to levy a tax of one thousand dollars on such devices, the committee report being favorable with amendments, recommending that "two hundred and fifty dollars" be inserted in lieu of "one thousand."

The bill was laid before the House, read second time and the committee report was adopted.

Mr. Childs offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by inserting "one hundred dollars" wherever "two hundred and fifty dollars" occurs.

Mr. Wooten offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Childs:

Amend by adding to Section 1 the following provisos, to wit:

"Provided, that the terms of this act shall not apply to any nine or ten pin alley or bowling alley, which is conducted for amusement and healthful exercise, and where no fees are charged except such as are necessary for pay to the operation of the same: provided further, that, unless intoxicating liquors are sold or used or drunk or permitted to be sold or used or drunk in or near said nine or ten pin alley or bowling alley, the license tax herein named shall not be imposed or collected, but the license tax shall be the sum of $100."

Pending consideration, Mr. Robertson of Bell, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the invitation heretofore extended to Hon. William J. Bryan is still open, and that this House will be pleased to extend him every possible courtesy, at any time he can make it convenient to visit Texas, and will be glad to have him address this House.

Read second time and adopted unanimously.

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

Whereas, The House of Representatives have heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. Ed. Linn, ex-Senator and ex-Representative of this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do deplore his death as a public loss and a calamity, and hereby extend to his family our sincere sentiments of sympathy and condolence, in this their hour of sadness and bereavement.

[Signed McFarland.

BAILEY.]

Read second time and adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Grogan, the House, at 12:20 p.m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., next Monday.
Loyd. ·
Mr. Mercer. ·
motion of Armi:;,
January ertson of Bell.
Graham. ·
Collins. ·
Mr. Savage. ·
Mr. Wooten
in the committee report and in­
sert in lieu thereof “one thousand dol-
Mr. Rochelle moved the previous ques-
tion and the main question was ordered.
Question first recurred on the amend-
ment by Mr. Dies, upon which yeas and
nays were demanded by Mr. Lillard, Mr.
Ratcliff and Mr. Morrow.
Lost by the following vote:
Year—39.
Allen of Hopkins. ·
Barbee. ·
Beaty. ·
Blount. ·
Bolin. ·
Cole. ·
Crawford. ·
Derden. ·
Dries. ·
Ellis. ·
Evans of Fannin. ·
Frost. ·
Graham. ·
Hamilton.
Henderson, Lamar.
Hurley.
Lillard.
Little.
Looney.
Loyd.
Yeas-39.
Howard.
Jones.
Lampasas.
McFarland.
McKellar.
Moore.
Morris.
Murphy.
Neff.
Nolan.
Parish.
Pfeuffer.
Phillips, Lampasas.
Pitts.
Roberston, Harrison
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Russell.
Schluter.
Scurry.
Shelburne.
Smith of Grayson.
Stewart.
Tarkington.

Grubbs. ·
Rogers. ·
Henderson, Brazos. ·
Shannon. ·
Kittrell. ·
Staples. ·
Lake. ·
Sutherland. ·
Poole. ·
Tate. ·

Absent—Excused.

Bennett. ·
Murray. ·
Livsey. ·
Oliver. ·
McKamy. ·
Prince. ·
Meitzen. ·
Wlllacy. ·
Mercer. ·

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.
Pending reading of the Journal of yes­
terday, on motion of Mr. Barrett, fur­
ther reading was dispem•ed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On account of important business:
Mr. Evans of Grayson until Thursday, on
motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.
Mr. Gordon until Thursday, on motion
of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.
Mr. Grubbs until Thursday, on motion
of Mr. Dies.
Mr. Lake for today, on motion of Mr.
Robertson of Harrison.
Mr. Sutherland for today, on motion
of Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Livsey for today, on motion of Mr.
Collins.
Mr. Kittrell for today, on motion of Mr.
Robertson of Bell.
Mr. Shannon for today, on motion of Mr.
Robertson of Bell.
Mr. Taylor, Assistant Sergeant-at-
Arms, for today, on motion of Mr. Rob­
ertson of Bell.
Mr. Browne for today, on motion of Mr.
Maxwell.
Mr. Henderson of Brazos for today, on
motion of Mr. Dean.
Mr. Staples for today, on motion of Mr.
Savage.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Poole for today, on motion of Mr.
Graham.
Mr. Tate indefinitely, on motion of Mr.
Evans of Fannin.
Mr. Willacy for last Saturday and un­
til Thursday, on motion of Mr. Bailey.

PENDING BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned last Satur­
day it had under consideration, on its
second reading, House bill No. 46, relat­
ging to general occupation taxes in refer­
ce to nine or ten pin alleys, etc., with
pending amendment by Mr. Childs and
substitute by Mr. Wooten for the amend­
ment pending.
The Speaker laid the same before the
House.
Mr. Childs accepted the substitute.

On motion of Mr. Blount, the amend­
ment as substituted was tabled.
Mr. Dies offered the following amend­
ment:
Amend by striking out the words “two
hundred and fifty dollars” where they
appear in the committee report and in­
sert in lieu thereof “one thousand dol-

Yeas-39.

Adams. ·
Allen of Colorado.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Bean.
Bridgers.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Childs.
Childs.
Clements.
Cocke.
Collins.
Cross.
Culp.
Dean.
Decker.
Dorothy.
Eckols.
Garner.
Garrett.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Goodman.
Greenwood.
Grogan.

Howard.
Jenks.
Lane.
Marsh.
Masterson.
Maxwell.
McFarland.
McKellar.
Moore.
Morris.
Murphy.
Neff.
Nolan.
Parish.
Pfeuffer.
Phillips, Lampasas.
Pitts.
Roberston, Harrison
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Russell.
Schluter.
Scurry.
Shelburne.
Smith of Grayson.
Stewart.
Tarkington.
Question recurring on engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Savage, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Crawford.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yea—74.

Allen of Colorado. Marsh. 
Allen of Hopkins. McNally. 
Barbee. McClellan. 
Barrett. McDowell. 
Beaty. McElroy. 
Blount. Monroe. 
Bolin. Morris. 
Calvin. Morrow. 
Childers. Neff. 
Clements. Palmer. 
Cole. Parish. 
Collins. Peery. 
Cross. Pitts. 
Culp. Powell. 
Dean. Ratcliff. 
Decker. Robertson, Harrison. 
Derden. Robertson of Bell. 
Dies. Rochelle. 
Dorroh. Sansom. 
Eckols. Savage. 
Ellis. Schulte. 
Evans of Fannin. Seurry. 
Frost. Shelburne. 
Gill. Shropshire. 
Goodman. Smith of Grayson. 
Graham. Smith of Collin. 
Hamilton. Stewart. 
Henderson, Lamar. Stripling. 
Howard. Terrell. 
Harley. Thomas of Wise. 
Jones. Thomas of Fannin. 
Kennedy. Tompkins. 
Lillard. Tucker. 
Little. Vaughan. 
Looney. Wells. 
Loyd. Wooten.

Nays—29.

Adams. Maxwell. 
Bean. Murphy. 
Bridgers. Nolan. 
Caldwell. Pfeuffer. 
Childs. Russell. 
Coeke. Tarkington. 
Garner. Teagle. 
Garrett. Walton. 
Goodlett. Willrodt. 
Greenwood. Wright. 
Grogan. Willrodt. 
Lane. Wright. 
Masterson. Willacy.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Mercer. 
Browne. Murray. 
Evans of Grayson. Morgan. 
Grubbs. Prince. 
Henderson, Brazos. Shannon. 
Kittrell. Staples. 
Lake. Sutherland. 
Livsey. Tate. 
McKamy. Willacy.

Mr. Shelburne moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 46 was ordered engrossed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Beaty:

A petition of one hundred and seven citizens of Borden county, asking that said county be placed east of the permanent lease line, so as to give the farmers of that section more land for agricultural purposes.

Also a petition of one hundred and ninety-seven citizens of Howard county, asking that said county be placed east of the permanent lease line, so as to give the farmers of that section more land for agricultural purposes.

Both read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Frost:

A petition from one hundred and fifty citizens of Eastland county, asking that the former tax on ten pin alleys be restored.

Read, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Barrett:

A petition from twenty-two citizens of Clay county, asking for the passage of a
more Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Henderson of Lamar:
A petition of forty citizens of Lamar county, asking for an amendment to the land laws of the State of Texas. Read and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Adams:
House bill No. 348, A bill to be entitled “An Act prohibiting the manufacturers of fertilizers or any person or firm selling or causing to be sold fertilizers, from adulterating same, and fixing penalty for same.” (Fixes a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars and declares an emergency.) Read first time, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Mr. Crawford:
House bill No. 349, A bill to be entitled “An Act to secure proper ventilation for coal mines in the State of Texas, and to provide for the safety of employees and provide for the appointment of a mine inspector, to fix his salary, and to regulate the weighing of coal.” (Fixes the salary of such inspector at $1500 and declares an emergency.) Read first time, and referred to Committee on Mines and Minerals.

By Mr. Bailey:
House bill No. 350, A bill to be entitled “An Act to require railway companies to receive and transport all freights coming to them from steamships, steamboats and other water craft and vessels without discrimination, for or against any other steamship line, steamboat line, owner or company, or the owner or owners of any other water craft or vessel.” (The penalty provided for is that a company guilty of such discrimination shall forfeit and pay to the corporation, person or persons aggrieved thereby the sum of one thousand dollars penal damages.) Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. McClellan:
House bill No. 351, A bill to be entitled “An Act to fix the time of holding the courts of the Thirty-fifth Judicial District and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act.” (The bill proposes to add one week more to the time allowed for holding District Court in Coleman county and one week more to Runnels county.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Wooten:
House bill No. 352, A bill to be entitled “An Act to create a commission to form and report a complete system of laws for the assessment, collection and accounting of taxes and public revenues in the State, to provide the duties and compensation of said commission, the methods of its work, the period of its service and the submission of a report of its labors to the Legislature, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same.” Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Tarver:
House bill No. 353, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide for the removal of the remains of the late lamented W. A. Wallace, familiarly known as ‘Big Foot’ Wallace, from Frio county and for their interment in the State cemetery at Austin, and making the necessary appropriation therefor.” (Provides for an appropriation of $250 or so much thereof as may be necessary.) Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Barbee and Mr. Derden:
House bill No. 354, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 5046, Chapter 1, Title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1893, and to provide for the levy and collection of taxes for general purposes for the year 1900, and annually thereafter, and fixing the rate of such taxes at seventeen and one-half cents on the one hundred dollars ad valorem for the year 1900, and annually thereafter an ad valorem tax of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars.” Read first time, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Parish:
House bill No. 355, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3653, Chapter 1, Title LXXIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the contracting, hiring or leasing of State convicts by Boards of Commissioners of Penitentiaries to owners, lessees, managers or receivers of coal mines or collieries.” Read first time, and referred to Committee on Mines and Minerals.

By Mr. Lane:
House bill No. 356, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3373, Chapter 3, Title LXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to limitation of suits.”
(Amends by striking out “a married woman” from said article.)

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

By Mr. Calvin:
House bill No. 357, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3895, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to fix the scholastic age at from seven to seventeen years inclusive.”

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. McDowell:
House bill No. 358, A bill to be entitled “An Act to regulate the registry of medical diplomas, and fixing a penalty for refusing or neglecting to do so, and to regulate the issuance of certificates to practice medicine in this State,”

(Provides a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health and Statistics.

By Mr. Derden (by request):
House bill No. 359, A bill to be entitled “An Act to create a public school teachers’ pension and retirement fund in the State of Texas, for the benefit of superannuated and worn out public school teachers; and providing for a public school teachers’ State pension board, and authorizing said board to pension teachers; to formulate a constitution, by-laws and rules of order which regulate and secure the enforcement of this act, and provide for the collection and disbursement of all funds received on account of this fund without cost or expense to the State.”

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Savage:
House bill No. 360, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 017b, Chapter 12, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide that two-thirds of the property taxpayers shall be a sufficient petition to secure an election for the abolition of corporations, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.”

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

By Mr. Lane (by request):
House bill No. 361, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 304, Chapter 3, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to fishing and hunting on the enclosed lands of another, and to prohibit such hunting or fishing on any lake, river, stream or creek forming the boundary line, or any portion of the boundary line, of any lands of another.”

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Bean:
House bill No. 362, A bill to be entitled “An Act to regulate the sale of merchandise by employers to their employees, when said merchandise is given in exchange for labor.”

(Provides that employees may recover as damages the amount above the regular price and that employers shall pay cost of suit, including reasonable lawyer’s fee.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Pfeuffer:
House bill No. 363, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Title XLI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to executions and sales of real estate, by adding thereto Article 2396a.

The article sought to be added reads thus: “Article 2396a. Hereafter any deeds executed by sheriffs and constables under execution and order of sale, under the provision of this chapter, a recital therein that due notice was given as the law directs of the time and sale and the property to be sold and that such sale was made as directed by law, shall be sufficient to carry with them the presumption of a full compliance with the foregoing articles, and such deed or deeds so made shall be prima facie evidence in all judicial proceedings that all the formalities required were complied with, subject, however, to be rebutted, and disproved by the opposite party.)

Read first time, and referred to opposite party.

By Mr. Smith of Grayson:
House bill No. 364, A bill to be entitled “An Act to create and authorize the appointment of a commission to ascertain and report to the Governor as early as possible the amount of land surveyed and set apart to the public free schools, the amount of lands surveyed and set apart for other purposes, since the adoption of the Constitution, April 18, 1876; the aggregate amount of land belonging to the State of Texas at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and amount of land now owned by the State of Texas; defining their duties and powers, providing for their payment, appropriating three thousand and five hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the same and declaring an emergency.”

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.
By Mr. Maxwell:

That the Speaker of the House is hereby instructed to appoint an additional porter, whose duty it shall be to take care of and keep in proper condition the water closets of the House, and to perform such other duty as may be assigned to him by the Speaker. The pay of said porter to begin from the date of his appointment, and who shall receive $2.00 per day for his services.

Read second time and Mr. Savage offered the following amendment:

Provided, that the Speaker of the House is hereby authorized to dismiss one of the porters who would necessarily be displaced by the one appointed.

Adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

In accordance with above resolution the Speaker announced the appointment of Henry Blair of Travis county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Sabine county from the district school system to the community school system, and to authorize and empower the county to organize and conduct all of its public free schools under the community system, as provided by the laws now in force."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

THOMAS of Fannin, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act of the Regular Session of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a Live Stock Sanitary Commission, rules and regulations, to provide penalties for violating the same, and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act." approved April 20th, A. D. 1893."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

1. Amend Section 3, by adding after the word "necessary" in line 8, "provided that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with any of the provisions of this act."

2. Amend by adding after the word "shall" in first line of Section 12 "between the first day of January and the first day of November of each year."

3. Amend the amendment to Section 12 by striking out the word "first" and inserting the word "fifteenth."

4. Amend by adding to Section 12, "provided, however, that any person or persons may ship, drive, drift or lead any cattle across said line at any time between the fifteenth day of November and the thirty-first day of December, inclusive, without having them inspected."

5. Amend by striking out all of
MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1899.

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred
House bill No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act of the Regular Session of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a Live Stock Sanitary Commission, rules and regulations, to provide penalties for violating the same, and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this Act,' approved April 20th, A. D. 1893,"

Do not concur with the majority, but recommend that the bill do pass without said committee amendments.

DECKER.
TUCKER.
GRUBBS.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 30, 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 bills, to wit:

Senate bill No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a final method of publishing notices and reports required by law to be published by commissioners courts of the various counties of the State, to be effective in all cases where said courts are unable to secure publication thereof in the manner and for the price now provided by law therefor."

Senate bill No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require city and county treasurers to report condition of interest and sinking fund to the State Comptroller; to prohibit them from diverting said funds and providing penalties.

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title III, Chapter 1, of the Criminal Code of the State of Texas, by adding Articles 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87, and repealing Chapters 2, 3 and 4, of said title, to make accomplices and accessories principal offenders."

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

BILL RE-COMMITTED.

House bill No. 78, to Judiciary Committee No. 2, on motion of Mr. Greenwood.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 31, on request of Mr. Calvin.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, House Concurrent Resolution No. 7, by Mr. Barbee, relating to appointing a joint committee to investigate the damage done by insects to certain records in the basement under the Secretary of State's office, which was read and referred on January 18, to the Committee on State Affairs, the committee report being favorable.

The committee report was adopted.

The resolution was read second time and Mr. Henderson of Lamar offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after first section of the resolution.

Adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House, House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, by Mr. Thomas of Fannin, relating to certain railroad assessments, which resolution was read second time on January 20, and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, the committee report being favorable.

The committee report was adopted.

The resolution was read again and pending consideration, on motion of Mr. Powell further consideration was postponed until next Thursday at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

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

Senate bill No. 4, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senate bill No. 31, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 34, to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITION TO COMMITTEE.

Mr. Peery to the Special Committee to visit the Confederate Home, on motion of Mr. Barbee.

Mr. Tarver moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow, Mr. Dies until 2 p.m. today, and Mr. Vaughan until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed and the House accordingly, at 12:08 p.m., adjourned, until 10 a.m. tomorrow.
NINETEENTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Adams. Masterman.
Allen of Colorado. Maxwell.
Allen of Hopkins. McCauley.
Ayers. McCollin.
Belknap. McDowell.
Barrett. McKellar.
Bean. Meitz.
Beaty. Mercer.
Mount. Monroe.
Bolin. Morris.
Bridgers. Morrow.
Brown. Murphy.
Caldwell. Neff.
Calvin. Nolan.
Chambers. Palmer.
Childs. Peery.
Clements. Pfeiffer.
Pitts. Poole.
Cross. Powell.
Culp. Ratliff.
Dean. Robertson, Harrison.
Decker. Robertson of Bell.
Derden. Rochelle.
Dorrough. Rogers.
Ekols. Russell.
Ellis. Sansom.
Evans of Fannin. Savage.
Frost. Schluter.
Garrett. Scoury.
Gill. Shannon.
Goodlett. Shropshire.
Goodman. Smith of Grayson.
Graham. Smith of Collin.
Greenwood. Stewart.
Grogan. Stripling.
Hamilton. Sutherland.
Henderson, Brazos. Tarkington.
Henderson, Lamar. Tarver.
Howard. Tate.
Hurley. Teague.
Hutcheson. Terry.
Kennedy. Thomas of Wise.
Kittrell. Tompkins.
Lake. Tucker.
Lancas. Vaughan.
Lancas. Walton.
Lillard. Wells.
Little. Wheless.
Liver. Willrodt.
Looney. Wooten.
Loyd. Wright.
Marsh. }

Absent.
Comely. Shelburne.
Dies. Staples.
McKamy. Thomas of Fannin.

Absent—Excused.
Bennett. Murray.
Evans of Grayson. Oliver.
Goeden. Prince.
Grubbs. Willacy.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Adams, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Thomas of Fannin for today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Caldwell.
Mr. Prince until Thursday on account of sickness in his family, on motion of Mr. Caldwell.
Mr. Parish for today on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Poole for today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Graham.
Mr. Shelburne for today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Masterson.
Mr. Rogers for yesterday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Goodlett.
Mr. Dies for today on account of sickness in his family, on motion of Mr. Teague.

Mr. McKamy indefinitely on account of the sickness of his father, on motion of Mr. Gill.
Mr. Staples for today on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Savage.
Mr. N. A. Cravens, Private Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I am requested by the Railroad Commission in a communication, of which a copy is hereto attached, to invite the attention of the Legislature to the allowance of rebates, the making of cut rates and other discriminations in freight rates by railway companies in this State. As stated by the Commission, the practice, whenever indulged in, is a fruitful source of wrong to the people. It is a palpable and willful violation of the law upon the subject, and should be repressed. The evils resulting from it are many and great. The penalties suggested are none too severe, and cannot be justly