the democratic platform, and for many other reasons.  

I vote "yea," not that I indorse the bill, but it is a platform demand, and this is the last result.  

Mr. Freeman moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 83 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.  
The motion to table prevailed.  

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday; and Mr. Ward until 9:30 a. m. next Saturday.  
The motion of Mr. Blair was lost, and the motion of Mr. Ward prevailed.  
The House accordingly, at 7:35 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 a. m. next Saturday.

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EIGHTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
Saturday, May 1, 1897.

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

Speaker Dashell in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

Alexander.  
Ayers.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Baird.  
Bean.  
Benson.  
Blair.  
Bounds.  
Boyd.  
Brewster.  
Brigance.  
Carpenter.  
Carswell.  
Childs.  
Collier.  
Crawford.  
Cureton.  
Curry.  
Dean.  
Denps.  
Dickinson.  
Doyie.  
Drew.  
Ewing.  
Feld.  
Fields.  
Fisher.  
Freeman.  
Garrison.  
Good.  
Graham.  

Seabury.  
Shelburne.  
Shropshire.  
Skillern.  
Sluder.  
Smith.  
Smyth.  
Stampler.  
Stokes.  
Strother.  
Thaxton.  
Thomas.  

Thompson.  
Tracy.  
Tucker.  
Turner.  
Vaughan of Collin.  
Wall.  
Wallace.  
Welu.  
Williams.  
Wolters.  
Wood.

Absenl.

Bailey.  
Bell.  
Bertram.  
Bird.  
Browne.  
Burne.  
Conoly.  
Crowley.  
Dies.  
Doroh.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Evans of Grayson.  
Gilbough.  
Hill of Gonzales.  
Jones.

Logan.  
Maxwell.  
McKamy.  
Moore, Fort Bend.  
Moore of Lamar.  
Neighbors.  
O'Connor.  
Pfeuffer.  
Pitts.  
Porter.  
Rudd.  
Staples.  
Vaughan, Guanajuato.  
Ward.  
Wilcox.

Excused.

Callan.  
Edwards.  
Flint.  
Henderson.  
Henderson.  

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Rev. F. S. Jackson, Chaplain of the Senate.

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:  
Mr. Wilcox for to-day, on motion of Mr. Dickinson.

Mr. Dorroh for to-day, on motion of Mr. Wood.

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

Mr. Conoly until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Barbee.

Mr. Morris for to-day, on motion of Mr. Bean.

Mr. Evans of Grayson until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Browne until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Bird for to-day, on motion of Mr. Bumpass.

Mr. Logan until Monday, on motion of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Dies until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Collier.

Mr. Pfeuffer until Monday, on motion of Mr. Jones.
Mr. Boyd until Monday, on motion of Mr. Sluder.
Mr. Edwards until Monday, on motion of Mr. Thaxton.
On account of sickness in his family: Mr. Hill of Gonzales until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Garrison.
On account of sickness: Mr. Mundine until Monday, on motion of Mr. Skillern.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. McKellar:
A petition of 139 citizens of Polk county, Texas, asking for the restoration of the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of said county.
Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.
Also, a petition of 144 citizens of Polk county, Texas, protesting against the restoration of the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of said county.
Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Bell:
House bill No. 705, a bill to be entitled "An act to compel the commissioners courts of the several counties of the State of Texas to advertise for bids upon all contracts made by said court when the contract price shall be equal to or exceed five hundred dollars, and to prescribe the manner and mode of such advertising."
Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Ayers:
Whereas, the Hon. C. M. Templeton, of Tarrant county, and a gallant leader of the democracy of North Texas, is visiting the city; therefore, be it
Resolved, that he be invited to the privileges of the floor of this House.
[Signed: Ayers, Wallace, McGaughey and Martin.]
Read second time and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Randolph, acting chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 705, a bill to be entitled "An act to compel the commissioners courts of the several counties of the State of Texas to advertise for bids upon all contracts made by said court when the contract price shall be equal to or exceed five hundred dollars, and to prescribe the manner and mode of such advertising."
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, and that it be not printed.

RANDOLPH, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. McGaughey, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 176, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the powers, duties and compensation of the State Board of Examiners, and to regulate the issuance of State certificates."
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 and that it be not printed.

McGAUGHEY, Chairman.

By Mr. Holland of Harris, chairman:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House.
Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 700, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix the time for holding the courts in the Forty-sixth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

HOLLAND of Harris, Chairman.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.
House bill No. 690, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 1 of an act to authorize and permit the Aransas Pass Harbor Company to purchase from the State of Texas Harbor Island, certain shoal waters and flats in front thereof, and in Red Fish Bay, and to excavate a free channel along and through Turtle Cove between Corpus Christi Bay and the deep water harbor or channel at or near Aransas Pass, in order to encourage the procuring and maintenance of deep water at Aransas
Pass, and prescribing certain conditions attaching to and following with such purchase, passed at the present session, and which became a law April 8, 1897, without the Governor's approval."

The bill was read third time.

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

The bill was passed.

The Speaker laid before the House, 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 bill was read third time, and was passed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, Senate bill No. 345, a bill to be entitled "An act to further amend section 2, of an act entitled an act to reorganize the Fifteenth Judicial District and the Fortieth Judicial District, and to amend chapter 58, section 15, of the General Laws of Texas, approved April 9, 1888, redistricting the State for judicial purposes, and to amend section 2, of chapter 58, of the General Laws of Texas, approved March 27, 1885, creating the Fortieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, passed at the present session of the Legislature, and to further regulate and fix the times of holding courts in the Fortieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill as read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—SS.


Brigance.

Absent.

Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 345 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 684, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district courts in the Eighth judicial district of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

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

The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 704, a bill to be entitled "An act to place Comal county in the Twenty-second judicial district, and to fix the time for holding court in the counties of said district."

The bill was read second time and was ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its engrossment, as pending business from last Saturday,

House bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to permit all short-term State convicts and all county convicts to be worked on the public roads and highways of this State."

With the following amendment by Mr. Shelburne pending:

Amend section 12, page 2, line 31, by striking out "five" and inserting in lieu thereof "two."

Mr. Lotto moved to table the amendment, and the motion was lost. After consideration by the House, Mr. Stamper moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Shelburne, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Lotto, Mr. Love and Mr. Barbee.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—72.

Alexander.  
Ayres.  
Bailey.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Beard.  
Bell.  
Benson.  
Bounds.  
Boyd.  
Brewster.  
Carpenter.  
Colliner.  
Crowley.  
Cureton.  
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Dean.  
Dennis.  
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Jones.  
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Love.  
Manson.  
Martin.  
McFarland.  
McGaughey.  
McKeller.  
Meade.  
Mercer.  
Moore, Fort Bend.  
Neighbors.  
Oliver.  
Patterson.  
Peery.  
Randolph.  
Reiger.  
Robbins.  
Rogers.  
Rudd.  
Savage.  
Schlick.  
Seabury.  
Shelburne.  
Shropshire.  
Sluder.  
Smith.  
Smyth.  
Stamp.  
Staples.  
Strother.  
Thaxton.  
Thomas.  
Thompson.  
Tracy.  
Tucker.  
Vaughan, Guadalupe.  
Vaughan of Collin.  
Wallace.  
Wall.  
Welch.  
Wood.  

Nays—15.

Bumpass.  
Burns.  
Crawford.  
Doyle.  
Holland of Burnet.  
Hollan.  
Jones.  
Lillard.  
Love.  
Manson.  
Martin.  
McKamy.  
Morton.  
Rogan.  
Skillern.  
Stokes.  
Turner.  
Wall.  
Welch.  

Absent.

Bean.  
Bertram.  
Blair.  
Brigance.  
Burney.  
Carswell.  
Childs.  
Dickinson.  
Drew.  
Evans of Hunt.  
Fisher.  
Good.  
Kimbell.  
Maxwell.  
Melton.  
Morris.  
Mundine.  
O'Connor.  
Pitts.  
Porter.  
Ward.  
Wolters.
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**On engrossment of the bill.** Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Lotto.
Mr. Kirk and Mr. Harris.

The bill was lost by the following vote:

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**PAIRED.**

Mr. Sluder (present), who would vote “yea,” with Mr. Boyd (absent), who would vote “nay.”

Mr. Brigance moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 18 was lost, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 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, 84 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, 102a, 104a, 105a, 105b, 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, 105m, 105n and 105p, 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 sections 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.”

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

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

Mr. Mcugahey then moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 372 be put upon its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—87.
Alexander. Martin.
Ayers. Mcugahey.
Bailey. McKamy.
Barbee. McKellar.
Barrett. Melton.
Beard. Merer.
Bell. Moore, Fort Bend.
Benson. Morris.
Blair. Morton.
Brewster. Neighbors.
Brigance. Oliver.
Bumpass. Peery.
Burns. Randolph.
Carpenter. Reiger.
Childs. Robbins.
Crawford. Rogers.
Cureton. Rudd.
Curry. Savage.
Dennis. Schlick.
Dickinson. Seabury.
Doyle. Shelburne.
Ewing. Skillern.
Field. Sluder.
Fields. Smith.
Freeman. Smyth.
Garrison. Stamper.
Gilbough. Staples.
Graham. Strother.
Green. Thaxton.
Harris. Thomas.
Hensley. Thompson.
Hill of Travis. Thompson.
Holland of Harris, Tucker.
Jones. Turner.
Kimbell. Vaughan of Collin.
Kirk. Wall.
Lillard. Wallace.
Lotto. Welch.
Love. Williams.
Manson. Wood.

Nays—none.

Absent.
Bertram. Collier.
Bounds. Dean.
Burney. Edwards.
Carswell. Fisher.

Good. Pitts.
Maxwell. Porter.
McFarland. Reubell.
Mundine. Vaughan, Guadalupe
O'Connor. Ward.
Patterson. Wolters.

Excused.
Bird. Flint.
Bayd. Henderson.
Callan. Humphrey.
Conoly. Logan.
Dies. Moore of Lamar.
Doroh. Pfeiffer.
Drew. Rhea.

Evans of Grayson. Wilcox.

Senate bill No. 372 read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—88.
Alexander. Manson.
Ayers. Martin.
Barbee. Mcugahey.
Barrett. McKamy.
Beard. McKellar.
Bean. Meade.
Bell. Melton.
Blair. Mercer.
Bounds. Moore, Fort Bend.
Brewster. Morton.
Brigance. Neighbors.
Bumpass. Oliver.
Burns. Peery.
Carpenter. Randolph.
Childs. Reiger.
Coller. Reubell.
Crawford. Robbins.
Crowley. Rogers.
Curry. Savage.
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Kirk. Wall.
Lillard. Wallace.
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Nays—none.
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Benson. Absent.
Bertram. Mandine.
Burney. O'Connor.
Carswell. Patterson.
Drew. Pitts.
Dean. Porter.
Fisher. Rudd.
Hensley. Vaughn, Guadalupe.
Maxwell. Ward.
Morris. Wolters.

Excused.

Bird. Flint.
Callan. Logan.
Dies. Moore of Lamar.
Dorroh. Rhea.
Edwards. Wilcox.
Evans of Grayson.

Mr. Ayers moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 172 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House on its second reading,
House bill No. 700, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix the time for holding the courts in the Forty-sixth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

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

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Bumpass raised the point of no quorum, whereupon on motion of Mr. Peery, the House, at 12:30 p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

EIGHTY-THIRD DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, May 3, 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:

Mr. Speaker. Bertram.
Alexander. Bird.
Ayers. Blair.
Barbee. Bouda.
Barrett. Brewster.
Beard. Rigance.

Bumpass. McKellar.
Burns. Mercer.
Carpenter. Moore of Lamar.
Childs. Morton.
Conoly. Mundine.
Crawford. O'Connor.
Crowley. Oliver.
Curray. Peery.
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Dickinson. Randolph.
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Freeman. Scabury.
Garrison. Shelburne.
Graham. Shropshire.
Green. Skillern.
Harris. Smith.
Hensley. Smyth.
Hill of Gonzales. Stamper.
Hill of Travis. Staples.
Holland of Burnet. Strother.
Humphrey. Thaxton.
Jones. Thomas.
Kimbell. Thompson.
Kirk. Tracy.
Lillard. Tucker.
Logan. Turner.
Lotto. Vaughan of Collin.
Love. Wall.
Manson. Wallace.
Martin. Ward.
Maxwell. Welch.
McFarland. Williams.
McGaughey. Wolters.
McKamy. Wood.

Absent.

Bailey. Meade.
Bean. Moore, Fort Bend.
Bell. Morris.
Benson. Neighbors.
Boyd. Patterson.
Carswell. Pfeiffer.
Collier. Porter.
Dennis. Rudd.
Dorroh. Savage.
Fisher. Sluder.
Gilbough. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Good. Wilcox.
Holland of Harris.

Excused.

Browne. Evans of Grayson.
Burney. Flint.
Callan. Henderson.
Dies. Rhea.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Rev. F. S. Jackson, Chaplain of the Senate.

Pending reading of the Journal of Saturday,