trust in St. Louis has had the printing of these books, and that they have been making the lawyers of Texas pay $4 per volume for them, whereas Mr. Gammel, under this bill, was to furnish them at $2.

MORTON.

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

NINETY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, May 21, 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:


Wall.

Absent.


Excused.


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. Henderson, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:

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

Mr. Peery until Monday, on motion of Mr. Hensley.

Mr. Evans of Grayson until Monday, on motion of Mr. Martin.

Mr. Strother until Monday, on motion of Mr. Hill of Gonzales.

Mr. Mundine until Monday, on motion of Mr. Burney.

Mr. Stamper until Monday, on motion of Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Wall until Monday, on motion of Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Dean until Monday, on motion of Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Rogers until Monday, on motion of Mr. Moore of Lamar.

Mr. Randolph until Monday, on motion of Mr. Barbee.

Mr. Dies for yesterday and until Monday, on motion of Mr. Cureton.

Mr. Collier for Wednesday and until Monday, on motion of Mr. Hensley.

Mr. Doyle until Monday, on motion of Mr. Wood.

Mr. Patterson for to-day, on motion of Mr. Benson.

Mr. Wallace until Monday, on motion of Mr. Rudd.
Mr. Garrison until Monday, on motion of Mr. Meade.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Pfeuffer called up Senate joint resolution No. 16, granting Judge Eugene Archer, district judge in the Thirty-eighth Judicial District, leave of absence from the State.

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

Mr. Pfeuffer 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. Bumpass:

House concurrent resolution No. 34, authorizing and directing the State printing board to contract for a reprint of such appellate court reports as are now out of print, and also such as may hereafter become out of print, or nearly so; and providing certain conditions and limitations in relation to such contract, and the manner of letting same;

Whereas, Many of the volumes of the Supreme Court Reports of the State of Texas are out of print, and the State's supply thereof has been exhausted; and

Whereas, other volumes of said reports are now nearly exhausted, and doubtless will be entirely so at no very distant time; and

Whereas, other volumes of which a sufficient supply is now on hand are likely to become insufficient to supply the demand therefor; and

Whereas, the State owns and has on hand the stereotyped plates for many of said volumes, and will have others; and

Whereas, the State printing board is without authority to contract for a reprint of said reports; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the State printing board be and the same is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make such contract or contracts as may be necessary to secure a reprint of such of said reports as are now exhausted, or nearly so, and such as may hereafter become exhausted or nearly so; provided, that the reprinting of said reports shall be done without cost to the State; and provided further, that such contract or contracts shall stipulate that the State and the publisher or publishers of said reports shall sell the same at the same price, such price not to exceed two dollars ($2) per volume, and such volumes to be printed and bound in a style equally as good as the current numbers of said reports; and provided further, that this resolution shall also apply to the Courts of Civil Appeal Reports and the Court of Criminal Appeals Reports, should said board find a reprint thereof advisable and necessary; and provided further, that such contract shall be let to the best bidder after such publication for bids therefor as the board may think proper, and shall require that said reports be printed within this State.

Read second time and adopted.

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

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Wall called up House concurrent resolution No. 29, which was printed in the Journal May 13, read first time and went over.

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

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

Mr. Wall offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the words "Twenty-sixth Legislature" the following, "or any special session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

Adopted.

Mr. Henderson moved to table the resolution.

Lost.

Mr. Meade moved to refer to the Committee on Judicial Districts, and moved the previous question on the motion to refer.

The main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Brigance, Mr. Wall and Mr. Barbee.

Mr. Brigance moved a call of the House, and the call was seconded.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and it appeared that the following members were absent without leave: Messrs. Bailey, Bell, Blair, Carswell, Dickinson, Edwards, Fields, Gilbough, Hensley, Jones, Logan, Lottto, Melton, Morris, Neighbors, Pitts, Rogers, Smith, Thompson, Vaughan of Guadalupe, Welch and Williams.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

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

I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:
House bill No. 279, a bill to be entitled "An act declaring the theft of cotton over the value of $20 a felony, and under the value of $20 a misdemeanor, and fixing a penalty therefor."

With amendment, and by a four-fifths vote.

Substitute House bill No. 609, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 5088, 5076, 5098 and 5120, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to listing and rendition of property for taxation."

House bill No. 711, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Parker county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners; and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties; and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court; and making provisions of act applicable, as far as practicable, to convicts when worked on county farm; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same; and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Parker county; and to authorize the commissioners court of Parker county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and highways for Parker county, and to provide for the election of said superintendent, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation for said superintendent when elected, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer."

With amendments, and by a two-thirds vote: yeas 25, nays none.

Senate joint resolution No. 21, permitting Hon. W. R. Smith, judge of the Thirty-second judicial district of Texas, leave of absence for sixty days from the State.

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 20, nays 2.

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 Co. 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."

By a two-thirds vote: yeas 20, nays 1.

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."

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

With amendments, and by a two-thirds vote: yeas 21, nays 5.

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following bills received from the Senate were read first time, and referred as follows:

Senate bills Nos. 129 and 278, to the Committee on Education.
Mr. Turner called up substitute House bill No. 221, with Senate amendments.

The bill was laid before the House, the amendments read, and
On motion of Mr. Turner, the House concurred.
Mr. Turner moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
Mr. Shropshire called up House bill No. 711, with Senate amendments.
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The bill was laid before the House, the amendments read, and
On motion of Mr. Shropshire, the House concurred.
Mr. Shropshire moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
Mr. Staples called up House bill No. 279, with Senate amendments. The bill, with amendments, was laid before the House, and the amendments were read, and
On motion of Mr. Staples, the House concurred.
Mr. Staples moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.

**SPEAKER’S TABLE.**

Mr. Wood moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading, Senate bill No. 360.
Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Conoly, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Rogan.
Lost by the following vote:

- **Yeas—56:**
  - Alexander.
  - Ayers.
  - Barrett.
  - Beaird.
  - Bean.
  - Benson.
  - Blackburn.
  - Brigance.
  - Childs.
  - Conoly.
  - Crawford.
  - Dennis.
  - Dorroh.
  - Doyle.
  - Drew.
  - Evans of Hunt.
  - Ewing.
  - Feld.
  - Fisher.
  - Garrison.
  - Graham.
  - Harris.
  - Hill of Gonzales.
  - Hill of Travis.
  - Holland of Harris.
  - Humphrey.
  - Kirk.
  - Barbee.
  - Bertram.
  - Bounds.
  - Brewster.
  - Browne.
  - Bumpass.

- **Nays—30:**
  - Good.
  - Henderson.
  - Holland of Burnet.
  - Lillard.
  - Love.
  - Martin.
  - Maxwell.
  - Pfeuffer.
  - Rhea.
  - Shelburne.
  - Shropshire.
  - Stokes.
  - Thaxton.
  - Thomas.
  - Tucker.
  - Wall.
  - Wallace.

Absent.
- Bailey.
- Bell.
- Bird.
- Blair.
- Boyd.
- Carswell.
- Dickinson.
- Evans of Grayson.
- Fields.
- Gilboough.
- Green.
- Hensley.
- Jones.
- Logan.
- Mundine.
- Collier.
- Crowley.
- Dean.
- Dies.
- Edwards.
- Flint.
- Kimbell.

Excused.
- Callan.
- Carpenter.
- Cureton.
- Davis.
- Gordon.
- Griffith.
- Harris.
- Hill.
- Hough.
- Humphrey.
- Kirk.
- Lillard.
- Love.
- Mart.
- Maxwell.
- McFarland.
- McGaughey.
- McKamy.
- McKellar.
- Meade.
- Mercer.
- Moore, Fort Bend.
- Moore of Lamar.
- Morton.
- O’Connor.
- Oliver.
- Porter.
- Reiger.
- Reubell.
- Rogers.
- Rhea.
- Rhea.
- Rhea.
- Rhea.
- Russey.
- Seabury.
- Sklittle.
- Smyth.
- Staples.
- Strother.
- Turner.
- Vaughan of Collin.
- Wilcox.
- Wolters.
- Wood.
- Burney.
- Burns.
- Carpenter.
- Cureton.
- Curry.
- Freeman.

On motion of Mr. Wall, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading,
Senate bill No. 296, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 14, title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, by adding after article 3993b a new article, to be numbered 3993c, providing for the organization of school district in community counties, and validating such districts herefore organized."

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

Amed by inserting between the word "voters" and the word "of," in line 28 of the bill, the words "who are freeholders in said proposed school district."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Bertram.

The bill was passed to a third reading.
Mr. McGaughey moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 296 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Senate bill No. 296 was laid before the House on its third reading and final passage, read third time, and passed.

Mr. McNaughtey moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 296 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Ward offered the following resolution:

House concurrent resolution No. 35, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Twenty-fifth Legislature do stand adjourned sine die at 3 o'clock p.m., May 21, 1897.

The resolution was read second time.

After consideration by the House, Mr. Wolters moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Rhea.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—72.
Alexander. Holland of Harris.
Barbee. Humphrey.
Barrett. Lillard.
Bean. McFarland.
Benson. McNaughtey.
Bertram. McKamy.
Bird. McKellar.
Blackburn. Meade.
Bounds. Mercer.
Brewster. Moore of Lamar.
Brigance. Morton.
Browne. O'Connor.
Bumpass. Oliver.
Burns. Pfeuffer.
Carpenter. Porter.
Carswell. Reiger.
Childs. Reubell.
Crawford. Rhea.
Cureton. Roger.
Curry. Seabury.
Dennis. Shelburne.
Dorroh. Shropshire.
Doyle. Skillern.
Drew. Sluder.
Ewing. Staples.
Field. Stokes.
Fisher. Stroker.
Freeman. Thomas.
GarrISON. Tracy.
Graham. Tucker.
Harris. Vaughan of Collin.
Henderson. Wall.
Hill of Gonzales. Ward.
Hill of Travis. Wilcox.
Holland of Burnet. Wood.

Nays—16.
Beard. Martin.
Burney. Maxwell.
Conoly. Moore, Fort Bend.
Good. Rudd.
Green. Schlick.
Kirk. Thaxton.
Love. Wallace.
Manson. Wolters.

Absent.
Ayres. Lotto.
Bailey. Melton.
Bell. Morris.
Blair. Neighbors.
Boyd. Pitts.
Dickinson. Rogers.
Edwards. Smith.
Fields. Thompson.
Gilbough. Turner.
Hensley. Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Jones. Welch.
Logan. Williams.

Excused.
Callan. Dies.
Collier. Evans of Grayson.
Crowley. Flint.
Dean. Kimbell.

Mundine. Robbins.
Patterson. Savage.
Peery. Stamper.
Randolph.

Mr. McNaughtey moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 296 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
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. 696, entitled "An act to amend section 51, of article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors."

House bill No. 603, entitled "An act to amend articles 5068, 5076, 5098 and 5130, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

House bill No. 49, entitled "An act to transfer to the general revenue account the unexpended balance of the United States direct tax fund remaining in the State treasury on the 2d day of March, A. D. 1897, the same to be used in the payment of the current expenses of the State government."

Senate bill No. 363, entitled "An act to authorize the Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad extending from the town of Bremond, in Robertson county, to the town of Ross, in McLennan county, commonly known as the Waco and Northwestern division of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, with its appendances, or any part thereof, and to authorize a corresponding increase in the authorized aggregate of the bonds and stocks of said Texas Central Railway Company."

Senate bill No. 293, entitled "An act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations required or permitted by law or the charter, ordinances, rules or regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed, with surety or securities, and guaranteeing the refunding from or performance by another, of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business, and to repeal chapter XVI, title 21, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

Senate joint resolution No. 20, granting leave of absence from the State of Texas for sixty days to Hon. W. M. Allison, Judge of the Thirty-third district of Texas.

House bill No. 690, 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 Redfish bay, and to excavate a free channel along and through Turtle Cove, between Corpus Christi Bay and in Redfish 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 such purchase, passed at the present session, and which became a law April 8, 1897.

House bill No. 711, entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Parker county, Texas," etc.

House bill No. 279, entitled "An act declaring the theft of cotton over the value of $20 a felony, and under the value of $20 a misdemeanor, and affixing penalties thereto."

Substitute House bill No. 207, entitled "An act to amend article 5041, chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to occupation taxes."

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

House bill No. 700, 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."

Mr. Freeman moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading, Senate bill No. 226.

Yea and nays were demanded by Mr. Fields, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Evans of Hunt.

Yea—65.

Yea—65.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Beaird.
Bertram.
Bird.
Burney.
Burns.
Burns.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Browne.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorrah.
Doyle.
Drew.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Morton.
O’Connor.
Oliver.
Pfeiffer.
Porter.
Reiger.
Reubell.
Rogers.
Rudd.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Shelburne.

Nays—21.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Beaird.
Bertram.
Bird.
Burney.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorrah.
Doyle.
Drew.
Shropshire.
Sluder.
Smyth.
Staples.
Strother.
Thaxton.
Turner.
Turner, Collin.
Wallace.
Wilcox.
Wolters.

Nays—21.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Beaird.
Bertram.
Bird.
Burney.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorrah.
Doyle.
Drew.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Morton.
O’Connor.
Oliver.
Pfeiffer.
Porter.
Reiger.
Reubell.
Rogers.
Rudd.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Shelburne.

Nays—21.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Beaird.
Bertram.
Bird.
Burney.
Burns.
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Burns.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorrah.
Doyle.
Drew.
Shropshire.
Sluder.
Smyth.
Staples.
Strother.
Thaxton.
Turner.
Turner, Collin.
Wallace.
Wilcox.
Wolters.

Nays—21.

Alexander.
Barbee.
Beaird.
Bertram.
Bird.
Burney.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Burns.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Carpenter.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorrah.
Doyle.
Drew.
Shropshire.
Sluder.
Smyth.
Staples.
Strother.
Thaxton.
Turner.
Turner, Collin.
Wallace.
Wilcox.
Wolters.

Nays—21.
Mr. Fields moved to excuse the absentees, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Fields, Mr. Evans of Hunt and Mr. McFarland.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas-12.
Bertram.
Drew.
Evans of Hunt.
Fields.
Love.

Nays-74.
Alexander.
Ayers.
Barrett.
Beard.
Bean.
Benson.
Blackburn.
Bounds.
Brewster.
Browne.
Bumpass.
Burney.
Burns.
Carpenter.
Carswell.
Childs.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorothy.
Doyle.
Ewing.
Fisher.
Freeman.
Good.
Graham.
Green.
Harris.
Henderson.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Holland of Harris.
Humphrey.
Kirk.
Martin.

Absence.
Barbee.
Bell.
Bird.
Blair.
Boyd.
Brigance.
Dean.
Dickinson.
Edwards.
Gilbough.
Hensley.
Holland of Burnet.

Excused.
Callan.
Coller.
Crowley.
Dies.
Evans of Grayson.
Flint.
Garrison.
Kimbell.

Mundine.
Patterson.
Peery.
Randolph.
Robbins.
Savage.
Stamper.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

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

I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has refused to concur in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 138, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 2439, chapter 1, of title XLV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the fees the Secretary of State is authorized and required to charge for the use of the State for charters, amendments and supplements thereto, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act in so far as they may affect the same."

Also, that the Senate has adopted House concurrent resolution No. 35, fixing the day of adjournment sine die of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Also, that the Senate has concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 258, known as the text-book bill; yeas 17, nays 10.

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 154, entitled "An act to require cities to provide for a board of plumbers, to be known as the examining and supervising board of plumbers, to regulate the duties of said board, and to provide penalties for violations hereof."

The Speaker stated that he would sign, in the presence of the House, after its caption had been read, Senate bill No. 258.

Mr. Evans of Hunt raised the point of order that the bill had not been properly enrolled from the fact that an amendment adopted by the House had not been reported to the Senate, but was fraudulently inserted in the bill in the Senate.

Mr. Brigance raised the point that
it is the duty of the Committee on Enrolled Bills to see that a bill is properly enrolled, and when presented to the Speaker regularly, it is his duty to sign it.

The Chair overruled the point raised by Mr. Evans of Hunt, and sustained that of Mr. Brigance.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker then signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 258, entitled "An act to empower the State Board of Education to procure for use in the public schools of this State a series of uniform text-books, defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto, making appropriation therefor, defining certain misdemeanors, providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Seabury called up Senate bill No. 138, with Senate amendments, and moved that the House recede from its amendments, and agree to the bill as it passed the Senate.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Seabury, Mr. Rudd and Mr. Thompson.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—85.

Yeas: Alexander, Ayers, Barbee, Barrett, Beard, Bean, Benson, Bertram, Bird, Blackburn, Bounds, Brewer, Brigance, Browne, Bumpass, Burney, Burns, Carpenter, Carswell, Childs, Conoly, Crawford, Cureton, Curry, Dennis, Dorroh, Doyle, Drew, Moore of Lamar, Morton, O'Connor, Oliver, Pfeiffer, Porter, Reiger, Reubell, Rhea, Rogan, Rudd, Schlick, Seabury, Shelburne, Shropshire.

Nays—3.

Nays: Blair, Good, Tracy.

Absent: Bailey, Bell, Boyd, Dickinson, Edwards, Henderson, Hensley, Jones, Logan, Lott, Melton, Moore of Lamar, Morton, O'Connor, Oliver, Pfeiffer, Porter, Reiger, Reubell, Rhea, Rogan, Rudd, Schlick, Seabury, Shelburne, Shropshire.

Excused: Callan, Collier, Crowley, Dean, Dies, Evans of Grayson, Savage, Flint, Garrison, Kimbell.

Mr. Rogan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Speaker of this House do appoint a committee of three members to act with a like committee from the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Twenty-fifth Legislature is about to adjourn sine die, and that the two houses are ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

Read second time and adopted.

The Speaker, in accordance therewith, announced the following committee: Messrs. Rogan, Meade and Bounds.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Gonzales, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and place on its second reading, Senate bill No. 95, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 976 of chapter 8, title 27, of the Revised
Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to payments of costs and returning mandates in the Supreme Court."

The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Gonzales moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 95 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—78.


Senate bill No. 95, laid before the House on its third reading and final passage, read third time and passed. Mr. Hill of Gonzales moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 95 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Travis, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and place on its second reading, Senate bill No. 231, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title XXXII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding to an additional article, to be entitled article 1547d."

The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Travis moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 231 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—81.

After further consideration by the House, Mr. Brigance moved the previous question and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Bertram.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Mr. Speaker. Manson.
Bailey. McGaughey.
Barrett. McKamy.
Beard. Meade.
Blackburn. Moore, Fort Bend.
Blair. O'Connor.
Brigance. Oliver.
Browne. Pfeuffer.
Burney. Porter.
Burns. Reiger.
Childs. Reubell.
Crawford. Rogn.
Cureton. Rudd.
Curry. Schlick.
Dorroh. Seabury.
Edwards. Shropshire.
Ewing. Smyth.
Field. Staples.
Fisher. Stokes.
Gilbough. Strother.
Green. Thaxton.
Harris. Thompson.
Hill of Gonzales. Tracy.
Hill of Travis. Turner.
Holland or Burnet. Wallace.
Humphrey. Ward.
Kirk. Williams.
Lillard. Wolters.
Logan. Wood.

Nays—24.

Alexander. Hensley.
Barbee. Love.
Bartram. Martin.
Bounds. Moore of Lamar.
Brewster. Morton.
Bumpass. Neighbors.
Carpenter. Rhea.
Dennis. Shelburne.
Drew. Skillern.
Freeman. Tucker.
Graham. Vaughan of Collin.
Henderson. Wilcox.

Absent.

Bell. Evans of Grayson.
Benson. Fields.
Bird. Good.
Boyd. Holland of Harris.
Carswell. Jones.
Conoly. Lotto.
Dickinson. Maxwell.
Evans of Hunt. McKellar.

Nays—6.

Bumpass. Martin.
Burney. Rhea.
Henderson. Welch.

Absent.

Bell. Jones.
Boyd. Lotto.
Burns. McKellar.
Carpenter. Melton.
Carswell. Morris.
Conoly. Pitts.
Dickinson. Reubell.
Edwards. Rogers.
Evans of Grayson. Smith.
Green. Vaughan, Guad'lup.
Hensley. Vaughan of Collin.
Holland of Burnet

Excused.

Callan. Mundine.
Collier. Patterson.
Crowley. Peery.
Dean. Randolph.
Dies. Robbins.
Doyle. Savage.
Flint. Stamper.
Garrison. Wallace.
Kimbell.
Mr. Ward moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 231 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and place on its second reading Substitute Senate bill No. 320, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 23, chapter 4, of Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to county lines, by adding thereto article 808a."

The bill was laid before the House, read second time, and passed to third reading.

Mr. Crawford moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that substitute Senate bill No. 320 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—79.

Mr. Speaker.
Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beard.
Bean.
Benson.
Bertram.
Blackburn.
Bound.
Brewster.
Brigance.
Brown.
Burns.
Childs.
Colby.
Crawford.
Cureton.
Curry.
Dennis.
Dorroh.
Drew.

Smith.
Thomas.
Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Welch.

Mr. Speaker.
Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaird.
Bean.
Benson.
Bertram.
Blackburn.
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Brigance.
Brown.
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Curry.
Dennis.
Dorroh.
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Edwards.
Evans of Hunt.
Field.
Fields.
Freeman.
Gilbough.
Good.
Graham.
Green.
Harris.
Hensley.
Hill of Gonzales.
Hill of Travis.
Hollan of Burnet.
Humphrey.
Kirk.
Kot.
Manson.
McFarland.
McGaughy.
Mckamy.
McKellar.
Meade.

Mr. Speaker.
Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaird.
Bean.
Benson.
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Humphrey.
Kirk.
Kot.
Manson.
McFarland.
McGaughy.
Mckamy.
McKellar.
Meade.

Mercer.
Moore, Fort Bend.
Moore of Lamar.
Morton.
Neighbors.
O'Connor.
Oliver.
Pfeuffer.
Porter.
Reiger.
Reubell.
Rhea.
Rogan.
Rudd.
Schlick.
Seabury.
Shelburne.

Mr. Speaker.
Ayers.
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McGaughy.
Mckamy.
McKellar.
Meade.

Shelburne.

Mr. Speaker.
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Meade.
AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess, the House was called to order by the Speaker.

Pending question: House concurrent resolution No. 29, which was pending on adoption when the House went under call this morning.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

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

I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

Substitute Senate bill No. 195, a bill to be entitled “An act making the fathers of illegitimate children liable for their support and maintenance, and providing for means to recover such fathers money for that purpose, and regulating the application and expenditure of the same.”

Respectfully,

R. E. DODSON,
Assistant Secretary.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

Substitute Senate bill No. 195, reported above, was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 20, 1897.

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

I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House concurrent resolution No. 34, relating to printing certain out-of-print court reports.

Respectfully,

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

Mr. Rogan, chairman, submitted the following report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

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

Mr. Speaker: Your committee appointed to inform his Excellency the Governor, that the Twenty-fifth Legislature is about to adjourn sine die, and that the House awaits any communication which he may desire to make, have discharged that duty, and we are requested by his Excellency to say to the House that, under the circumstances, he does not consider it necessary to make any communication to the House at this time.

ROGAN,
BOYD,
MEADE,
Committee.

By Mr. Wilcox:
Resolved, that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature hereby tenders its thanks and expresses its high appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Enrolling Clerk, R. S. Rich.

Read second time, and adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

By Mr. McGaughey:
Resolved, that the Postmaster be requested to bring the House mail to the House postoffice and care for it till further ordered.

Read second time, and adopted.

By Mr. Wolters:
Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, that the thanks of the members are hereby tendered to Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House, for the fair and courteous manner in which he has presided over the sessions of this body. We shall cherish his name and bear it in kind remembrance for the courtesy and fairness he has shown in the discharge of the delicate and important duties devolving upon him. We hope that he may be blessed with a long and prosperous life, full of usefulness to the State and to his countrymen.

(Mr. Wolters in the chair.)

The resolution was read second time, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

(Speaker in the chair.)

By Mr. Wolters:
Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed to permit S. B. Hill to hang the group of photographs of the members of the House, and of the various committees, in this hall. (Signed — Wolters, McKamy.

Read second time, and adopted.

By Mr. Meade:
Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered Hon. L.
D. Lillard, chairman of the Enrolling Committee, for his patient, careful and accurate work in comparing bills and resolutions during the present session of this Legislature, and that this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House.

Read second time, and adopted.

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:

- Senate bill No. 231, entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title XXXII, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto an additional article, to be entitled article 1547d."

- Senate bill No. 95, entitled "An act to amend article 976, chapter 8, title 27, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to payment of costs and returning mandates in the Supreme Court."

- Senate bill No. 296, entitled "An act to amend chapter 14, of title 56, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, by adding after article 3993b a new article, to be numbered 3993c, providing for the organization of school districts in community counties, and validating such districts heretofore organized."

Also,

- Senate joint resolution No. 16, granting Judge Eugene Archer, district judge of the Thirty-eighth judicial district, leave of absence from the State.

And,

- House concurrent resolution No. 94, relating to printing certain out-of-print court reports.

When the Speaker announced that he would sign certain bills named above,

Mr. Fields raised the point that it was already one minute past the hour fixed for sine die adjournment, and that it was not in order for the Speaker to sign bills after the hour for sine die adjournment had arrived.

The point of order was overruled by the Chair.

By Mr. Burney:

Resolved, that the thanks of the House be extended to the porters for faithful service. [Signed: Stokes, Burney.]

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Porter:

Resolved, that we commend the pages for their faithful services during the session.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Wallace:

Be it resolved, that the thanks of the House be extended to the Sergeant-at-Arms and his Assistant, who have so faithfully served us.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Freeman:

Resolved, that the thanks of the House be extended to Mrs. Franklin for her very efficient and faithful services as Postmistress.

Read second time, and adopted by a rising vote.

By Mr. Williams:

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to our efficient Doorkeeper and his Assistant.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Crawford:

Resolved, that the thanks of the members of the Twenty-fifth Legislature be extended to the citizens of the city of Austin for the many acts of kindness shown them during our stay in Austin.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Dennis:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, that the thanks of the House are hereby extended to Mr. J. K. Salter, engrossing clerk, for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Read second time and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By Mr. Dennis, acting chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 20, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Substitute House bill No. 139, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 94 of chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 4521a, preventing the use of the 'gate system' in the State of Texas, and fixing a penalty therefor."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENNIS, Acting Chairman.

By Mr. Lillard, chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 712, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Matagorda and Brazoria counties, making county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners, and providing for county and precinct elections to determine the levy of a special road tax, and designating who may vote at such elections, and providing for the repeal of such special tax;"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 685, a bill to be entitled "An act to grant to the Waco Water Power and Electric Company the right to construct and maintain and by necessary booms or otherwise to protect, and from time to time to raise a dam across the Brazos river, and to purchase, condemn, and pay for lands, rights and other property necessary therefor;"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

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

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 491, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Castroville, approved January 16, 1850."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

House bill No. 49, a bill to be entitled "An act to transfer to the general revenue account the unexpended balance of the United States direct tax fund remaining in the State treasury on the 2d day of March, 1897, the same to be used in payment of the current expenses of the State government."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 696, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh waters of this State otherwise than by means of ordinary hook and line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale or shipment of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof;"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

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

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 279, a bill to be entitled "An act declaring the theft of cot-ender the value of $20 a misdemeanor, and affixing penalties therefor;"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

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

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 686, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the law in regard to taxation, and to regulate the sale of liquor by amending articles 5060a and 5060c, of title 104, chapter 1a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and
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adding article 5060j to said chapter, requiring every person, firm, corporation or association of persons selling vinous, malt, or intoxicating liquors or medicated bitters in a local option county, precinct, or subdivision of a county to give bond and to pay a license therefor,

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 a.m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 20, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 713, a bill to be entitled "An act to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the per diem of members, officers and employees of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:20 a.m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 711, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Parker county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners; and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties; and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court; and making provisions of act applicable, as far as practicable, to convicts when worked on county farm; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same; and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Parker county; and to authorize the commissioners court of Parker county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and highways for Parker county, and to provide for the election of said superintendent, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation for said superintendent when elected, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer;"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
Substitute House bill No. 203, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:20 a.m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
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."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiel, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House bill No. 608, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 5068, 5076, 5098 and 5130, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. pre-
sent the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House concurrent resolution No. 35, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House joint resolution No. 34, to amend section 51, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors.

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
Substitute House bill No. 221, entitled "An act to preserve and protect the wild game, birds and wild fowl of the State, and provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, sale or shipment thereof, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
Substitute House bill No. 207, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5048, chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to occupation taxes."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
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 on April 8, 1897."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day at 2:30 p.m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

LILLARD, Chairman.

By Mr. Moore of Lamar, acting chairman:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared
House concurrent resolution No. 34, authorizing and directing the State Printing Board to contract for a reprint of such Appellate Court Reports as are now out of print, and also such as may hereafter become out of print or nearly so; and providing certain conditions and limitations in relation to such contract, and the manner of letting the same."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 2 p.m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

MOORE of Lamar, Acting Chairman.
REPORT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.
(Printed by order of the House of Representatives.)

Office of Sergeant-at-Arms, Austin, Texas, May 21, 1897.

House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature:
To Hon. Byron Drew, chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses:
Please find herewith itemized statement of amount expended by me for postage for use of members and officers of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature. To total amount, $1995.50:

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Respectfully submitted.

J. S. BOGGS, 
Sergeant-at-Arms of the Twenty-fifth House of Representatives.

At 3 o'clock p.m. the Speaker announced that the hour fixed by the two houses for adjournment sine die had arrived, and that by virtue of the authority vested in him under the Constitution and laws of this State, he declared the House of Representatives, regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, adjourned without day.

Here the gavel fell.