COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY FINANCES.

Mr. Robertson of Bell, Chairman; Mr. Cocke, Dean, Crawford, Gordon, Rochelle, Jones, Murray, Childers, Bennett, Blount, Ayers, Allen of Colorado, McKellar, Meier, Adams, Caldwell.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Mr. Vaughan, Chairman; Messrs. Parish, Robertson of Harrison, Dean, Tate, Lane, Evans of Fannin, Eckels, Clements.

Additional Page—Tilden Childs.

General Committee Clerk—Bates Allen.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following resolution, to wit:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, inviting Hon. William J. Bryan to address the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

And that Messrs. Potter, Terrell and Miller have been appointed as the committee on part of the Senate to notify the said William J. Bryan.

J. P. Pool, Secretary of the Senate.

The Speaker announced the following committee on part of the House:

Messrs. Wetherell, Ellis and Bolin.

On motion of Mr. Dies, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

By direction of the Speaker following is ordered printed in the Journal for information:

ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS.

(Revised Statutes of the United States.)

Section 14—The Legislature of each State which is chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent such State in Congress shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress.

Sec. 15—Such election shall be conducted in the following manner: Each House shall openly, by vote of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from such State, and the name of the person so voted for, who receives a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each House, shall be entered on the Journal of that House by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; or, if either House fails to give such majority to any person on that day, the fact shall be entered on the Journal. At twelve o'clock meridian of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place as aforesaid, the members of the two Houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each House shall then be read, and if the same person has received a majority of all the votes in each House, he shall be declared duly elected Senator. But if the same person has not received a majority of the votes in each House, or if either House has failed to take proceedings as required by this Section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a vica-voce vote of each member present, a person for Senator, and the person who receives a majority of all the votes of the joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both Houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected. If no person receives such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock meridian of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and shall take at least one vote, until a Senator is elected.

NINTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Thursday, Jan. 19, 1899.

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

Adams. Decker.
Allen of Colorado. Derden.
Allen of Hopkins. Dies.
Barrett. Eckels.
Bean. Ellis.
Beaty. Evans of Fannin.
Bennett. Frost.
Bolin. Garrett.
Bridgers. Gill.
Browne. Goodlett.
Caldwell. Goodman.
Childers. Graham.
Chambers. Greenwood.
Childs. Grogan.
Clements. Grubbs.
Cole. Hamilton.
Collins. Henderson, Brazos.
Conolly. Henderson, Lamar.
Cros. Howard.
Dean. Hurley.
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Jones, Powell. 
Kennedy, Prince. 
Kittrell, Robertson, Harrison. 
Lake, Robertson of Bell. 
Lillard, Rogers. 
Livsey, Savage. 
Loyd, Russell. 
Looney, Sansom. 
Marsh, Shriver. 
Masterson, Schluter. 
Maxwell, Shannon. 
McAuley, Smith of Grayson. 
McKamy, Smith of Collin. 
McKellar, Staples. 
Meitzen, Stewart. 
Mercer, Striping. 
Monroe, Tarkington. 
Morris, Tarver. 
Morrow, Tate. 
Murphy, Teagle. 
Murray, Terrell. 
Neff, Thomas of Wise. 
Nolan, Thomas of Fannin. 
Oliver, Tucker. 
Palmer, Vaughan. 
Parish, Wells. 
Peach, Willacy. 
Phelps, Lampasas. 
Phillips of Camp. 
Pitts, Wright. 
Poole. 

Absent—Excused.

Ayers, Evans of Grayson. 
Calvin, Tompkins. 

Mr. Cuynor indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Stewart.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Speaker laid before the House a pending business House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, relating to sine die adjournment, March 15th, which was pending yesterday when the House went into Joint Session.

Pending consideration, Mr. Shropshire called up House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, relating to sine die adjournment, March 10th, and which was tabbed yesterday subject to call, and the Speaker laid the same before the House.

Mr. Clements offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That it is impractical to set a day for final adjournment before the general appropriation bill is signed by the Governor.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar raised the point that the substitute was not germane and that therefore it was not in order.

Overruled by the Speaker.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar appealed from the ruling of the Chair, and the House sustained the ruling of the Speaker.

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

The motion to table prevailed.

PENDING BUSINESS.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Bailey indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Willacy.

Mr. Morris until Tuesday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Blount.

Mr. Coxe indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Tarver.

Mr. Conoly for the first three days of the session on account of sickness in his family, on motion of Mr. Kittrell.

Mr. Evans of Grayson for today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.

Mr. Tompkins indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Willacy.

Mr. Poole

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Decker:

Petition of twenty-eight citizens of Wheeler county asking for a tax on peddlers.

Read and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Wright:

A petition from two hundred and eighty citizens of Irion county asking for a law for the extermination of prairie dogs.

Read and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Mr. Sansom:

A memorial from the Teachers' Institute of Williamson county, asking for an appropriation for the support of summer normals each year.

Read and referred to Committee on Education.
By Mr. Peery: House bill No. 145, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the destruction of prairie dogs and fix a penalty against persons who fail or refuse to exterminate the prairie dogs on their lands." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Decker: House bill No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time for holding the courts in the Fortieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith." Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Wheless: House bill No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a judicial district in Galveston county, additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts; and to prescribe the boundaries and the terms thereof." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Messrs. Lillard and Beaty: House bill No. 148, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring both gold and silver coins of the United States of America to be a full legal tender, at their face value, in the payment of all debts, and to make void so much of all contracts hereafter made in the State of Texas as shall stipulate their payment in any particular coin, and to permit such contracts to be lawfully discharged in any legal tender money of the United States of America." Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Murphy: House bill No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the terms and prescribe the time of holding the terms of the District Courts of the Thirty-seventh and Forty-fifth Judicial Districts of Texas." Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Frost: House bill No. 150, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title XLII, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 2402a, relating to exemptions and providing an exemption of ($500) five hundred dollars to all persons, firms or corporations engaged in the mercantile business." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Poole: House bill No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of cocaine, opium and other poisonous drugs; and prescribing penalties for its violation." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Allen of Hopkins: House bill No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 333, Title IX, Chapter 3, Penal Code of Texas, relating to punishment for affrays, fixing the minimum penalty therefor." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Rochelle: House bill No. 153, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require all life insurance companies doing business in the State of Texas, to invest three-fourths of all the reserve fund collected by them on policies written in this State in real estate mortgages within the State of Texas, and prohibiting the Commissioner of Insurance from issuing to any company failing to comply therewith any permit, grant, charter or license to do business within the State." Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Mr. Kittrell: House bill No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the proof of deeds more than forty years old, by proving the signature of one or more of the subscribing witnesses." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Walton: House bill No. 155, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 477b, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the powers of county courts in road matters, and to provide for the immediate construction and repair of bridges in certain cases." Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Masterson: House bill No. 156, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the officials of the penitentiaries of the State of Texas to return convicts to the county where they were convicted, after the expiration of their term." Read first time, and referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Derden: House bill No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 3898, 3899, 3900 and 3901, Title LXXXVI, Chapter
Read first time and referred to Judicial Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Decker:
House bill No. 158, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 801, Chapter 3, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to unlawful taking or removing rock, earth, sand, coal, slate or mineral from the land of another, and prescribing a penalty therefor, and to provide that either owner or agent in charge may give consent for removal of rock, earth, etc."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Chambers:
House bill No. 159, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 829, Chapter 5, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to prevent the cutting down and destroying timber on the lands of another."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Palmer:
House bill No. 160, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 826, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, so as to make the offense of kidnapping complete when perpetrated upon children under the age of 15 years whether there is consent or not upon the part of the child."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Decker:
House bill No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 626, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the election of public weighers, and providing for a division of the counties into precincts for such purposes."
Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Chambers:
House bill No. 162, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 801, Chapter 3, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the protection of live stock and to provide the manner of paying for diseased animals killed."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Henderson of Lamar:
House bill No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor."
Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Palmer:
House bill No. 164, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title XV, Chapter 6, Article 626, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to make the offense of kidnapping complete when perpetrated upon children under the age of 15 years whether there is consent or not upon the part of the child."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Ratcliff:
House bill No. 165, A bill to be entitled "An Act to forbidding the granting of authority to any foreign corporation to do any kind of business in this State for which a domestic corporation cannot be chartered."
Read first time, and referred to Committee on County Government and County Finances.

By Mr. Cross:
House bill No. 166, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change the time of holding courts in the Fifty-Fourth Judicial District."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Masterson:
House bill No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create an additional Court of Civil Appeals of Texas and to locate the same in the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas, and to provide the counties from whence the appeals shall be returnable to said court and to regulate the creation and holding of said court."
Read first time, and referred to Judicial Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Kittrell:
Resolved, That whereas, Hon. W. F. Adams a member of the House has manifested his practical belief in the biblical declaration, "It is not well for man to be alone," and has demonstrated his good taste by mating with a fair Texas girl with courage sufficient to link her fortunes with a member of the Legislature, therefore, as evidence of the appreciation of his fellow members of his good taste and her sublime courage we do tender to them our best wishes and sincere congratulations, coupled with the warmest
hope that the days of their happiness may not be limited to the fateful sixty, and that if any troubles shall e’re befall them that they may come singly and be little ones.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Schluter:

Whereas, The city of Jefferson, Marion county, Texas, and the country contribu-
tory thereto for a distance of 100 miles, did enjoy the benefit of good and suffi-
cient navigation, and did supply by reason of said navigation, an immense
territory with goods, merchandise, and furnished for cotton, wool and other pro-
ducts, transportation for the markets at exceedingly low rates of freight, and con-
tinued to do so until the national gov-
ernment, through the engineering depart-
ment, undertook to improve the naviga-
tion of Red River by the removal of the raft which had formed in said stream, which acted as a dam that furnished the necessary water in Cypress River for navigable purposes; and

Whereas, By the removal of said raft, and the stopping up of certain bayous that formerly furnished Cypress River with water or passage way through which the back water, caused by the raft, passed into Cypress River, thus destroying navigation to the extent that no boats can now reach Jefferson, only during high water, thus making navigation uncertain; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representa-
tives of the State of Texas, That it is the
sense of this body that a great and griev-
ous wrong has unintentionally been done to the northern portion of the State of Texas, by depriving the people of a cheap rate of freight, which can only be had by being accessible to water points; there-
fore be it

Further resolved, That by these resolu-
tions the present Congress of the United States is hereby most earnestly impor-
tuned and requested to make such an approp-
riation as will restore to that por-
tion of the State north of a line extending
from the southern line of Panoa county, thence westward to the line of New Mex-
ico, continuous navigation, so that the said territory may have restored to them the many and unspeakable advantages of having a water point within the limit of their territory.

Be it further resolved, That the Sen-
ators and Representatives of the State of Texas, in the Congress of the United
States, be and they are hereby instructed to make immediate and proper demand for an appropriation in amount to give the required and necessary con-
tinuous navigation prayed for by the ben-
sificaries thereof in their petition in the possession of their Representative.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished each of the members of both houses of Congress from this State, and to the Honorable Secretary of War.

Read second time and, on motion of Mr. Powell, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Barbee:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a special committee of five members whose duty it shall be to visit the Confederate Home, note its management, control, condi-
tion, capacity and needs and report to this House the result of their investiga-
tions.

Read second time and Mr. Childs moved to refer to the Committee on State Asylums.

Mr. Dies moved as a substitute that the resolution be referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims and Accounts.

The substitute was lost, the motion of Mr. Childs was lost, and the resolution was adopted.

By Mr. Murray:

Be it resolved by the House of Repre-
sentatives that we view with alarm the destruction by the Mexican boll weevil in this State, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of seven members from the weevil infected districts of the State, said committee to take under considera-
tion the proposition of W. H. Went-
worth, herewith submitted, and to re-
quest at once the United States Govern-
ment to send to Austin and before said committee the entomologist who has been studying the pest for the past few years, and that said committee recommend such legislation as they may think applicable and effective.

[The resolution was accompanied by a letter from W. H. Wentworth, Flores-
tville, Texas, submitting the proposition alluded to in the resolution.]

Read second time and, on motion of Mr. Russell, referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Mr. Sansom (by request):

Whereas, Under the law regulating the levy and payment of occupation taxes, passed by the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, certain peddlers doing business in Texas have been required to pay to the State amounts of money as occupation taxes under said law; and

Whereas, The Court of Criminal Ap-
peals of this State, has since declared said law unconstitutional and the col-
lection of said taxes illegal; therefore be it
Resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee of three, to ascertain, if possible, the amount of money so paid to the State by said peddlers with a view of this Legislature making an appropriation to refund said money.

Read second time and, on motion of Mr. Collins, referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES.

Mr. Goodlett and Mr. Shropshire, to Judiciary Committee No. 2, on motion of Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Prince to the Committee on Internal Improvements, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.

Mr. Peery to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, on motion of Mr. Wright.

Mr. Thomas of Wise and Mr. Stripling to the Committee on Education, on motion of Mr. Cole.

Mr. Wooten to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, on motion of Mr. Schluter.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred the following bills and resolutions, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report them back to the House with the recommendation that they be returned to the calendar and be referred as follows:

House Bills Nos. 85 and 38, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House Bill No. 35, and House Joint Resolution No. 6, to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

SCHLUTER, Acting Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a State Board of Examiners, to require all barbers before they can follow their profession to obtain a license from said Board,"

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

PITTS, Acting Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

We, the undersigned members of Judiciary Committee No. 2, have carefully considered House bill No. 92, the same being a bill to regulate the barbers trade, and beg to submit the following minority report. We favor the passage of the bill with the following amendments:

First—Amend by striking out the clause providing for apprentices.

Second—Amend so that the same will not apply to towns of 500 inhabitants or less.

Third—Amend Section 4 of said bill so that the compensation for each member of said board shall not exceed $1200.00 per annum and mileage as provided in the same.

Fourth—Amend by striking out the emergency clause.

PALMER, DECKER, JONES, GARRETT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3320, Chapter 4, Title LXVI, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas,"

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

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 118, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 2801, Chapter 1, Title LI, Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to the office of Secretary of State, and requiring the Secretary of State to execute a bond,”

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, with the following committee amendment:

Wherever the name Secretary occurs, that it be “Secretary and his Chief Clerk.”

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 120, A bill to be entitled “An Act requiring the Secretary of State and his Chief Clerk to each give bond for the faithful performance of their respective duties,”

have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, because another bill covering same subject matter has been reported favorably.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 14, A bill to be entitled “An Act to make an appropriation to pay the members, officers and employees of the Twenty-sixth Legislature,”

have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass; Senate bill No. 6, for the same purpose, having already become a law.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled “An Act to appropriate twenty thousand dollars to pay the contingent expenses of the Twenty-sixth Legislature,”

have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass; Senate bill No. 7, having already become a law, to the same purpose.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled “An Act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay mileage and per diem of members and per diem of officers and employees of the Twenty-sixth Legislature,”

have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass; Senate bill No. 6, for the same purpose, having already become a law.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

And that the following bills be returned to the calendar and re-referred as follows:

House Bill No. 45, to Judicary Committee No. 1.

House Bills Nos. 29 and 112, to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

And House Bill No. 16, to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom was referred the accounts of the purchase of the Sergeant-at-Arms, beg to report that your Committee approved the account for purchase of stamps for the use of the House amounting to date to $300.00.

I am also instructed to report that the committee clerks who are typewriters be required to furnish instruments at their own expense, and that only such pages as hold certificate of the Speaker for services rendered during the organiza-
tion of the House be allowed compensation for their services, and that the State contractor be required to furnish an itemized account of all purchases by the Sergeant-at-Arms at the end of each week with an affidavit of the correctness of the same.

SAVAGE, Chairman.

SPAKER’S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House on its second reading, House bill No. 118, relating to the office of Secretary of State and requiring the Secretary of State to execute a bond.

The bill not being printed, Mr. Kennedy moved to suspend the operation of Rule 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably be printed and laid on the desk of each member before being acted on by the House, so that this bill might be taken up.

The motion to suspend was lost.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

EDUCATION.

Mr. Cole, Chairman; Messrs. Grubbs, Barrett, Sutherland, Neff, Collins, Terrell, Dies, Lillard, Livsey, McDowell, Russell, Savage, Shelburne, Thomas of Fannin, Marsh, Wooten, Dean, Little.

INSURANCE, STATISTICS AND HISTORY.

Mr. Kittrell, Chairman; Messrs. Mercer, Clements, Blount, Weless, Evans of Grayson, Browne, Wooten, McKamy, Walton, Cross, Looney.

The following invitation was read to the House:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 19, 1899.

Speaker J. S. Sherrill.

DEAR SIR: Thanking the Representatives for the use of the Hall, we extend to yourself, the members of the House and the employees, a cordial invitation to attend an entertainment at 7:30 o'clock this evening, given under the auspices of the Sons of the Confederacy and the U. D. C., Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter.

Respectfully,

Mrs. W. H. Tobin, Pres.
L. Shaver, Com.

On motion of Mr. Peery, the House, at 11:45 a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

TENTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, Jan. 20, 1899.

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

Adams.  Maxwell.
Allen of Hopkins.  McAnally.
Ayers.  McClelan.
Barbee.  McDowell.
Barrett.  McFarland.
Bean.  McKamy.
Beaty.  Mckellar.
Bennett.  Meitzen.
Blount.  Mereer.
Bolin.  Monroe.
Bridgers.  Morrow.
Browne.  Murphy.
Caldwell.  Murray.
Calvin.  Nefl.
Chambers.  Nolan.
Childers.  Oliver.
Childs.  Palmer.
Clements.  Parish.
Cole.  Pfeiffer.
Cross.  Pitts.
Culp.  Powell.
Dean.  Prince.
Decker.  Ratclif.
Derden.  Robertson, Harrison
Dies.  Robertson of Bell.
Doroh.  Roehlle.
Eckols.  Russell.
Ellis.  Sansom.
Evans of Fannin.  Savage.
Frost.  Schlueter.
Garner.  Seurry.
Garrett.  Shannon.
Gill.  Shelburne.
Goodlett.  Shropshire.
Goodman.  Smith of Grayson.
Gordon.  Smith of Collin.
Graham.  Staples.
Grogan.  Stewart.
Grubbs.  Stripling.
Hamilton.  Tarkington.
Henderson, Brazos.  Tarver.
Henderson, Lamar.  Tate.
Howard.  Teagle.
Harley.  Terrell.
Jones.  Thomas of Wise.
Kennedy.  Thomas of Fannin.
Kittrell.  Tucker.
Lake.  Vaughan.
Lane.  Walton.
Lillard.  Wells.
Livsey.  Whelss.
Looney.  Willacy.
Loyd.  Willrodt.
Marsh.  Wright.
Masterson.  Absent.

Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colorado.  Peery.
Evans of Grayson.  Rogers.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.  Cocke.