Moore, Fort Bend.
Carpenter. Moore of Lamar.
Childs. O'Connor.
Conoly. Oliver.
Crowley. Peery.
Curry. Pfeuffer.
Dean. Randolph.
Dennis. Robbins.
Dickinson. Seabury.
Dorroh. Sluder.
Evans of Grayson. Staples.
Feld. Thaxton.
Freeman. Thompson.
Garrison. Tracy.
Good. Turner.
Green. Vaughan, Guad'lupe.
Hensley. Wallace.
Hill of Travis. Ward.
Holland of Harris. Welch.
Jones. Wilcox.
Love.

Nays—44.

Bean. Manson.
Benson. McKellar.
Bertram. Morris.
Blackburn. Morton.
Boy. Neighbors.
Brewster. Patterson.
Burney. Pitts.
Burns. Porter.
Carswell. Reubell.
Crawford. Rogers.
Cureton. Schlick.
Doyle. Shropshire.
Drew. Skillern.
Edwards. Stamper.
Evans of Hunt. Stokes.
Ewing. Thomas.
Fields. Tucker.
Graham. Vaughan of Collin.
Hill of Gonzales. Wall.
Holland of Burnet. Williams.
Lillard. Wolters.
Logan. Wood.

Absent.

Barbee. Lotto.
Beard. Meade.
Blair. Rogers.
Gilbough. Savage.

Excused.

Bell. Callan.
Bumpass. Collier.

Question next recurred on the motion to table the amendment by Mr. Love, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wolters, Mr. Love and Mr. Carpenter.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—34.

Ayres. McFarland.
Barrett. McKamy.
Browne. Melton.
Crawley. Moore, Fort Bend.
Dennis. Moore of Lamar.
Dickinson. O'Connor.
Dies. Rudd.
Evans of Hunt. Seabury.
Feld. Sluder.
Garrison. Smyth.
Good. Thompson.
Green. Tracy.
Harrs. Turner.
Hill of Travis. Vaughan, Guad'lupe.
Holland of Burnet. Ward.
Holland of Harris. Welch.
Maxwell. Wilcox.

Nays—62.

Bailey. Love.
Barbee. Manson.
Bean. Martin.
Benson. McGaughey.
Bertram. McKeller.
Blackburn. Morris.
Bounds. Morton.
Boy. Neighbors.
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Freeman. Vaughan of Collin.
Graham. Wall.
Hensley. Wallace.
Hill of Gonzales. Williams.
Jones. Wolters.
Lillard. Wood.
Logan.
The House having refused to table the amendment by Mr. Love, Mr. Randolph offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend lines 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, on page 25, by striking out all after the word “law,” in line 24, and by striking out the figures “$20,000” and “$5000” in the respective columns, and insert in lieu thereof the sum of “$3000” in each column.

Mr. Maxwell moved the previous question on pending amendments, and the main question was ordered. The substitute by Mr. Randolph was adopted.

On the amendment as substituted, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Logan, Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Burney.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—70.

Nays—29.

Mr. Welch offered the following amendment:

Amend line 22, page 25, by inserting “$40,000” instead of “$25,000” in each line.

Pending which, On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the House at 12:37 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, with amendment by Mr. Crowley pending, which amendment was printed in the Journal of last Friday.

Mr. Carpenter called up House concurrent resolution No. 13, with Senate amendments, and on his motion the House concurred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
House joint resolution No. 27, amending sections 4, 22, 23, of article 4, and sections 9, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, of article 5, and sections 14 and 16, of article 8, section 4, of article 3, and section 9, of article 3, so that hereafter all State and county officers may be elected by the people for four years, including the office of Secretary of State.

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENNIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 603, a bill to be entitled “An act to amend article 22, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, so as to change the time for holding the terms of the district courts of Gregg and Upshur counties, and to extend the time of holding court in Gregg county, Texas,”

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENNIS, Acting Chairman.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER.

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

Senate bill No. 322, entitled “An act to increase the salary of the district attorney of King and Stonewall counties, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith.”

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared
Senate bill No. 300, entitled “An act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of King and Stonewall counties, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith.”
On motion of Mr. Wood, pending business was suspended to continue consideration of substitute House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, on its engrossment, the House considering the bill by departments, the Adjuvant-General's Office being the department under consideration, with amendment by Mr. Welch pending.

The Speaker laid the same before the House.

1 Mr. Evans of Hunt moved the previous question on the amendment, and the main question was ordered. Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Smyth and Mr. Feild. Lost by the following vote:

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Mr. Seabury offered the following amendment:
Amend line 22, page 25, by striking out “$25,000” in each column and inserting in lieu thereof “$30,000” in each column, and add thereto the following: “provided, that the four companies of rangers now existing shall consist of ten men each, in place of eight, as at present.”

Tabled on motion of Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Wall offered the following amendment:
Amend lines 21 and 22, page 25, by striking out the figures “$25,000” wherever they occur, and insert “$10,000” in their stead.

Tabled on motion of Mr. Crowley.

Mr. Evans of Grayson offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all of line 15, page 25.

Lost.

Mr. Lillard offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out lines 18, 19 and 20, on page 25.

Lost.

Mr. Turner offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding after the word “telegraph” in line 16, the following: “provided, no telegrams shall be paid for out of this allowance except such as may be necessary to convey intelligence between the Adjutant-General’s department and the peace officers and officers and members of the light guard and frontier guards of this State.”

Mr. Smyth moved to table the amendment, and the motion was lost. The amendment was lost.
Mr. Blackburn offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all from line 12 to 20, inclusive, on page 25.
Lost.

Mr. Evans of Grayson moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment striking out line 15, page 25, was lost, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Holland of Harris offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all from line 25, wherever it occurs, and insert 15,000 in lieu thereof. (Signed—Barbee, Holland of Harris.)

Mr. Stamper moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Holland of Harris, Mr. Barbee, and Mr. Welch.

Tabled by the following vote:
Yeas—61.


Absent.


Excused.


Items relating to the PUBLIC PRINTING were next read, and Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out all of the words and figures in line 8, on page 26.
Adopted.

Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:
Amend by adding page 26, after line 7, “For publishing Court of Civil Appeals Reports, 6 volumes, $4000, $2000.”

Mr. Ayers offered the following substitute for the amendment:
Amend by adding page 26, after line 7, “For publishing Court of Civil Appeals Reports, six volumes each year, $6000 for each year.”

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

On the substitute by Mr. Ayers, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Ayers, and Mr. Logan.

Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas—57.


Absent.


Excused.

Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment:
Amend by striking out the figures "$5000," in line 13, page 26, and insert in lieu of the figures "$20,000."
Adopted.

Mr. Manson offered the following amendment:
Amend line 9, page 26, instead of 1600 a year make it 1800.
Lost.

Items relating to the LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSION were next read and no amendments were offered.

Items relating to the PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS were next read, and Mr. Carpenter offered the following amendment:
Amend page 27 by adding after line 6 the following: "For the purchase of the portrait (owned by Mrs. Blanche G. Brazelton) of Governor Culberson, to be placed in the Supreme Court library, $250, the same to be paid for on the order of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds."
(Signed—Carpenter, Meade.)

Mr. Wolters offered the following substitute for the amendment:
Amend by adding after line 6, on page 27, the following: "For the purchase of one painting of Governor Culberson, painted by Mrs. Brazelton, $250; and for the purchase of one painting of ex-Governor Hogg, painted by Mr. McArdle, $250."
Mr. Carpenter accepted the substitute.

Mr. Wood moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.
On the amendment as substituted, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Dean, Mr. Bertram and Mr. Bird.
Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—67.

Excused.
Bell. Kirk.
Bumpass. Mercer.
Callan. Mundine.
Collier. Beiger.
Fisher. Rhea.
Flint. Shelburne.
Henderson. Smith.
Humphrey. Strother.

The amendment as substituted was adopted.
Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for the superintendent or head of any of the foregoing departments of the State government or public institutions herein provided for to draw out of the State treasury all or any part of the money for the maintenance of his respective department or institution and deposit the same in a local bank to his own private account; but said amounts hereinbefore appropriated shall remain in the State treasury, and may be drawn or checked out by such heads of departments or superintendents of institutions, monthly, to pay salaries of employees, or whenever it may be needed to pay for supplies, repairs, improvements or any other thing permitted to be bought or had for the maintenance of such institutions." (Signed — Logan, Williams, Lillard.)

Adopted.

Mr. Freeman offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after line 17, on page 26, "For salary for bookkeeper, $600 for each year."

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

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out line 21, on page 26, and insert the following in lieu thereof, "Salaries of four watchmen at $720 each, $2880 for each year."

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

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

The amendment by Mr. Martin was adopted.

Mr. Hill of Gonzales offered the following amendment:

Amend line 17, page 26, so as to read as follows: "Salary of superintendent, who shall be an architect and personally superintend the laying of the foundation of all public buildings hereafter constructed, $1800 for each year."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Brigance.

Mr. Peery offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out lines 26 and 27, and insert $300 for keeping cemetery and $700 for keeping Capitol ground and sewer repairs.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crowley offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after line 15, on page 27, section 2, to read as follows:
Amend by striking out the figure "2" in line 16, page 27, and insert in lieu thereof the figure "3."

Adopted.

Mr. Burney offered a substitute for House bill No. 203, the general appropriation bill, and the same was ruled out of order.

Mr. Curry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by striking out $1800 for each year in line 17, page 26, and insert $1500 for each year.

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

Mr. Shropshire offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by adding after line 22, on page 5, the following: "To refund to persons who have deposited money in the General Land Office to pay patent and other fees, which money was not applied to the purposes for which it was deposited, but was embezzled by O. N. Hollingsworth, former receiver of the General Land Office, to be paid by warrant of the Comptroller upon the State Treasurer, upon a certificate which the Commissioner of the General Land Office is required to give, showing the amount of such deposit to be refunded, to be expended within two years, $8683.61."

Lost.

Mr. Garrison offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by striking out lines 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30, on page 3, and the amount $9600 in line 31.

Adopted.

Mr. Smyth offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out lines 5, 6 and 7, page 2, and substitute the following: "For Governor's mansion, furniture and improvements to grounds surrounding mansion; provided, that $2000 of this amount shall be used for grading, terracing and otherwise improving the grounds surrounding the mansion, $3000."

Adopted.

Mr. Ayers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by adding after line 31, on page 5, the following: "Provided, that if any funds appropriated for this department be unexpended, the same or so much thereof as may be necessary may be used for the purchase or repair of typewriting machines."

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

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fields moved to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Fields, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Boyce.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Barbee. McKamy.
Barrett. Morton.
Bertram. Boyd.
Boyd. O'Connor.
Burney. Pfeuffer.
Cureton. Porter.
Curry. Robbins.
Fields. Seabury.
Good. Shropshire.
Hensley. Skillern.
Holland of Harris. Sluder.
Jones. Thaxton.
Kimbell. Turner.

Nays—73.

Ayers. Love.
Bailey. Manson.
Benson. Martin.
Bird. Maxwell.
Burns. McKellar.
Crowley. Meadows.
Carpenter. Melton.
Crawford. Moore, Fort Bend.
Crowley. Moore of Lamar.
Crowley. Morris.
Crane. Oliver.
Conolly. Peery.
Crawford. Randolph.
Crowley. Reubell.
Dean. Rudd.
Dennis. Savage.
Dies. Schlick.
Dorrah. Smyth.
Doyle. Stamper.
Drew. Staples.
Evans of Hunt. Stokes.
Evans of Grayson. Strother.
Evans of Hunt. Thomas.
Evans of Grayson. Thompson.
Evans of Grayson. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Freeman. Vaughan of Collin.
Garrison. Watt.
Garrison. Wallace.
Harrington. Ward.
Hill of Gonzales. Wilcox.
Hill of Travis. Williams.
Holland of Burnet. Wolters.
Lillard. Wood.
Logan. Absent.

Beard. Gilbough.
Bean. Patterson.
Blair. Pitts.
Dickinson. Rogan.
Mr. Bailey called up the motion of Mr. Savage to reconsider the vote by which the following amendment by Mr. Garrison to the general appropriation bill was lost:

Amend by adding after line 18, on page 8, the following: "For support of Summer Normal Institutes for the white and colored teachers of this State, $20,000 for each year, to be paid out of the available school fund,"

And which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal of April 16.

On the motion to reconsider, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Burns, Mr. Meade and Mr. Bailey.

Reconsidered by the following vote:

Yeas-61.

Bailey.  Jones.
Barbee.  Kimbell.
Barrett.  Maxwell.
Bean.  McFarland.
Blackburn.  McGaughey.
Boyd.  McKamy.
Brewer.  Morris.
Brigance.  Neighbors.
Browne.  O'Conner.
Carswell.  Peery.
Childs.  Pfeuffer.
Collier.  Randolph.
Conoly.  Robbins.
Crawford.  Rudd.
Crowley.  Savage.
Cureton.  Seabury.
Dean.  Smyth.
Dennis.  Stamper.
Dorror.  Staples.
Doyle.  Strother.
Evans of Hunt.  Thomas.
Evans of Grayson.  Thompson.
Ewing.  Tucker.
Freeman.  Turner.
Garrison.  Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Good.  Ward.
Harris.  Wilcox.
Hensley.  Wolters.
Hill of Travis.

Nays-41.

Alexander.  Bertram.
Ayers.  Bird.
Benson.  Bounds.

Burney.  McKellar.
Burns.  Meade.
Carpenter.  Melton.
Curry.  Moore, Fort Bend.
Dickinson.  Moore of Lamar.
Drew.  Morton.
Field.  Oliver.
Fields.  Porter.
Graham.  Reubell.
Green.  Schlick.
Hill of Gonzales.  Skillern.
Holland of Burnet.
Holland of Harris.
Logan.  Vaughan of Collin.
Lotto.  Wallace.
Love.  Wall.
Manson.  Williams.
Martin.  Wood.

Absent.

Beard.  Pitts.
Blair.  Rogan.
Edwards.  Rogers.
Gilhough.  Tracy.
Lillard.  Welch.
Patterson.  .

Excused.

Bell.  Mercer.
Bumpass.  Mundine.
Callan.  Relger.
Flint.  Rhea.
Henderson.  Shelburne.
Humphrey.  Smith.
Kirk.

Question then recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Drew, Mr. Lillard and Mr. Meade.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-61.

Bailey.  Freeman.
Barrett.  Garrison.
Bean.  Good.
Blackburn.  Harris.
Bounds.  Hensley.
Boyd.  Hill of Travis.
Brewster.  Holland of Burnet.
Browne.  Jones.
Carswell.  Kimbell.
Childs.  Maxwell.
Collier.  McFarland.
Conoly.  McGaughey.
Crawford.  McKamy.
Crowley.  Morris.
Cureton.  Morris.
Dean.  Neighbors.
Dennis.  O'Connor.
Dennis.  Peery.
Dorror.  Pfeuffer.
Doyle.  Randolph.
Evans of Hunt.  Reubell.
Evans of Grayson.  Seabury.
Ewing.  Seabury.
Field.  Seabury.
Fisher.  Shropshire.
Fisher.  Smyth.
"I vote "no" upon the motion to appropriate $20,000 out of the available school fund for the maintenance of summer normal schools throughout the State:

First. Because it takes this sum from the available common school fund for the instruction of the children of this State and gives it to the teachers of the State for their instruction, for which they are able to pay.

Second. Because we now have an efficient system of summer normal schools without any appropriation for that purpose.

Third. Because I think the teachers can afford to pay the small amount now required for their instruction at the summer normal school.

HILL of Gonzales.

I vote "aye," not because I believe it is right, but don't want to see the teachers of Texas discriminated against, as liberal appropriations have been made to educate lawyers and doctors; for this cause I vote "aye."

TUCKER.

Mr. Freeman called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the following amendment by Mr. McFaultry was lost:

Strike out "600" in line 26, page 22, and insert in lieu thereof "1000" for each year; and insert after the word "surgeon," "who shall live at the Home."

And which motion to reconsider was spread upon the Journal to-day.

Question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

On the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Barbee, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Burns.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yea's-53.


Nays-44.

Mr. Savage called up the motion of Mr. Smyth to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to line 21, on page 21, appropriating $300 for pay of board of trustees was lost, and which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal yesterday. The motion to reconsider was lost. The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Garrison moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that substitute House bill No. 203 be put on its third reading and final passage. The motion prevailed by the following vote:


**Absent:** Alexander, Bailey, Beaird, Blair, Brigance, Edwards, Gilbough, Lotto, Neighbors, Savage.

**Excused:** Bell, Bumpass, Callan, Flint, Henderson, Humphrey, Kirk, Mercer, Mundine, Reiger, Shelburne, Smith.

**Nays—10:** Burney, Logan, Burns, Martin, Fields, McKellar, Holland of Burnt, Shropshire, Kimbell, Stokes.

Substitute House bill No. 203 read third time, and Mr. Curry offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after line 22, page 5, the words “to pay for clerks' certificates and other costs in State land suits for recovery of lands illegally held by railroad companies for construction of sidings and switches $1000.”

Mr. Wood moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered. The amendment was adopted.

On final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr.
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Burns, Mr. Burney, and Mr. Holland of Burnet.

Passed by the following vote:

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Mr. Speaker. Logan.  
Bailey. Love.  
Barrett. Manson.  
Bean. Maxwell.  
Blackburn. McGaughey.  
Bounds. McKamy.  
Boyd. McKellar.  
Brewster. Meade.  
Brigance. Melton.  
Carpenter. Moore of Lamar.  
Carswell. Morris.  
Childs. Neighbors.  
Collier. O'Connor.  
Conoly. Oliver.  
Crawford. Peery.  
Crowley. Porter.  
Cruzon. Randolph.  
Curry. Reubell.  
Dean. Robbins.  
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Evans of Grayson. Stamper.  
Ewing. Staples.  
Field. Strother.  
Fisher. Thaxton.  
Freeman. Thomas.  
Garrison. Thompson.  
Good. Tucker.  
Graham. Turner.  
Green. Vaughan, Guadalupe.  
Harris. Wall.  
Hensley. Ward.  
Hill of Gonzales. Wilcox.  
Hill of Travis. Williams.  
Jones. Wolters.  
Kimbell. Wood.  

Nays—12.  

Bertram. Martin.  
Burney. Morton.  
Burns. Shropshire.  
Fields. Skiller.  
Holland of Burnet. Stokes.  
Holland of Harris. Vaughan of Collin.  

Absent.  

Alexander. Lott.  
Ayers. Patterson.  
Barbee. Pfefuer.  
Beard. Pitts.  
Benson. Rogan.  
Blair. Rogers.  
Drew. Tracy.  
Edwards. Wallace.  
Gilbough. Welsh.  
Lillard.  

Excused.  

Bell. Mercer.  
Bumpass. Mundine.  
Callan. Reiger.  
Flint. Rhea.  
Henderson. Shelburne.  
Humphrey. Smith.  
Kirk.  

I vote “no” for the following reasons, to-wit:  
1st. Because free discussion was not allowed upon the bill.  
2nd. Because the one hundred thousand dollar appropriation to purchase farm land to work convicts on was voted on by the people of the State at the last election and defeated.  
3rd. Because the twenty thousand dollars appropriated out of the available school fund to be used for the summer normals to educate teachers free of charge, thereby violating the spirit of the Constitution, which requires the free schools to be run six months in the year.  

Burns.

Mr. Garrison moved to reconsider the vote by which substitute House bill No. 203 passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.  

The motion to table prevailed.

**SENATE MESSAGE.**

Senate Chamber.  
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1897.  

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

I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed Senate bill No. 306, a bill to be entitled “An act for the establishment of a public park on the site of the battle field of San Jacinto, and providing for the purchase and condemnation of sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park, and making an appropriation therefor.”

By two-thirds vote—ayes 21, nays 1.

R. E. DODSON,  
Assistant Secretary.
April 28, 1897  

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 366, reported above, was read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Turner, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, our honorable Speaker saw fit on yesterday to congratulate the members of the House on the amount of work accomplished during yesterday's session; therefore be it

Resolved, that the House of Representatives congratulate the Speaker, and with him the people of our State, upon the able manner in which he has conducted the discussion and consideration of the general appropriation bill, from its introduction, to its final passage.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell the House at 6:55 p. m. adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

EIGHTIETH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Wednesday, April 28, 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:

Ayers.  
Beard.  
Bean.  
Bell.  
Benson.  
Bertram.  
Bird.  
Blackburn.  
Blair.  
Bounds.  
Boyd.  
Brewster.  
Brigance.  
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Dennis.  
Dickinson.  
Dies.  
Maxwell.  
McFarland.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Meade.  
Melton.  
Mercer.  
Moore, Fort Bend.  
Moore of Lamar.  
Morris.  
Morton.  
Neighbors.  
O'Connor.  
Oliver.  
Patterson.  
Pfeiffer.  
Pitts.  
Porter.  
Randolph.  
Reubell.  
Rogers.  
Savage.  
Schlick.  
Shelburne.  
Shropshire.  
Skillern.  
Sluder.  
Smith.  
Smyth.  
Stamper.  
Staples.  
Stokes.  
Thomas.  
Thompson.  
Tracy.  
Tucker.  
Turner.  
Vaughan, Guad' lup.  
Vaughan of Collin.  
Wall.  
Wallace.  
Ward.  
Welch.  
Wilcox.  
Williams.  
Wolters.  

Absent.

Alexander.  
Bailey.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Crowley.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Evans of Grayson.  
Ewing.  
Feld.  
Fields.  
Fisher.  
Freeman.  
Garrison.  
Gilbough.  
Graham.  
Green.  
Hensley.  
Hill of Gonzales.  
Hill of Travis.  
Holland of Burnet.  
Holland of Harris.  
Jones.  
Kimbell.  
Lillard.  
Logan.  
Lotto.  
Love.  
Manson.  
Martin.  
Peery.  
Robbins.  
Rogan.  
Rudd.  
Seabury.  
Strother.  
Thaxton.  
Wood.  
Humphrey.  
Mundine.  
Reiger.  
Rhea.  

A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. McGaughey, Mr. Wood, Mr. Strother, Mr. Barbee, Mr. Peery, Mr. Rogan, and Mr. Barrett, until Friday, on motion of Mr. Savage.

Mr. Kirk for to-day, on motion of Mr. Porter.

Mr. Thaxton for to-day, on motion of Mr. Savage.

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

On account of sickness:

Mr. Robbins indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Oliver.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Tucker:  
House bill No. 702, a bill to be en-