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.
An act to amend chapter 2, title 60, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to irrigation, so as to insert article 3125a, providing for the equality of price of water to all irrigators.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Tracy (for joint committee on Torrens land transfer system):

House bill No. 703, a bill to be entitled "An act to establish a system of registration of land titles, and to provide for the officers necessary to put said system into practical operation, and to fix the fees to be paid for services rendered by said officers, and to prescribe penalties for false and fraudulent representations made relative to such registration."

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

By Mr. Tracy:

House joint resolution No. 38, to amend section 15, of article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the qualifications, powers and jurisdiction of county judges.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Fields:

Resolved, That the session of the House of Friday, April 30, be devoted exclusively to the consideration of House and Senate joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution.

Read second time and adopted.

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

The motion to table prevailed.

By Mr. Ward:

House concurrent resolution No. 24, to relinquish to Jno. L. Peeler, as trustee for the citizens of Austin, all right title and interest of the State of Texas in and to ninety-one acres of land situated in Travis county, with the improvements thereon, known and designated as "Camp Mabry," it being the same property conveyed by said John L. Peeler, trustee, to James S. Hogg, Governor of Texas, and his successors in office, by deed bearing date the 14th day of December, A. D. 1892, and recorded in the deed records of Travis county, Texas, in book No. 105, on pages 466, etc.

Whereas, the citizens of Austin, acting through their trustee, John L. Peeler, did execute the above and foregoing conveyance to the property therein mentioned to the State of Texas, thereby donating the same to the State for the purpose of being used in holding the annual encampments of the Volunteer Guard; and

Whereas, said deed was accepted by the State of Texas under and by authority of Senate concurrent resolution No. 9, passed by the Twenty-third Legislature, and approved on May 1, A. D. 1893 (see Laws Twenty-third Legislature, page 211); and

Whereas, said deed was so executed for and in consideration of the locating and maintaining by the State of Texas upon said land aforesaid the permanent annual encampment of the Texas Volunteer Guard; and

Whereas, the State has never held but one encampment upon said property, to-wit, in 1893, but has refused to hold said encampments in the years 1894, 1895, 1896, and the present Legislature has refused to make any appropriation for the holding of such encampment for the years 1897 and 1898, by reason of which facts the consideration of said deed has wholly failed; and

Whereas, it is inequitable and unjust that the State should continue to hold said property, and at the same time refuse to hold said encampments, as contemplated by said deed;

Section 1. Therefore be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that the State hereby relinquishes all of its right, title and interest in and to said property aforesaid vested in the State by said deed unto the said John L. Peeler as trustee for the citizens of Austin, Texas, to have and to hold the same by them in fee simple forever, free and independent of any and all claims of the State to the same or any part thereof.

Read first time, and

On motion of Mr. Ward, referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 220, on request of Mr. Melton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Carpenter, chairman:

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 363, 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
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the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park, and making an
appropriation therefor;"

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.

MAJORITY REPORT.

By Mr. Tracy, chairman, on part of the
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

We, your joint committee of the Senate and House, appointed to consider the adaptation of the Torrens system of registration of land titles to the judicial system of this State, have duly considered the same, and beg leave to report for the consideration of the Senate and House of Representatives the accompanying bill, and to recommend that the same be printed both in the Journal and as a bill, and that the same do pass.

KERR, Chairman.
LEWIS.
PRESLER.
BOWSER.
WOODS.

On part of the Senate:
TRACY, Chairman.
STROTHER.

On part of the House:

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 28, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.

A minority of your committee appointed to investigate and report the advisability of adopting the Torrens land system of registration of abstracts for the State of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the following reasons:

First. That the Torrens land system has been tried in the State of Illinois and declared unconstitutional by the courts of the State.

Second. That it would cost the people of the State not less than $5,000,000 to put the law in effect should it pass. Every tract of land in the State would have to be abstracted to go on the records, and new offices created, establishing a land department in every county in the State, making a grievous burden for the people, for all abstract fees would come directly out of the property owners and would cost not less than $15 to $50 on each tract of land; and furthermore, it would in no wise be in the interest of economy.

Third. That the law if enacted would open up hundreds of thousands of land suits by laying bare all the defects in titles to land. Many of these defective titles would soon be cured by limitation, and it appears to the minority of your committee that the bill is in the interest of abstractors and lawyers and would in no wise be of benefit to the State or people, but merely a convenience to the money lenders.

FEILD,
DREW,
SKILLERN.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 28, 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 bill:

Senate bill No. 372, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the caption and sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of an act entitled 'An act to amend sections 1, 6, 7, 105, 105a, 105b and 105c, of an act entitled an act to amend sections 38, 103, 105, 106 and 108 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Fort Worth and to grant a charter to said city, approved March 20, 1889, and sections 6, 7, 29, 34, 88, and 102 of said act, as amended by the Twenty-second Legislature in 1891; and to add thereto sections 35a, 35b, 101a, 101b, 101c, 101d, 101e, 102a, 103a, 104a, 106a, 106b, and also 105a, 105b and 105c, in reference to the Board of Equalization, and providing for an appeal from said board to the district court, passed by the Legislature of Texas in the year of 1895, and to add to said act the following sections, to-wit: 105d, 105e, 105f, 105g, 105h, 105i, 105j, 105k, and 105l, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, passed by the Twenty-fifth Legislature in the year 1897, and to re-enact the caption and section 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said act, as the same are hereby amended and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 23, nays none.

Respectfully,
R. E. DODSON, Asst Secretary.
SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 372, reported above, was read first time and referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

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. 309, entitled "An act to provide for the purchase of public lands in quantities of 20 acres or less, situated on islands, by actual settlers, who have settled on and placed valuable improvements thereon, in good faith, or to their vendees, prior to the first day of January, 1885, and prescribing the price, terms, manner and time of such purchase."

House bill No. 13, "An act to validate certain illegal sales of public school, university and asylum lands, sold under section 22, chapter 99, of the acts of 1887, and the amendments thereto, sold as isolated and detached lands which were not in fact isolated and detached."

Also, House concurrent resolution No. 13, empowering the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to lease the temporary capitol.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its third reading and final passage,

Senate bill No. 88, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of certain State, district, county and precinct officers in this State, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

With amendment by Mr. Evans of Grayson, and substitute therefor by Mr. Bailey pending, and amendment to the Bailey substitute by Mr. Shropshire pending.

Mr. Tracy moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its third reading and final passage,

Senate bill No. 341, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Milam county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts on public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner and training and maintaining hedges along all public roads, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—55.

Ayers. Kimbell.
Beard. Lillard.
Bean. Logan.
Bird. Lotto.
Blackburn. Martin.
Blair. McFarland.
Boyd. McKamy.
Brewster. Meade.
Brigance. Melton.
Burney. Morris.
Burns. Morton.
Carswell. O'Connor.
Childs. Oliver.
Collier. Reubell.
Dennis. Rogers.
Dies. Schlick.
Dorrough. Shropshire.
Doyle. Smith.
Ewing. Staples.
Fisher. Stokes.
Garrison. Tracy.
Gilbough. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Good. Vaughan of Collin.
Green. Ward.
Hill of Travis. Williams.
Holland of Burnet. Wolters.
Holland of Harris.

Nays—37.

Benson. Manson.
Bertram. Maxwell.
Bounds. McKellar.
Carpenter. Mercer.
Conoly. Moore of Lamar.
Cureton. Neighbors.
Curry. Patterson.
Dean. Pfeiffer.
Dickinson. Porter.
Drew. Savage.
Evans of Grayson. Shelburne.
Feld. Stamper.
Fields. Thomas.
Freeman. Thompson.
Graham. Tucker.
Hensley. Wallace.
Hill of Gonzales. Welch.
Jones. Wilcox.
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Moore, Fort Bend.  Absent.

Excused.


Mr. Beaird moved to postpone pending business until 3 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Love moved to table the motion to postpone, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Shelburne, and Mr. Love.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas-45.

Curry.  Oliver.  Curry.
Dean.  Patterson.  Dean.
Freeman.  Thomas.  Freeman.
Hensley.  Tracy.  Hensley.
Lillard.  Welch.  Lillard.
Love.  Wilcox.  Love.

Nays-48.


Mr. Ewing (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Peery (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. McKamy (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Wood (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Savage (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. McGaughhey (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Love moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Beaird, by consent, withdrew the motion to postpone.

Mr. Wolters moved the previous question on the motion to leave the Bailey substitute, and the main question was ordered.

On the amendment by Mr. Shropshire, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Love, Mr. Sluder, and Mr. Stamper.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas-33.

Bell.  Curry.  Bell.
Benson.  Dennis.  Benson.
I vote "no" on this because it is not what the Democratic party promised; we promised a reduction of fees.

TRACY.

The substitute by Mr. Bailey was adopted.

Question next recurring on the amendment as substituted, yea and nays were demanded by Mr. Fisher, Mr. O'Connor, and Mr. Childs.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—43.

Balley. Lillard.
Benson. Love.
Bertram. McFarland.
Conoly. McKellar.
Crawford. Mercer.
Cureton. Moore of Lamar.
Curry. Morris.
Dean. Morton.
Dennis. Neighbors.
Dickinson. Oliver.
Dorroh. Pfeuffer.
Doyle. Shelburne.
Drew. Sluder.
Evans of Grayson. Stamper.
Feild. Thomas.
Freeman. Thompson.
Graham. Tucker.
Hensley. Vaughan of Collin.
Hill of Gonzales. Wall.
Jones. Wilcox.
Kimbell. 

Nays—54.

Ayers. Holland of Harris.
Bean. Manson.
Bell. Martin.
Bird. Maxwell.
Blair. Melton.
Bounds. Moore, Fort Bend.
Boyd. O'Connor.
Brewster. Patterson.
Brigance. Porter.
Browne. Randolph.
Burney. Reubell.
Burns. Rogers.
Carpenter. Schlick.
Childs. Shropshire.
Collier. Skillern.
Dies. Staples.
Edwards. Stokes.
Fields. Tracy.
Fisher. Turner.
Garrison. Vaughan, Gua'lupe.
Gilbough. Wallace.
Good. Ward.
Green. Welch.
Harris. Wolters.
Hill of Gonzales. 

Absent.

Alexander. Rudd.
Evans of Hunt. Seabury.
Lotto. Smith.
McFarland. Welch.
Pitts. 

Excused.

Barbee. Mundine.
Barrett. Peery.
Bumpass. Reiger.
Callan. Rhea.
Cillian. Robbings.
Fillat. Rogan.
Henderson. Strother.
Kirk. Thaxter.
McGaughey. Wood.

PAIRED.

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

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Pitts.  Savage.
Rudd.  Smith.
Excused.
Barrett.  Mundine.
Barbee.  Peery.
Bumpass.  Rhea.
Callan.  Relger.
Flint.  Robbins.
Henderson.  Rogan.
Humphrey.  Strother.
Kirk.  Thaxton.
McGaughey.  Wood.

PAIRED.
Mr. McKamy (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Wood (absent), who would vote "yea."
Mr. Logan (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Humphrey (absent), who would vote "yea."
Mr. Savage (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. McGaughey (absent), who would vote "nay."
Mr. Beaird (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Barbee (absent), who would vote "yea."
Mr. Ewing (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Peery (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Beaird offered the following amendment to Senate bill No. 83:

Amend the pending bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That the county judges of the several counties of this State shall receive the following fees, salaries, commissions and perquisites, to be paid by the litigant in probate matters:

Probating each will, $1.60; granting letters testamentary of administration or guardianship, 40 cents; each order of sale, 40 cents; each approval and confirmation of sale, 40 cents; each decree refusing order of sale, or refusing confirmation of sale, 40 cents; each decree of partition and distribution, $1.60; each decree approving or setting aside the report of commissioners of partition and distribution, $1.60; each decree removing an executor, administrator or guardian, to be paid by such executor, administrator or guardian, 80 cents; each flat or certificate, 40 cents; each continuance, 10 cents; each order not otherwise provided for, 40 cents; administering oath or affirmation with certificate and seal, 40 cents; administering oath or affirmation without certificate and seal, 25 cents.

There shall also be allowed to the county judge a commission of 1/2 of 1 per cent upon the actual cash receipts of each executor, administrator or guardian upon the approval of the exhibits and the final settlement of the account of such executor, administrator or guardian; but no more than one such commission shall be charged on any amounts received by any such executor, administrator or guardian.

For every case of lunacy disposed of by the county judge, $2.40, to be paid out of the county treasury. For each civil cause finally disposed of by the county judge by trial or otherwise, he shall receive a fee of $2.40, to be taxed against the party cast in the suit; provided, that if the party cast in the suit has filed his oath of inability to pay cost during the progress of the case, or be unable to pay cost, then the county judge shall be allowed by the county commissioners court such compensation as they may deem proper, not to exceed $2.40 for each such case; for testing any steel yard, balance or beam, the county judge shall receive from the applicant a fee of 50 cents, and for every weight or measure, 10 cents.

The county judge shall receive the following fees for hiring out county convicts, in all cases to be paid in advance by the party hiring the convict, the same to be repaid to the contractor or employer, when demanded, out of the wages of such convict, viz: for every bond required to be taken, 50 cents; for the examination and approval of each bond, 40 cents.

For each criminal case tried and finally disposed of, the county judge shall receive the sum of $2.40, to be paid by the county; for presiding over the commissioners court, ordering elections and making returns thereof, hearing and determining civil causes, and transacting all other official business not otherwise provided for, the county judge shall receive such salary as may be allowed by order of the commissioners court, to be paid from the county treasury; provided, that the salary so allowed shall not be an amount which, when added to the gross amount of fees, commissions and perquisites collectable by said county judge, under the provisions of this bill, will exceed the sum of $2,000 per annum.

Provided, that each county judge who serves as ex officio county superintendent of public instruction, shall be entitled to receive in addition to all the fees, salary, commissions, and perquisites above allowed by the pro-
visions of this bill, a sum equal in amount to 3.5 of the salary now allowed by law to the county superintendent of public free schools in counties of like population, to be paid by order of the commissioners court out of the available school fund of the county.

Sec. 2. That the clerks of the district courts shall be allowed the following fees in civil cases: For copy of petition, including certificate and seal, each 100 words, 15 cents; each writ of citation, 65 cents; each copy thereof, 65 cents; docketing each cause, to be charged but once, 15 cents. Docketing each rule or motion, 15 cents; filing each paper, 15 cents; entering appearance of party to a suit, to be charged but once, 15 cents; each continuance, 15 cents; swearing each witness, 10 cents; administering oath or affirmation with certificate and seal, 45 cents; issuing subpoenas, 20 cents; each additional name in subpoena, 15 cents; each order, judgment or decree, 65 cents; approving bond for cost, $1.25; swearing and impanealing a jury, 35 cents; receiving and recording verdict of jury, 35 cents; assessing damages in each case not tried by a jury, 45 cents; each commission to take deposition, 65 cents; taking deposition, each 100 words, 15 cents; each order, judgment or decree, 65 cents; when judgment or decree exceeds 200 words the additional fee for each 100 words in excess of two hundred words shall be 15 cents; each execution or order of sale, writ of possession, restitution or other writ not otherwise provided for, 65 cents; recording return of any writ when such writ is required by law to be recorded, 65 cents; each certificate to any facts contained in the records of his office, 65 cents; making out and transmitting the records and proceedings of the district court, for each 100 words, 15 cents; each order, judgment or decree, 65 cents; transmitting the mandate or judgment of the district court upon appeal from the county court, 90 cents; filing the record in any cause appealed to the district court, 45 cents; transcribing and comparing and verifying record books of his office, payable out of the county treasury upon warrants issued on order of the commissioners court, each 100 words, 10 cents; making transcript of the records and papers in any cause upon appeal or writ of error with certificate and seal, each 100 words, 15 cents; making a copy of all records of judgments or papers on file in his office for any party applying for the same, with certificate and seal, 100 words, 15 cents; issuing a writ of scire facias and making copy of same, 90 cents; issuing each license to attorney, and recording proceedings thereon, $4.00; filing and recording declarations of intention to become a citizen of the United States, $1.75; issuing certificate of naturalization, $2.25; recording each attached witness account, in felony cases to be paid by the witness, 20 cents; for recording physician’s certificate, 90 cents; for entering minute of transfer of judgment, 45 cents; in matters relating to estates of deceased persons and minors, when the same are transacted in the district court the clerk of said court shall receive the same fees that are allowed therefor to clerks of the county court. The clerks of the district court of said counties shall receive in addition to the fees herein allowed for the care and preservation of the records of his office, keeping the necessary indexes and the books of minutes, the fees provided, and paid out of the county treasury on the order of the commissioners court such sum as said commissioners court shall determine; provided, that said sum shall not be an amount which, when added to the fees, salary, commissions and perquisites allowed the clerk, under the above provisions, of this bill, will raise the annual compensation of said clerk above $2000.

Sec. 3. The sheriffs shall be allowed the following fees in all cases where the charge is a felony, and all fees accruing under this section shall be due and payable at the close of each term of the district court after approval, except as is otherwise herein provided, which shall be paid when approved by the judge, under whose orders the writ was issued; provided, that ‘in all cases when the defendant shall be finally convicted of a misdemeanor, the sheriff shall be required to pay back to the treasurer of the State a sum of money to the amount he may have received from the State in such case, and the sheriff and his bondsmen shall be responsible to the State for such sum. For executing each warrant of arrest or capias, or for making arrests without a warrant when authorized by law, the sum of 90 cents, and 5 cents for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in going to place of arrest and for conveying the prisoner or prisoners to jail, mileage as provided in subdivision —, shall be allowed.

For summoning or attaching each witness, 45 cents.
For summoning jury in each case where a jury is actually sworn in, $1.75.

For executing each death warrant, $50.

For removing a prisoner, for each mile in going and coming, including guards and other expenses when traveling by railroad, 15 cents; provided, that when more than one prisoner is removed at the same time, in addition to the foregoing, he shall be allowed 8 cents per mile for each additional prisoner; provided, that when an officer goes beyond the limits of the State after a fugitive on requisition of the governor, he shall receive such compensation as the governor shall allow for such services.

For each mile the officer may be compelled to travel in executing criminal process, summoning or attaching witnesses; provided, that in no case shall he be allowed to duplicate his mileage when two or more witnesses are named in the same or different writ in any case, and he shall serve process on them in the same vicinity or neighborhood, or during the same trip, he shall not charge mileage for serving each witness to and from the county seat, but shall only charge one mileage, and for such additional miles only as are actually and necessarily traveled in summoning or attaching each additional witness. When process is sent by mail to any officer away from the county seat, or returned by mail by such officer, he shall only be allowed to charge mileage for the miles actually traveled by him in executing such process, and the return of the officer shall show the character of the service and miles actually traveled in accordance with this subdivision, and his account shall show the facts in detail.

For service of criminal process not otherwise provided for, the sum of 5 cents per mile, going and returning, shall be allowed; provided, if two or more persons are mentioned in the same or different writs, the rule prescribed in subdivision — shall apply.

For attending a prisoner on habeas corpus, for each day, $1.75, together with mileage, as hereinbefore provided when moving such prisoner out of the county under an order issued by a district or appellate judge.

The following fees shall be allowed the sheriffs of said counties in misdemeanor cases, to be taxed against the defendant:

For executing each warrant of arrest or capias, or making arrest without warrant, 90 cents; for summoning each witness, 45 cents; for serving any writ not otherwise provided for, 90 cents; for taking and approving each bond and returning same to the court when necessary, 90 cents; for each commitment or release, 90 cents; jury fee in each case tried, 45 cents; for attending prisoner on habeas corpus, when such prisoner, upon a hearing, has been remanded to custody or held to bail, for each day's attendance, $1.75; for each mile he may be compelled to travel in executing criminal process in misdemeanor cases, summoning or attaching witnesses; providing for executing warrant or a capias within his county, 5 cents; provided, that where there are two or more persons named in the same writ, or two or more writs in the same case, he shall only charge for the mileage actually traveled in removing a prisoner, for each mile going and coming, when traveling by railroad, 10 cents; when traveling otherwise than by railroad, 15 cents.

For the safe keeping, support and maintenance of prisoners confined in jail, the sheriffs of said counties shall be allowed the following charges: For any number of prisoners, not exceeding four, he shall be paid for each prisoner for each day not exceeding 40 cents; for any number of prisoners exceeding four, for each prisoner for each day not exceeding 30 cents; for necessary medical bills and extra compensation for attending to prisoner during sickness, such an amount as the commissioners court of the county where the prisoner may be confined may determine to be just and proper; the reasonable funeral expenses in case of death of any prisoner dying in jail.

The sheriff of said county shall be allowed for each guard necessarily employed in the safe keeping of prisoners, $1.35 for each day, and there shall not be any allowance made for the board of such guards, nor shall any allowance be allowed for a jailer or turnkey.

The sheriffs of said county shall receive the following fees in civil cases:

1. Serving each original citation in civil suit, $1.35; summoning each witness, 45 cents; levying and returning each writ of attachment or sequestration, $2.25; serving each writ of garnishment, injunction or other process not otherwise provided for, 90 cents; taking and approving each bond, and returning the same to the proper court
when necessary, 90 cents; endorsing
the forfeiture of any bond required to
be endorsed by him, 45 cents; levying
each execution, $1.35; returning each
execution, 65 cents; executing or re-
turning each writ of possession or restituti
$2.70; posting the advertise-
ments for sale under the execu-
tion or any order of sales, 90 cents;
posting any other notice required by
law not otherwise provided for, 90
cents; executing a deed to each pur-
chaser of real estate under each ex-
cution or order of sale, $1.75; for each
case tried in the district court or
county court a jury fee shall be fixed
for the sheriff of 45 cents; for exec-
tuting a bill of sale to each purchaser of
personal property under execution
or order of sale, when demanded by the
purchaser, 90 cents; for services in
designating a homestead, $1.75; for
traveling in the service of any civil
process, the sheriff of the said county
shall receive 5 cents for each mile
going and coming. If two or more
persons are mentioned in the writ he
shall charge for the distance actually
and necessarily traveled in the service
of the same. For collecting money on
execution or order of sale when the
same is made by sale for the first $100
or less, 4 per cent for the second $100,
3 per cent; for all sums over $200, 2
per cent. When the money is collect-
ed by the sheriff without a sale, one-
half of the above rate shall be allowed
him. For every day the sheriff or his
deputy shall attend the district or
county court he shall receive $1.75 per
day, to be paid by the county, for
each day that the sheriff by himself
or a deputy shall attend said court.
Copy of attachment writ and return
for recording, 90 cents.

Summoning jurors in the district
and county court, serving all election
notices, notices to overseers of roads,
to the district and county courts and
doing all other public business not
otherwise provided for, the
sheriffs of said counties shall receive
such sum as may be allowed by the
commissioners court annually, to be
paid out of the county treasury upon
the order of said commissioners court.
Provided, that the amount so allowed
shall not when added to all the other
fees, salaries, commissions and per-
quises collectable by said sheriff
under the provisions of this bill ex-
ced the sum of $2,000 for any one
year, exclusive of the allowance here-
in made for his necessary deputies
and for feeding and burying prisoners,
each copy thereof, 40 cents; each copy of any paper that is required to accompany any writ or citation, with certificate and seal, for each 100 words, 10 cents; issuing letters testamentary of administration or guardianship, 40 cents; each judgment or decree, 40 cents; when judgment or decree exceeds 200 words, an additional fee for each 100 words in excess of 200 words, 10 cents; recording each paper required to be recorded by them in relation to estates of decedents or wards, for each 100 words, 10 cents; and sealing each oath to executor, administrator or guardian, 10 cents; administering oath or affirmation in other cases, without certificate and seal, 15 cents; administering oath or affirmation with certificate and seal, 20 cents; entering each order of the court approving or disapproving a claim against an estate, 20 cents; filing each paper except subpoenas, 5 cents; entering each appearance, to be charged but once, 10 cents; entering each continuance, except in estates, 10 cents; issuing each subpoena, 20 cents; each additional name inserted in each subpoena, 10 cents; approving each bond, except bond for cost, 80 cents; swearing each witness, 10 cents; swearing and empanelling a jury, 20 cents; receiving and recording each paper except subpoenas, 5 cents; recording all papers contained in the records of his office, payable out of the county treasury, for each 100 words, 15 cents; issuing each marriage license, $1.00; recording each marriage license and return, 40 cents; recording each mark and brand, or either, 20 cents; issuing each license, other than a marriage license, where the law provides for him to issue such license, 80 cents; recording and certifying bills of sale under the stock laws, for each 100 words, 15 cents; revising the list of marks and brands, such compensation as the county commissioners court may allow; qualifying a notary public, 80 cents; filing, etc., of chattel mortgages, 20 cents; for entering satisfaction of chattel mortgages, 20 cents; for recording each liquor dealer's bond, 80 cents; for issuing each liquor dealer's license, 80 cents; recording each mark and brand and giving certificate thereof, 60 cents; recording attachments and returns, same as recording deeds.

Sec. 6. The several collectors of taxes shall each receive the following compensations: Beginning with the first day of September of each year, 4½ per cent on the first $10,000 of taxes collected, and 3 3-5 per cent on the next $10,000 collected for the State, and 1 ½ per cent on all collections over that sum; for collecting the county taxes, 4 ½ per cent on the first $5000 of such taxes collected, and 3 3-5 per cent on the next $5000 collected, and 1 4-5 per cent on all such taxes collected over that sum; and in counties owing subsidies to railroads, the collectors shall receive only 1 per cent for collecting such railroad taxes, and in cases where property is levied on and sold for taxes he shall receive the same compensation as allowed by law to sheriffs or constables upon making a levy and sale in similar cases, but in no case to include commissions on such sales.

On all occupation and license taxes collected, the collector shall receive 4½ per cent on all such collections.

Sec. 7. The several assessors of taxes within this State shall receive, as compensation for their services, commissions on the value of property assessed by them as follows: For assessing the State and county tax, on all sums of $2,000,000 or less, 4½ cents for each $100 of property assessed, and all sums over $2,000,000 and less than $5,000,000, 2 4 cents each $100, and all sums over $5,000,000, 1 4-5 cents each $100. One-half of the above fees shall be paid by the State and one-half by the county, and for assessing the poll tax, 4 ½ cents on
each poll, which shall be paid by the State.

The commissions herein allowed to the assessors of taxes shall be collected and paid as now provided by law.

Sec. 8. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. That whereas this session of this Legislature is drawing to a close, and the crowded condition of the calendars of both houses, and the fact that there is now no just and adequate law providing for and regulating the fees of the district and county officers of the State creates an emergency and great public necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and said rule is suspended it is so enacted.

Mr. Beaird moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Maxwell moved to table the motion to postpone, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wolters, Mr. Williams and Mr. Maxwell.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—40.

Bean.         Kimbell.
Bell.          Love.
Benson.       Maxwell.
Bertram.      McFarland.
Browne.       McKellar.
Collier.      Moore of Lamar.
Crawford.     Morris.
Cureton.      Patterson.
Curry.        Pfeuffer.
Dean.         Porter.
Dennis.       Seabury.
Dilts.         Shelburne.
Dorothy.     Sluder.
Evans of Hunt.   Stamper.
Evans of Grayson.  Staples.
Freeman.      Thomas.
Garrison.     Thompson.
Gilbough.     Tucker.
Hensley.     Vaughan of Collin.

Nays—58.

Ayers.        Conoly.
Beaird.       Crowley.
Bird.          Dickinson.
Blackburn.    Doyle.
Blair.        Drew.
Boyd.         Ewing.
Brewster.     Field.
Brigance.     Fields.
Burney.       Fisher.
Carpenter.   Good.
Childs.       Green.
Harris.       Pitts.
Hill of Travis.  Randolph.
Holland of Burnet Reubell.
Holland of Harris. Rogers.
Jones.       Rudd.
Logan.        Schlick.
Manson.       Shropshire.
Arritt.       Smith.
McFarland.    Stokes.
McKamy.       Tracy.
Meade.       Turner.
Melton.       Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Mercer.       Wallace.
Moore, Fort Bend.  Ward.
Morton.       Wilcox.
O'Connor.     Williams.
Oliver.       Wolters

Absent.

Alexander.         Neighbors.
Burns.             Skillern.
Crawford.          Smyth.
Graham.           Welch.

Excused.

Barbee.            Mundine.
Harrett.           Peery.
Bumpass.          Reiger.
Callan.           Rhea.
Crawford.         Rogers.
Cureton.          Strother.
Curry.            Thaxton.
Dorothy.         Wood.

PAIRED.

Mr. Wall (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Strother (absent), who would vote "nay."

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

Question recurring on the motion to postpone, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bird, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Maxwell.

Postponed by the following vote:

Yeas—50.

Ayers.        Fields.
Beaird.       Fisher.
Bird.          Good.
Blair.         Graham.
Blair.         Green.
Bounds.       Harris.
Boyd.         Hill of Travis.
Brewster.     Logan.
Brigance.     Martin.
Burney.       McFarland.
Burns.        McKamy.
Carpenter.   Meade.
Childs.        Melton.
Conoly.       Moore, Fort Bend.
Crowley.      Morton.
Dickinson.    O'Connor.
Doyle.         Oliver.
Mr. Wall (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Strother (absent), who would vote "yea."

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

Mr. Ewing (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Peery (absent), who would vote "nay."

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

Senate bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe and define the liability of persons, receivers or corporations operating railroads or street railways for injuries to their servants and employes, and to prohibit contracts between employer and employee, based upon the contingency of the injury or death of the employe, limiting the liability of the employer for damages."

With majority favorable report, and minority adverse report, the minority reporting a substitute for the bill.

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Freeman moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading, Senate bill No. 226, a bill to be entitled "An act for the promotion of medical science by the distribution and use of unclaimed human bodies for scientific purposes through a board created for that purpose, and to prevent unauthorized uses and traffic in human bodies and to legalize dissections by authorized persons."

Mr. Conoly moved to take a recess until 3 o'clock p.m. today, and the motion was lost.

On the motion to suspend, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Childs, Mr. Wolters, and Mr. Drew.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—48.

Abeyr.  
Bailey.  
Bean.  
Bell.  
Benson.  
Bertram.  
Browne.  
Carswell.  
Collier.  
Crawford.  
Curry.  
Dean.  
Dennis.  
Dies.  
Dorrough.  
Drew.  
Edwards.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Evans of Grayson.  
Field.  
Freeman.  
Garrison.  
Hensley.  
Hill of Gonzales.  
Holland of Harris.  
Holland of Lamar.  
Hollister.  
Humphrey.  
Kirk.  
McGaughey.  
McKeller.  
McKenzie.  
Moore, Fort Bend.  
Moore of Lamar.  
Moore.  
Morrow.  
Nichols.  
Parker.  
Peery.  
Pfeuffer.  
Porter.  
Rogers.  
Rudd.  
Schlick.  
Shropshire.  
Skillern.  
Stokes.  
Tracy.  
Vaughan.  
Vaughan of Guadalupe.  
Vaughan of Hidalgo.  
Vaughan of Harris.  
Vaughan of Jackson.  
Vaughan of Wilson.  
Vaughan of Colun.  
Ward.  
Wolters.  
Wallace.  
Wilcox.  
Williams.  
Wolters.

Nays—52.

Ayres.  
Bailey.  
Benson.  
Bertram.  
Bird.  
Blair.  
Brewster.  
Brown.  
Carpenter.  
Carswell.  
Childs.  
Conoly.  
Cureton.  
Curry.
The House was called to order by the Speaker at 3 o'clock p. m.

Pending question,

Senate bill No. 1, the fellow servant bill, on its passage to a third reading.

(Mr. Bailey in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Lot- 

to was excused for to-day, on account of important business.

Committee Reports.

By Mr. Ward, Chairman:

Committee Room, 

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred 

House bill No. 697, a bill to be ent- 

titled "An act to amend article 3125 of 

title 61, of the Revised Civil Statutes 

of the State of Texas, relating to the 

maintenance of jalls."

Have had the same under considera- 

tion, and I am instructed to report the 

same back to the House with the rec- 

ommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, 

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1897.

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

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to 

whom was referred 

House concurrent resolution No. 24, 

to relinquish to John L. Peeler, as 

trustee of the citizens of the city of 

Austin, all the right, title, claim and 

interest of the State of Texas, in and 

to ninety-one acres of land situated 

in Travis county, Texas, with the im- 

provements thereon, known and design- 

ated as "Camp Ma 1bry;" it being the 

same property conveyed by said John 

L. Peeler, trustee, to James S. Hogg, 

Governor of the State of Texas, and 

his successors in office by deed bear- 

ing date the 14th day of December, 

A. D. 1892, and recorded in the deed 

records of Travis county, Texas, in 

book No. 105, on pages 466, etc.

Have had the same under considera- 

tion, and I am instructed to report the 

same back to the House with the rec- 

ommendation that it do pass.

WARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Melton, acting chairman.

Committee Room, 

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Irrigation, to 

whom was referred 

House bill No. 702, a bill to be ent- 

titled "An act to amend chapter 2, of 

title LX, Revised Statutes of Texas, 

relating to irrigation, so as to insert 

article 3125a providing for the equal- 

ity of price of water to all irrigators,"

Have had the same under considera- 

tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MELTON, Acting Chairman.

Mr. Doyle moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

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.”

On motion to suspend, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Childs, Mr. Wolters, and Mr. Dennis.

Suspected by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Ayers.
Beard.
Bean.
Bell.
Blackburn.
Blair.
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Brewster.
Brigance.
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Burney.
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Carswell.
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Edward.
Evans of Hunt.
Ewing.
Fisher.
Freeman.
Gibbough.
Good.
Graham.
Green.
Harris.
Hensley.
Hill of Gonzales.

Nays—16.

Bertram.
Bird.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Evans of Grayson.
Field.
Fields.
Reubell.

Absent.

Alexander.
Bailey.
Benson.
Blain.
Garrison.
Lillard.
Manson.
Meade.
O'Connor.

Excused.

Barbee.
Barrett.
Bumpass.
Callan.
Flint.
Henderson.
Humphrey.
Kirk.
Lotto.

McGaughey.

Senate bill No. 354 was laid before the House on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, House rule No. 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably be printed and laid on the desk of each member before being acted on by the House, was suspended, as pertains to this bill.

The bill was read second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Doyle moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 354 be put upon its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—92.

Ayers.
Bailey.
Beard.
Bean.
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Cureton. Moore, Fort Bend.
Dorothy. Moore, Lamar.
Doyle. Morris.
Drew. Morton.
Dorothy. O'Connor.
Evans. Oliver.
Evans of Hunt. Pfeiffer.
Evans of Grayson. Porter.
Evans of Lamar. Randolph.
Evans of Grayson, Rudd. Rudd.
Ewing. Schlick.
Evans of Grayson. Schlick.
Field. Seabury.
Fields. Shelburne.
Fisher. Shropshire.
Fisher. Skillern.
Freeman. Sluder.
Drew. Smith.
Doyle. Smyth.
Drew. Stamper.
Green. Staples.
Dorothy. Stokes.
Dickinson. Thomas.
Dorothy. Thomas.
Edwards of Hunt. Tracy.
Edwards. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Evans of Hunt. Wall.
Evans of Grayson. Wall.
Holland of Harris. Wall.
Holland of Burnet. Wall.
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The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Love moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

Senate bill No. 292, a bill to be entitled "An act making it unlawful for any fire, or fire and marine, or marine insurance company, which is legally licensed to transact the business of fire and marine insurance in this State, to place or cause to be placed, to write or cause to be written, any contract or policy of insurance against loss by fire, or the perils of the sea, on any property in this State, except through legally authorized and licensed agents, resident in the State, and prescribing penalties for violation of same; and to further prescribe conditions to be complied with by any fire, or fire and marine, or marine insurance company, before it shall be licensed or re-licensed by the Commissioner to do business in this State."

On the motion to suspend, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Drew, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Randolph.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—51.

Bean. Logan.
Blair. Love.
Bounds. Maxwell.
Brigance. McKeller.
Brown. Melton.
Burney. Mercer.
Burns. Moore, Fort Bend.
Collier. Moore of Lamar.
Crawford. Morris.
Cureton. Morton.
Dean. Neighbors.
Dennis. Rudd.
Dyes. Shelburne.
Doyle. Shropshire.
Evans of Hunt. Skillern.
Ewing. Sluder.
Freeman. Smyth.
Gilbough. Staples.
Good. Stokes.
Graham. Thompson.
Green. Tracy.
Holland of Burnet. Tucker.
Hollond of Harris. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Jones. Wilcox.
Kimbell.

Nays—43.

Ayers. Carswell.
Beard. Childs.
Bell. Comoly.
Benson. Curry.
Bertram. Dickinson.
Blackburn. Dorroh.
Brewster. Drew.
Carpenter. Edwards.

Evans of Grayson. Pitts.
Feld. Porter.
Fields. Reubell.
Fisher. Savage.
Garrison. Schlick.
Harris. Seabury.
Hill of Gonzales. Stamper.
Hill of Travis. Thomas.
Lillard. Wall.
McKamy. Ward.
Meade. Welch.
O'Connor. Williams.
Oliver. Wolters.
Pfeuffer.

Absent.

Alexander. Patterson.
Bailey. Randolph.
Bird. Rogers.
Crowley. Smith.
Hensley. Turner.
Manson. Vaughan of Collin.
Martin. Wallace.

Excused.

Barbee. Mundine.
Barrett. Peery.
Bumpass. Reiger.
Callan. Rhea.
Flint. Robbins.
Henderson. Rogan.
Humphrey. Strother.
Kirk. Thaxton.
Lotto. Wood.
McGaughey.

Mr. Smyth moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

Substitute Senate bill No. 63, a bill entitled "An act to repeal articles 4218d and 4218i, chapter 12a, title 87, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add to said chapter articles 4218ff and 4218s of said chapter and title, relating to the sale and lease of the public school and asylum land."

Lost.

Mr. Dyes moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

Substitute Senate bill No. 328, entitled "An act to amend article 812 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the removal of county seats."

On the motion to suspend, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Gilbough, Mr. Brigance, and Mr. Dyes.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—49.

Bean. Boyd.
Bell. Brigham.
Blackburn. Burney.
Blair. Burns.
Bounds. Carswell.
current resolution No. 20, providing for sine die adjournment of the Twenty-fifth Legislature on Saturday, May 1, at 12 o'clock m.

The resolution was laid before the House, read second time, and

Mr. Wolters offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "May 1" and inserting "May 10."

Mr. Dies offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by inserting "May 3" in lieu of "May 10."

Mr. Fields moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution until next Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Blair moved to table the motion to postpone, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Fields, Mr. Pitts, and Mr. Sluder.

Lost by the following vote:

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Yeas—29.

Nays—74.

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Mr. Randolph called up Senate co-
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Morris. Shropshire.
Morton. Sluder.
Neighbors. Smyth.
O'Connor. Stamper.
Oliver. Staples.
Pfeuffer. Thomas.
Porter. Tucker.
Reubell. Vaughan of Collin.
Rudd. Wall.
Savage. Wallace.
Seabury. Welch.
Shelburne. Williams.

Absent.
Bailey. Patterson.
Crawford. Turner.
Crowley. 

Excused.
Barbee. Mundine.
Barrett. Peery.
Bumpass. Reiger.
Callan. Rhea.
Flint. Robbins.
Henderson. Rogan.
Humphrey. Strother.
Kirk. Thaxton.
Lotto. Wood.
McGaughey. 

Question recurring on the motion to postpone,
Mr. Dies moved to adjourn until 9 a.m. to-morrow, and the motion was lost.
Mr. Seabury moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and the main question was ordered.
Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Brigance, Mr. Sluder, and Mr. Blair.

Postponed by the following vote:

Yeas—74.
Alexander. Evans of Hunt.
Beaird. Evans of Grayson.
Bean. Ewing.
Benson. Feld.
Bertram. Fields.
Bird. Freeman.
Blackburn. Garrison.
Bounds. Good.
Boyd. Graham.
Brewster. Harris.
Browne. Hensley.
Burns. Hill of Gonzales.
Carpenter. Hill of Travis.
Carswell. Holland of Burnet
Conoly. Kimbell.
Crawford. Lillard.
Cureton. Logan.
Curry. Love.
Dean. Manson.
Dennis. Maxwell.
Dorothy. McKamy.
Doyle. McKellar.
Drew. Meade.

Melton. Shropshire.
Moore of Lamar. Sluder.
Morris. Smyth.
Neighbors. Stamper.
O'Connor. Staples.
Oliver. Thomas.
Pfeuffer. Thompson.
Porter. Tucker.
Reubell. Vaughan of Collin.
Rudd. Wall.
Savage. Wallace.
Seabury. Welch.
Shelburne. Williams.

Nays—23.
Bell. Mercer.
Blair. Moore, Fort Bend.
Brigance. Morton.
Burney. Schlick.
Collier. Skillern.
Dies. Smith.
Edwards. Stokes.
Fisher. Tracy.
Gilbough. Ward.
Green. Wilcox.
Holland of Harris. Wolters.
Martin. 

Absent.
Ayers. Pitts.
Bailey. Randolph.
Childs. Rogers.
Crawford. Turner.
Jones. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Patterson. 

Excused.
Barbee. Mundine.
Barrett. Peery.
Bumpass. Reiger.
Callan. Rhea.
Flint. Robbins.
Henderson. Rogan.
Humphrey. Strother.
Kirk. Thaxton.
Lotto. Wood.
McGaughey. 

On motion of Mr. Brigance, the House, at 5:45 p.m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

EIGHTY-FIRST DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, April 29, 1897.

The House met at 9 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
Speaker Dashell in the chair.
Roll called and the following members present:

Alexander. Bell.
Ayers. Benson.
Bailey. Bertram.
Beaird. Bird.
Porter. Blackburn.