Abs. Russell.

Abs.—Exc. Cocke.


Grubbs. Murray.

"I vote no against engrossing House bill No. 22, because I understood that a better amendment was to be offered this morning than the Tarver amendment which was defeated yesterday. I believe an Epileptic Asylum should be built, but the commission to locate it should not be restricted to only one town, thus preventing others from offering inducements to secure it, or showing superiority of location."

"Lillard." "I vote no, because I believe the location should be selected by the commissioners appointed by the Governor."

"Rogers." "My reasons for voting no are because I am opposed to binding the State to locate this institution at any certain place. I would be in favor of the bill if it left the commission free to locate this institution at the most desirable place."

"Palmer." The Speaker laid before the House as special order for this hour, 11 a.m. House bill No. 293, relating to the injunction suits against the Railroad Commission of Texas, on its engrossment, with motion of Mr. Morrow pending to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

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

Question being on the longest time first the motion prevailed and the House, at 12:30 p.m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Thursday, February 2, 1899.

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

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Adams. Ayers.


Allen of Hopkins. Barbee.

Barrett. Bean.

Beaty. Bennett.

Blount. Bolin.

Bridgers. Browne.

Caldwell. Calvin.

Chambers. Childs.

Clements. Cocke.

Cole. Collins.

Conoley. Crawford.


Dean. Decker.

Deren. Dies.

Dorroh. Eckols.

Ellis. Evans of Fannin.


Garrett. Gill.

Goodlett. Goodman.

Graham. Greenwood.

Phillips of Camp.

Pitts. Poole.

Powell. Ratcliff.

Robertson, Harrison.

Robertson of Bell. Robertson of Thomas of Wise.

Rochelle. Sansom.

Savage. Schlater.

Seurry. Shannon.

Shropshire. Smith of Grayson.

Smith of Collin. Stewart.

Smith of Collin. Stewart.

Stewart.

Stew. Absent.


A quorum was announced present.
Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. W. J. Gatlin.
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Caldwell further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Kennedy until Monday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Stripling for today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Tate indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Caldwell.
Mr. Gordon until Monday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.
Mr. Conoly for last Monday and Tuesday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Kittrell.
Mr. Evans of Grayson for today on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.
Mr. Frost for next Friday, Saturday and Monday on account of sickness in his family, on motion of Mr. Morrow.
Mr. Wheless for today on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Evans of Fannin.
Mr. Russell for today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Bailey.
Mr. Hamilton until Wednesday on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Eckols.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Feb. 2, 1899.
To 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. 10, Memorializing the Texas members in the United States Congress to urge and demand an appropriation by said Congress to make Cypress river navigable, for the purpose of cheapening freight rates in that section of the State.

Respectfully,
J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

PENDING BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned yesterday it had under consideration House bill No. 293, relating to the injunction suit against the Railroad Commission of Texas, on its engrossment, with motion of Mr. Morrow pending to substitute the minority report for the majority report.
The Speaker laid the same before the House.
Mr. Derden moved to postpone further consideration until next Monday at 10:30.

Pending consideration of the motion to postpone, Mr. Tarver occupying the floor, the Speaker laid before the House, House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, by Mr. Thomas of Fannin, relating to certain railroad assessments, which was, on January 30, made a special order for today at 10:30 a. m., that hour having arrived.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Fannin, further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, was postponed until next Thursday, February 9, at 10:30 a. m.
The House resumed consideration of House bill No. 292, the motion to postpone until next Monday at 10:30 a. m. pending, and Mr. Tarver resuming the floor.
Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and the main question was ordered.
The motion to postpone was lost.
Mr. Bailey moved the previous question on the motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report and the main question was ordered.
Yea and nays were demanded by Mr. Childers, Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Terrell.
The minority report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—58.
Adams. Grogan.
Allen of Hopkins. Hamilton.
Barbee. Howard.
Bennett. Hurley.
Blount. Jones.
Bolin. Lane.
Calwell. Livey.
Calvin. Looney.
Chambers. Loyd.
Childers. McAnally.
Collins. McClellan.
Crawford. McKellar.
Cross. Mettsen.
Dean. Mercer.
Dies. Morrow.
Eckols. Neff.
Ellis. Palmer.
Pfeuffer. Poole.
Frost. Pitts.
Garrett. Poole.
Goodlett. Robertson, Harrison.
Graham. Robertson of Bell.
Mr. Childs called for a verification of the vote.

The Clerk then called the roll of those voting "yea" and it was found correct. The Clerk then called the roll of those voting "nay" and it was found correct.

"I vote against the substitution of the minority for majority report, because the Governor have, in writing, officially stated that $13,500 is necessary to afford full support, and I yield my individual opinion as to the amount, they being in a situation to know best what is reasonable and right.

"POWELL."

"I vote 'no' against the adoption of the minority report, because the Governor, the Attorney-General and the Railroad Commission have asked for the amount of appropriation as recommended by a majority of the Finance Committee, and while the appropriation might seem large, yet when we take into consideration the gravity of the situation, the importance of the litigation, which is now pending in ten suits in the Federal Court, and the railroads having begun to take testimony in these cases on the 1st inst., and such testimony will go up to trial in an ex-parte or one-sided form, on account of the great amount of other pressing business in the Attorney-General's office that department is unable to attend to these cases at this time without shutting up the Attorney-General's office for the next six months. That the Railroad Commission and the Attorney-General appeared before the Finance Committee and recommended the appropriation of $13,500 and the Governor in his message of January 23, 1899, on page 141, specially calls the attention of the Legislature to this subject and earnestly recommends this appropriation, in which he sets out the request of both the Attorney-General and the Railroad Commission.

"I have therefore come to the conclusion that these officials know more about the necessity for this appropriation than the members of this Legislature, that the people created them and they are responsible directly to the people for their acts, and I believe, they all to be honest, capable and faithful public servants and if the Railroad Commission, which was created by the people, and been repeatedly endorsed by the people, is in danger, and property rights involving millions of dollars to the people of this State is in jeopardy, I shall place the responsibility on the department in charge of these matters and use my voice and my vote in sustaining the institutions created by the people and which are dear to the hearts of the great mass of the people of this State."

"CHILDs."

"Had I any option in the matter I would lay aside this bill and pass the bill providing for the Assistant Attorney-Generals, but as it is pressed under a seeming emergency of which I am in no position to judge, I can't take the responsibility of defeating the expressed wish of the Executive, Attorney-General and Railroad Commission, who demand the passage of the bill.

"HENDerson of Lamar."

"While I supported the minority report in debate information since received and subsequent reflection leads me to believe that to vote the appropriation asked will have the effect to hasten a
settlement of pending litigation whereby the use of any part of the appropriation will be rendered unnecessary, and the whole matter will be eliminated from the business and politics of the State. For this reason I vote 'no' on the motion to substitute the minority for the majority report.

"KITTRELL."

Mr. Cross offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out in line 16, "$4,000" and inserting "$2,500," and by striking out all that follows in said line and by striking out all of line 17."

Mr. Cross moved the previous question on the amendment, and the House refused to order the main question.

Mr. Palmer moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Henderson of Lamar, Mr. Cross and Mr. Goodlett.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea—75.
Ayers. McDowell.
Barbee. McKamy.
Barrett. Meitzen.
Beaty. Mercer.
Bridgers. Monroe.
Childs. Murphy.
Clements. Nolan.
Cocke. Palmer.
Cole. Peery.
Conoly. Pfeuffer.
Dean. Poole.
Decker. Powell.
Derden. Ratcliff.
Dorroh. Robertson, Harrison.
Eckols. Rochelle.
Garner. Sansom.
Garrett. Savage.
Gill. Schuler.
Gooldett. Seurry.
Goodman. Shropshire.
Graham. Smith of Grayson.
Grogan. Smith of Collin.
Grubbs. Stewart.
Henderson, Brazos. Sutherland.
Hurley. Tarkington.
Jones. Tarver.
Kittrell. Terrell.
Lake. Thomas of Wise.
Lillard. Wells.
Little. Willrodt.
Loyd. Wooten.
Marsh. Wright.
Masterson.

Nay—37.
Allen of Hopkins. Bennett.
Bean. Blount.

Mr. Childers offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting '2,500,' in line 13, instead of '5,000.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.

Mr. Smith of Grayson offered the following amendment:

"Amend the minority report by inserting "$7,500" in the place of "$5,000" in line 13, and striking out 'provided not more than $2,500 shall be paid to any one counsel.'"

Mr. Collins moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Ellis, Mr. Shropshire and Mr. Nolan.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea—56.
Allen of Hopkins. Frost.
Barbee. Garrett.
Bean. Goodlett.
Bennett. Graham.
Blount. Grogan.
Bolin. Howard.
Caldwell. Hurley.
Calvin. Jones.
Chambers. Lane.
Childers. Livsey.
Collins. Looney.
Crawford. Loyd.
Cross. McAnally.
Dean. McClellan.
Dies. McDowell.
Eckols. Meitzen.
Ellis. Mercer.
Evans of Fannin. Morrow.
Evan of Grayson. Russell.
Gordon. Shelburne.
Hamilton. Staples.
Kennedy. Stripling.
Murray. Tate.
Oliver. Whelless.
Prince.
Mr. Schluter offered the following amendment:

"Amend minority report, page 3, line 16, by adding after the figures '34000' the following: 'or so much thereof as may be necessary.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Powell offered the following amendment:

"Amend the minority report as follows: First. In line 12, after the word 'Attorney-General,' add 'with the consent of the Commission.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Pitts offered the following amendment:

"Strike out all except caption and the enacting clause of minority report and substitute the following:

'Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:"

"That the Railway Commission of Texas, having heretofore been successfully defended in the notable suits of the railway companies against its constitutionality in the Supreme Court of the United States, and the services of the same counsel being now offered to the people of Texas in defense of said Commission in the ten railway company's injunction suits against it, without cost and free of all charge to the State of Texas:

"That the Twenty-sixth Legislature, in lieu of the enormous appropriation proposed for the employment of private attorneys, hereby accepts the proffered free services of ex-Governor James S. Hogg in defense of said Railway Commission in said injunction suits against it; and that five hundred dollars be appropriated for stenographers that transcribe testimony in said suits.'"

Mr. Childs raised the point of order that the amendment by Mr. Pitts was not in order, for the reason that it was not germane to the question, inasmuch as the original bill sought to make an appropriation for a purpose different from that sought in the amendment.

Sustained by the Speaker.

Mr. Pitts appealed from the ruling of the Chair and the House sustained the ruling.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, Rule No. 73, requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole House to consider measures carrying appropriations was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered, Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Bean, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Childers.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—83.

Bridgers. Shropshire.
Cope. Smith of Collin.
Childs. Stewart.
Clements. Thomas of Wise.
Cocke. Tucker.
Conoly. Vander. 
Culpe. Sansom.
Decker. Scurry.
Dorsoh. Shropshire.
Garner. Smith of Grayson.
Gill. Smith of Collin.
Goodman. Stewart.
Greenwood. Thomas of Wise.
Grubbs. Tucker.
Henderson, Brazos. Wills.
Henderson, Lamar. Wells.
Kittrell. Willacy.
Lake. Wooten.
Lillard. Wright.
Little. Absent.

Absent. Murphy. Rogers.
Parish. Absent—Excused.

Hamilton. Staples.
Kennedy. Stripling.
Murray. Tate.
Oliver. Wholess.
Prince. Absent.

Mr. Schluter offered the following amendment:

"Amend minority report, page 3, line 16, by adding after the figures '34000' the following: 'or so much thereof as may be necessary.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Powell offered the following amendment:

"Amend the minority report as follows: First. In line 12, after the word 'Attorney-General,' add 'with the consent of the Commission.'"

Adopted.
Gill. Palmer.
Goodlett. Peery.
Goodman. Pfeiffer.
Graham. Poole.
Grogan. Powell.
Grubbs. Ratcliff.
Henderson, Brazos. Robertson, Harrison.
Jones. Sansom.
Kittrell. Savage.
Lane. Schluter.
Lillard. Scurry.
Little. Shannon.
Livsey. Shropshire.
Loyd. Smith of Grayson.
Marsh. Smith of Collin.
Masterson. Sutherland.
Maxwell. Tarkington.
McAnally. Tarver.
McClellan. Teagle.
McDowell. Terrell.
McKamy. Tucker.
McKellar. Walton.
Meitzen. Wells.
Mercer. Willacy.
Morris. Willrodt.
Morrow. Wooten.
Murphy. Nays—23.

Bean. Hurley.
Bennett. Looney.
Biount. Neff.
Chambers. Phillips of Camp.
Cole. Pitts.
Ellis. Robertson of Bell.
Frost. Thomas of Fannin.
Garrett. Tompkins.
Greenwood. Vaughan.
Henderson, Lamar.

Nay. 23.

Decker. Rochelle.
Monroe. Rogers.
Parish. Stewart.

Gordon. Shelburne.
Hamilton. Staples.
Kennedy. Stripling.
Murray. Tate.
Oliver. Weless.
Prince.

"We vote 'no,' because it is an unwarranted expenditure of public funds, and in the nature of a donation to certain individuals. It has reached that point that the Attorney-General's department can only rule upon matters involving construction of statutory questions, and in all suits special counsel must be employed, which we think is a bad precedent, and the practice stopped. We favor the Railroad Commission, and will uphold it in all reasonable demands, but we oppose the appropriation of this fee, believing the Attorney-General and his assistants are fully competent to properly defend the suits.

"ELLIS.
"CHAMBERS.

"I vote 'no' because the bill as it now is will permit $5000 to be paid to attorneys to assist in a compromise that is now virtually settled, and in which no outside attorneys are needed.

"THOMAS of Fannin.

"I vote 'aye' to engross the bill, as it is the best we can do.

"CHILDs.

"I vote 'no' because I think it a needless expenditure of the peoples' money.

"FROST.

"I vote 'no' because there is now a proposition between the Railway Commission and the railway companies to adjust their differences satisfactorily without cost to the State, and hence I hold this appropriation untimely and without any good reason except to fee private counsel.

"PITTS.

"I vote 'aye' on the proposition to advance House bill No. 293 to engrossment as placing myself in opposition to those who would refuse the Railroad Commission and the Attorney-General any assistance whatever upon this vital question, as evidenced by those advocates of the minority report who on the proposition to engross have voted 'nay.'

"BRIDGERS.

Mr. Smith of Grayson moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 293 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion was lost by the following vote (not receiving the necessary constitutional four-fifths majority):

Yeas—86.

Adams. Childs.
Ayers. Cock.
Baree. Collins.
Barrett. Conoly.
Bean. Cross.
Beaty. Dean.
Blount. Derden.
Bridgers. Dorroh.
Browne. Eckols.
Caldwell. Evans of Fannin.
The Speaker laid before the House the following bills received from the Senate yesterday, which were read first time, and referred as follows:

Senate bill No. 2, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bills Nos. 35 and 44, to the Committee on Finance.

Senate bill No. 23, to the Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

Senate bill No. 32, to the Committee on State Asylums.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Terrell (by request): A petition of fifteen citizens of Cherokee county, protesting against the repeal of the occupation tax on physicians.

Read, and referred to Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Schluter:

House bill No. 386, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 2, Chapter 153, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, page 219, passed May 21, 1897, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State, otherwise than by the ordinary hook and line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale or shipment of game-fish in the State and to provide penalties for the violations thereof.'"

(Repeals the law prohibiting the sale or shipment of game-fish, including white perch, trout or bass, taken from any of the fresh water lakes and streams in this State.)

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

By Mr. Robertson of Bell:

House bill No. 387, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the city council of all cities and towns incorporated under the general laws of this State to regulate the charges and fix the rates to be charged by all water companies and all other corporations engaged in supplying water or other commodities to the public, or engaged in any other public business, within the limits of said cities or towns, or occupying the streets and other public places for that purpose, and to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations therefor and to protect said companies and corporations from imposition."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Stewart and Mr. Phillips of Lampasas:

House bill No. 388, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad of the Central Texas and Northwestern Railway Company, with its franchises and appurtenances; the railroad of the Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway Company, with its franchises and appurtenances; the Lancaster Tap Railroad, with its franchises and appurten-
An Act to amend Article 185, Title VI, Chapter 4, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the sale of liquors on election day and fixing a penalty.

(Amends so as to make the law apply to primary elections of political parties.)

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

By Mr. Rochelle:
House bill No. 393, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 899, Chapter 12, Title XVII, of the Revised Penal Code, relating to the discovery of stolen animals and the detection and punishment of thieves, so that Bowie county shall be placed under the provisions of said Chapter 12, and creating an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Mr. Wright:
House bill No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a method of disposing of the property, carrying out the contracts and paying the debts of disincorporated cities and towns, and to fix their rights and liabilities in case of re-incorporation."

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

By Mr. Shropshire:
House bill No. 399, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the employment of the county superintendent of public instruction as the superintendent of the schools of an independent school district, and to authorize the commissioners court and the school board of the independent district to agree upon the additional compensation for the additional service required by such employment."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Howard:
House Concurrent Resolution No. 18: Whereas, There is complaint being made throughout the several counties of the State that lunatics are being turned away from our State asylums on the ground that they are incurable, and for the lack of proper accommodation, and Whereas, Many a maniacs are being kept behind prison doors of the several counties of the State on the account before stated; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and the Senate concurring, provide ample facilities in the State asylums of this State to take care of all lunatics that are pronounced such by the proper board of examiners.
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Read and referred to Committee on State Asylums.

By Mr. Masterson:

Whereas, Through the tenacious efforts and enthusiastic advocacy of that great statesman, Hon. Jno. T. Morgan, the bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal has finally been enacted by the Federal Senate; and

Whereas, The construction of the Nicaragua Canal means a grand evolution for the South, and especially the State of Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Texas desires to express their feeling of gratitude to the distinguished Senator from Alabama, and congratulate him on his brilliant attainment.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Childs:

Resolved, That the "motion to table," as now practiced in this House, has lost its usefulness as well as the purpose for which it was originally intended, and has become a discourteous method whereby a single member may cut off free discussion on the floor of the House, and is now a dangerous method too frequently indulged in to kill meritorious measures; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this House adopt a new rule to be known as "Rule 12a," which shall read as follows:

When a motion to table is made its effect shall be to cut off further debate on the subject and bring the House to a vote, except that the mover of the proposition shall be heard if he claims the floor, and the adoption of the motion to table will result in temporarily laying aside everything to which it adheres, to be taken up at the pleasure of the House whenever a majority shall desire.

And the distinction between the "motion to table" and the "motion to table subject to call," as now practiced by this House, is hereby discontinued.

Read and referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. McClellan:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the mails arriving at the city postoffice 9 p. m., be brought up to the House and distributed, and as this extra duty devolves upon the Assistant Postmaster, and as he is already at a personal expense for having a part of the mail hauled, that he be allowed four dollars instead of three dollars per day.

Read, and on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sin: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 206, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require every person, firm and corporation operating a cotton gin to keep a book showing the name of each person who has cotton at their gin, giving number of pounds or number of bales ginned or there for the purpose of ginning, to require said book to be open to inspection by the public and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of this act."

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

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sin: We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 206, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require every person, firm and corporation operating a cotton gin to keep a book showing the name of each person who has cotton at their gin, giving number of pounds or number of bales ginned or there for the purpose of ginning, to require said book to be open to inspection by the public and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of this act."

Do not concur with the majority, but recommend that it do pass.

LANE.
CHAMBERS.
ELLIS.
HENDERSON of Brazos.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sin: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IX, Chapter 3, Article 336, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to discharging fire-arms across or along public roads,

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

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: The undersigned, a minority of the Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 214, a bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Title IX, Chapter 3, Article 336, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to prohibit the discharging of fire-arms across or along public roads,”

Begs leave to dissent from the opinion of the majority of said committee, and would recommend to the House that said bill do pass, and that this minority report be printed and placed upon the desks of members of the House in regular order.

JONES.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 189, a bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Articles 380, 388, Chapter 3, Title XI, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to gaming,”

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

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 194, a bill to be entitled “An Act to amend the Penal Code of the State of Texas by repealing Article 271, Chapter 6, Title VIII, of said Penal Code, in regard to sureties on the bonds of sheriffs and other officers of county,”

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

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 202, a bill to be entitled “An Act to regulate the buying of cotton in the seed and seed cotton, and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,”

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

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 203, a bill to be entitled “An Act to require all persons, firms, corporations, trustees and receivers operating railroads within the State of Texas to run two passenger trains daily in each direction on their respective roads, and to provide adequate penalties for failure so to do,”

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be returned to the calendar and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 384, a bill to be entitled “An Act to locate the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin, to regulate the appointment of a clerk, bailiff, stenographer and porter, and to provide for the disposition of the property of said court at Tyler and Dallas; being An Act to amend Articles 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and to add thereto Articles 73a and 79b, and to repeal Articles 1059, 1056, 1057, 1058 and 1059, Chapter 25, Revised Civil Code,”

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

GREENWOOD, Acting Chairman.
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal subdivision 14 of Article 5049, Chapter 18, Title CIV, of the Acts of the first called session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to occupation taxes on physicians and surgeons," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be returned to the calendar and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

BAILEY, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit county and district clerks and their deputies from writing or preparing certain instruments of writing required by law to be recorded or registered or filed in the county or district clerk's office, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of the same," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred 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," do not concur with majority, but recommend that it do not pass.

SHIELBURN, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 230, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4308, of the Revised Civil Statutes, providing for the appointment and election of public weighers for justice precincts;"

Also House bill No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4314, Title XC, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith and providing for the protection of public weighers;"

Also House bill No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4308, 4309, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4314, 4315 and 4316, Title XC, Revised Civil Statutes, relating to public weighers, and providing the appointment and election of public weighers for justice precincts, when so desired by the voters of justice precincts, and to regulate the fees charged by the public weigher, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act;"

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 referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs, because said Committee has under consideration other bills relating to the same subject.

SHELBURN, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4998, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted
by the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Texas, defining a lawful fence.”
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 amendment to be added to Subdivision No. 3 of Article 4998:
“Provided, that the posts shall not be more than eight feet apart, and the boards or rails securely fastened to said posts.”

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 247, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 4998, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, defining a lawful fence.”
Do not concur with the majority, but recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:
Wherever the words “four (4) wires” occur in the majority report substitute therefor “three (3) wires.”

STEWART,
GILL,
BARRETT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 271, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Articles 18 (13) and 19 (14). Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to representative districts.”
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 312, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3742, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas.”
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 329, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a rule of pleading and practice in actions of debt, requiring the plaintiff to allege and prove that no usurious interest nor any element there
of enters into or constitutes any part of the amount sued for, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.”
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 139, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Title LX. Articles 3101, 3102, 3103 and 3104, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas (1853), regulating the rate of interest and defining usury and to add 3105a, to regulate the rates of interest and prevent usury, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act.”
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, because another bill relating to the same subject has been passed upon favorably.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.
Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 341, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to prevent officials, employees or agents of the State of Texas from receiving fees, perquisites, gifts or emoluments, not stipulated by law and providing a penalty for same."  

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be returned to the calendar and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.  

SHELBURNE, Chairman.  

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred  
A resolution making an appropriation for the payment of fees accruing in examining trials in justices courts, for the year commencing February 28, 1898, and ending February 28, 1899."  

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that same is included in deficiency bill.  

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.  

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 119, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to repeal Article 3898, of Chapter 7, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the annual transfer of one per cent. of the permanent to the available school fund."  

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that a like bill has been reported by Judiciary Committee No. 1.  

COLE, Chairman.  

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 121, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to repeal Articles 3898, 3900 and 3901, of Chapter 7, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."  

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that a like bill has been reported by Judiciary Committee No. 1.  

COLE, Chairman.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 3898, 3899, 3900 and 3901, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the annual transfer of money from the permanent to the available school fund."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that a like bill has been reported by the Judiciary Committee No. 1.

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 318, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3975, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to school teachers attending normal schools, institutes and subscribing for some State educational magazine."

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

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 346, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3891, Chapter ... , Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public free schools, and providing for imbursement of the public school funds."

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

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 221, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3984, of Chapter 14, of Title VIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to repeal Section 1, of an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate and limit the expenditure of State, county and local school funds and regulate treasurers' reports,' passed by the first Called Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature and approved June 23, 1897."

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

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 229, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 1, General Laws of Texas, which amends Article 3961, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the manner of taking the scholastic census."

(Providing for colored trustees to take the scholastic census of the colored race.)

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

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 331, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of 'An Act to regulate and limit the expenditure of State, county and local public school funds, and regulate treasurer's reports thereof,' passed by the first Called Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature and approved June 23, 1897."

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

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 24, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation,
to whom was referred
House bill No. 130. A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 2439, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, of the State of Texas, relating to the fees and taxes to be collected by the Secretary of State."

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

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred
House bill No. 42, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to require tax assessors to assess for taxation all liens, mortgages, bonds, notes and other evidences of debt secured by deed of trust, lien or mortgage, and to provide the manner of collecting taxes thereon,"

Have had the same under consideration, and have prepared the accompanying substitute, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that the substitute do pass.

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred
House bill No. 65, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 2466 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the compensation of county commissioners and fixing limit to such compensation."

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred
House bill No. 325, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 2473, Chapter 4, Title XLV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and add thereto Article 2475a, providing for the furnishing of stationery, furniture and office rooms to county officers."

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred
House bill No. 307, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide for the working of all short term convicts and all county convicts on the public roads and highways of this State, and to provide regulations therefor."

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

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

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred
House bill No. 171, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2466, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the per diem pay of county commissioners,"

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred House bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2475, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purchasing of supplies by the various county officers of this State,"

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, 'Apportionment,' Article 21, Subdivisions 3 and 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, by adding thereto Articles 500la and 500lb, providing for elections in a county or subdivision of a county, to determine whether hogs, sheep or goats shall be permitted to run at large in county or subdivision,"

Have 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 amendment:

In Article 5001a, in line 3, strike out the word "four," and insert in lieu thereof the word "two."

WILLACY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding courts of the Thirty-fifth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

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

DIES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 30, 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 Sergeant-at-Arms, beg leave to report that your committee have examined into and approved the following amounts:

For the purchase of stamps for use of House ................. $200.00
For sundry purchases for use of House ................. 61.50
For summoning witnesses in the case of Wasson vs. Bennett .... 15.15
For one additional man to assist in running the elevator at $60.00 per month ............. 60.00

Total .................... $330.65

SAVAGE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2466, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2475, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purchasing of supplies by the various county officers of this State,"

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, 'Apportionment,' Article 21, Subdivisions 3 and 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts.

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2466, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2475, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purchasing of supplies by the various county officers of this State,"

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, 'Apportionment,' Article 21, Subdivisions 3 and 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts.

SIR: Your Committee on County Government and County Finances, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2466, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2475, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purchasing of supplies by the various county officers of this State,"

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

ROBERTSON of Bell, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, 'Apportionment,' Article 21, Subdivisions 3 and 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts.
MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 26, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, same being a resolution protesting against the construction of the internal revenue law by the officials of the Federal government in holding that official bonds to be stamped and directing the Attorney-General to make a test case so as to determine the legality of said rulings, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be not adopted.

ALLEN of Hopkins, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 26, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, same being a resolution protesting against the construction of the internal revenue law by the officials of the Federal government in holding that official bonds to be stamped and directing the Attorney-General to make a test case so as to determine the legality of said rulings, have had the same under consideration, and we recommend that it do pass.

GREENWOOD.
FROST.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred the resolution by Mr. Lane, January 17, 1899, relative to examining into the work and result of the State Reformatory at Gatesville, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that a similar resolution has already passed the House.

DORROH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 376, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3320 (3184), Chapter 4, Title LXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CONOLY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the qualifications of certain railroad employees and operatives, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that a bill embracing the same subject matter has already been reported favorably to this House.

CONOLY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred 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," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CONOLY, Chairman.
MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 103, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide adequate punishment for any person who shall engage or act in the capacity of a locomotive engineer or train conductor, upon any railroad in the State of Texas, without having first served two years as a locomotive fireman, or shall run or operate a locomotive engaged in the carriage of passengers without having for two years prior thereto run or operated a locomotive engaged in the carriage of freight, or if engaged as a conductor on any train in this State, he shall be punished as herein provided, if he engages to act as a conductor on any freight train without first having served two years as a brakeman on a freight train, or if any one shall act or engage to act as a conductor of any passenger train in this State without first having served as a brakeman of a freight train for two years, and as a conductor of a freight train for two years additional, he shall be punished as hereinafter provided, to punish any person who shall require, persuade, prevail upon or cause any person to do any act in violation of this act."

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

CONOLY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: A minority of your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 316, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3235, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to landlords and tenants."

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

CONOLY, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: A majority of your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 316, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3235, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to landlords and tenants."

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

CONOLY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: A minority of your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 316, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3235, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to landlords and tenant."

Do not agree with the majority of said committee and recommend that same do not pass.

CHAMBERS.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

House bills Nos. 151, 206 and 214 (with majority adverse and minority favorable reports), on motion of Mr. Bailey.

BILLS RE-COMMITTED.

House bills Nos. 91 and 202 (reported adversely), to Judiciary Committee No. 2, on motion of Mr. Bailey.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS.

House bill No. 226, on request of Mr. Wooten, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 160 and House Joint Resolution No. 14, on request of Mr. Shelburne, chairman of the Committee on State Affairs.

House bills Nos. 181, 136, 227, 232, 234, 277, 274, 289, 330 and 354, on request of Mr. Schulte, chairman of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

House Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 1 and 4, on request of Mr. Childs, chairman of the Committee on Claims and Accounts.
BILLS WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 348, on request of Mr. Adams.

House bill No. 368, on request of Mr. Smith of Grayson.

On motion of Mr. Powell, the House, at 1:07 p.m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, February 3, 1899.

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

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:


Smith of Grayson, Thomas of Fannin.

Smith of Collin, Tompkins.

Staples, Tucker.

Stewart, Vaughan.

Stripling, Walton.

Sutherland, Wells.

Tarkington, Willacy.

Tarver, Willrodt.

Teagle, Wooten.

Terrell, Wright.

Thomas of Wise, Absent.

Evans of Grayson, Graham.

Gill, Little.

Absent—Excused.

Frost, Gordon, Prince.

Hamilton, Shelburne.

Kennedy, Tate.

Murray, Wholess.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Blount, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Graham indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Blount.

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

Mr. Little until Monday on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. McNally.

Mr. Parish for yesterday on account of urgent business, on motion of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Wholess for today on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell.

Mr. Rogers for yesterday on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Goodlett.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Decker:

A petition of forty-two citizens of Deaf Smith county, asking that there be no change made in the land laws.

Also a petition from forty-eight citizens of Carson county, same as above.

Also a petition of one hundred and eighty citizens of Potter county, same as above.

Also a petition of fifty citizens of Hall county, same as above.

Also a petition of one hundred citizens of Randall county, same as above.

Also a petition of fifty-four citizens of Briscoe county, same as above.

Also a petition of two hundred citizens of Wilbarger county, same as above.