### TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
Wednesday, February 8, 1899.

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

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

- Adams
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- Bailey
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- Blount
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- Browne
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- Calvin
- Chambers
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- Crawford
- Cross
- Culp
- Dean
- Decker
- Derden
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- Dorroh
- Ellis
- Evans of Fannin
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- Gordon
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- Grogan
- Grubbs
- Henderson, Brazos
- Henderson, Lamar
- Howard
- Hurley
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- Nolan
- Oliver
- Palmer
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- Peery
- Pfeiffer
- Phillips, Lampasas
- Phillips of Camp
- Pitts
- Poole
- Powell
- Ratcliff
- Robertson of Bell
- Rochelle
- Russell
- Sansom
- Savage
- Schluter
- Scourry
- Shannon
- Shropshire
- Smith of Grayson
- Smith of Collin
- Staples
- Stewart
- Stripling
- Tarkington
- Tarver
- Thomas of Wise
- Thomas of Fannin
- Tucker
- Vaughan
- Walton
- Wells
- Willacy
- Willrodt
- Wooten
- Wright

**Absence—Excused.**

- Ayers
- Barrett
- Bennett
- Bolin
- Caldwell
- Conoly
- Dorroh
- Garner
- Garrett
- Goodman
- Graham
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**Nay—2.**

- Frost
- Hurley

- Absent.

- Chambers
- Dies
- Kittrell

- Absent—Excused.

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Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill No. 265 was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.**

In accordance with a resolution by Mr. Grogan, adopted February 3, relating to examining into the condition of the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio, the Speaker announced the following appointments:

Messrs. Grogan, Walton and Robertson of Harrison.

Mr. Vaughan moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow; Mr. Tarver until 9:15 tomorrow, and Mr. Greenwood until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Question being on the longest time first, the motion was lost.

The House then, at 1:05 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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- Thomas of Wise
- Thomas of Fannin
- Tucker
- Vaughan
- Walton
- Wells
- Willacy
- Willrodt
- Wooten
- Wright
Absent—Excused.
Bennett.  Shelnurne.
Bolm.  Sutherland.
Graham.  Tompkins.
Prince.

A quorum was announced present.

On account of important business:
Mr. Hamilton for today, on motion of Mr. Dies.
Mr. Teagle for today, on motion of Mr. Crawford.
Mr. Caldwell for today, on motion of Mr. Thomas of Wise.
Mr. Ayers for today, on motion of Mr. Thomas of Wise.
Mr. Rogers for today, on motion of Mr. Goodlett.
Mr. Robertson of Bell for today, on motion of Mr. Shannon.
Mr. Barrett for today, on motion of Mr. Blount.

Mr. Kittrell for today, on motion of Mr. Wooten.
Mr. Conoly for today, on motion of Mr. Beaty.

The following bills reported from the Senate were read first time, and referred as follows:
Senate bill No. 67, to the Committee on State Affairs.
Senate bill No. 38, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.
Senate bill No. 43, to the Committee on Penitentiaries.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Decker:
Petition of forty citizens of Donley county, protesting against any change in the land laws.
Read, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Stewart:
Petition from thirty-two members of the Fort Worth Kindergarten Association, asking for the passage of a law incorporating the kindergarten into the public school system of the State of Texas, appropriating for this purpose a part of the public school fund.
Read, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Henderson of Lamar:
Petition of non-commissioned officers and privates of the First Regular Texas Volunteers, asking the State of Texas to pay them for services in addition to the pay allowed by the United States, as was allowed by the Legislatures of New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Massachusetts and Maine.
Read, and referred to Committee on Finance.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Blount:
House bill No. 473, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 164, of the General Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, providing for the adoption of a uniform system of text-books in the common schools of Texas."
(Provides that any county, city or town which has assumed control of its schools, and which had prior to April 1, 1897, adopted a uniform system of text-books, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this act prior to the first day of September, 1899, but after that date they shall be required to comply with the provisions of this act.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Walton:
House bill No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3929, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to change time for the election of county superintendents of public instruction."
(Provides for the election of county superintendents of public instruction on the same day and date as the election of school trustees.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Walton:
House bill No. 475, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend and change Article 4776 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the powers of county commissioners courts in road matters."
(The object of the bill is to provide the manner of constructing, grading, graveling and otherwise improving roads, bridges and crossings of ravines, rivers, creeks and other streams, and prescribe the duties of commissioners in relation thereto.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.
By Mr. Lane and Mr. Goodlett (by request):
House bill No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act to add to Title LXIX, an additional article to be known as Article 3385a, providing for the exemption of wines produced from grapes, berries or tomatoes, grown in this State, from the provisions of Article 3384, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to local option, while said wines are in the hands of the producer or manufacturer thereof."

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

By Mr. Henderson of Lamar:
House bill No. 477, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3068a of Chapter 11, Title XXIII, Act of April 6, 1846, and August 21, 1856, and February 11, 1854, Civil Statutes of 1875, relating to the boundary lines of Lavaca county."
(The bill incorporates in Lavaca county a small strip of land that is not incorporated in any county, as shown by reference to maps, charts, etc., in the Land Office, and from the boundary lines of Lavaca and surrounding counties.)

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

By Mr. Bean:
House bill No. 482, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 99, of the general laws of the State of Texas, passed at the regular session of 1897, relating to cold storage."
(The object of the bill is to amend the cold storage law so as to secure convictions of persons violating the provisions of the same.)

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

By Mr. Little:
House bill No. 483, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3058, Chapter 10, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to school districts."
(Provides a manner of changing the boundary lines of school districts in cases where a change is desired by patrons of the district school.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Kennedy:
House Concurrent Resolution No. 19:
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Texas be and are hereby requested to urge the submission of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

Read second time, and Mr. Tarver moved to refer to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The motion to refer was lost, and the resolution was adopted.

By Mr. Thomas of Fannin:
Whereas, The Hall of the House of Representatives is uncomfortably cold every morning and uncomfortably hot every evening, and
Whereas, the poor regulations as to temperature aggravate the grippe and jeopardize the health of all the members; therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of three to insist upon more
even regulations of temperature in the Hall of Representatives, and general im-
provement in sanitary regulations.

Read second time, and adopted.

In accordance with above resolution, the Speaker announced the following ap-
pointments:

Messrs. Thomas of Fannin, Poole and Oliver.

On motion of Mr. Lane, the regular order of business was suspended to take
up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 57, relating to statements
be made by bank to tax assessors of their deputies.

The bill was laid before the House, and was read second time, with favorable
committee report with amendment.

The committee report was adopted.

Mr. Lane offered the following amend-
ment:

"Amend by striking out all of the com-
mittee report, after the word 'pass,' in
line 12 of said report, so that the bill
may read as originally introduced."

Adopted.

Mr. Kennedy offered the following amend-
ment:

"Amend by striking out all of lines 13
and 14, page 2, after 'dollars,' in line
13."

Mr. Tarver offered the following sub-
stitute for the amendment:

"Strike out the word 'and,' in line 13,
and insert the word 'or.'"

The substitute was adopted and the
amendment as substituted was adopted.

Mr. Lillard offered the following amend-
ment:

"Amend the bill, on page 2, by insert-
ing after end of line 7 the following
words:

"The president, manager or cashier of
every national and private bank in
the State of Texas shall make, or
cause to be made, between the first
day of January and the first day of
March of each year, true and cor-
rect lists, under oath, of the names of
each depositor of money, with his ad-
dress, and the amount of money to the
credit of each depositor who resides in
the county in or under which such bank is estab-
lished, and also a list of those depositors
who reside in adjoining counties to that in
which such bank is situated. Said lists
of depositors shall be furnished, on
demand, to the assessors of taxes of the
aforementioned counties, respectively, and such
lists shall show the amount of money
to the credit of each of such depositors on
the first day of January of each year for
which such lists are made. It shall be
the duty of the assessor of taxes of each
county, hereinafter mentioned, to apply
to the bank officials hereinafter named,
either in person or by mail, for a veri-
fied list of depositors, as required by this
act, and upon receiving such list, the
assessor shall place each amount of
money contained therein on the property
inventory, in the proper county, of the
person shown to have had said money on
deposit in the bank furnishing said list."

(Pending consideration, Mr. Masterson
was called to the Chair.)

Pending consideration of House bill
No. 57, with pending amendment by Mr.
Lillard, the Speaker announced that the
hour, 11 a.m., had arrived for consider-
ation of House bill No. 352, relating to
the creation of a commission to frame
and report a complete system of laws for
the assessment and collection of taxes,
etc., which was made yesterday made a
special order for this hour.

The bill was laid before the House,
and read second time, with majority and
minority reports, both recommending
that the bill do pass with amendment.

Mr. Wooten moved that the minority
report be substituted for the majority
report.

After consideration by the House, Mr.
Bailey moved the previous question on
the motion to substitute the minority re-
port for the majority report, and the
main question was ordered.

The minority report was adopted.

Mr. Wooten offered the following amend-
ment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'ac-
counts,' in line 15 of page 1, the follow-
ing, 'State Revenue Agent.'"

Mr. Shropshire offered the following sub-
stitute for the amendment:

"Amend by inserting the words 'State
Revenue Agent,' in lieu of the words
Governor,' as appears in lines 15 and 16,
page 1."

On the substitute, yeas and nays were
ordered by Mr. Savage, Mr. Shrop-
shire and Mr. Calvin.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—40.

Bean. Gordon.
Beaty. Grubbs.
Caldwell. Jones.
Calvin. Lake.
Childers. Loyd.
Cole. McAnally.
Crawford. McClellan.
Dean. McKellar.
Derriden. Morrow.
Ellis. Nolan.
Evans of Fannin. Oliver.
Parish.  Sansom.
Pitts.  Savage.
Poole.  Shannon.
Powell.  Shropshire.
Ratcliff.  Stripling.
Robertson of Bell.  Terrell.
Rochelle.  Thomas of Wise.
Nays—65.
Adams.  McKamy.
Allen of Colorado.  Meitzen.
Bailey.  Mercer.
Barbee.  Monroe.
Bridgers.  Morris.
Brown.  Murphy.
Chambers.  Murray.
Childs.  Neff.
Clements.  Palmer.
Cole.  Peery.
Collins.  Pfeuffer.
Dies.  Russell.
Dorothy.  Schluter.
Evans of Grayson.  Scurry.
Frost.  Smith of Grayson.
Garrett.  Smith of Collin.
Gill.  Staples.
Goodlett.  Stewart.
Henderson, Brazos.  Tarkington.
Howard.  Tarver.
Hurley.  Tate.
Kennedy.  Thomas of Fannin.
Lanc.  Tucker.
Lillard.  Vaughn.
Little.  Wells.
Looney.  Wheelless.
Marsh.  Willacy.
Masterson.  Willrodt.
Maxwell.  Wooten.
McDowell.  Wright.
McFarland.  Absent.

Absent—Excused.
Ayers.  Prince.
Barrett.  Robertson, Harrison
Bennett.  Rogers.
Bellin.  Sheburne.
Conoly.  Sutherland.
Graham.  Teagle.
Hamilton.  Tompkins.
Kittrell.  "Mr. Speaker: I vote 'yea' on the substitute for the reason that I am opposed to the theory of creating new offices. There seems to be a growing tendency to run this State government by commissions and experts, which to my mind is almost as objectionable as government by injunction. "CRAWFORD."

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Wooten, Mr. Bailey moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.
The amendment was adopted.
On motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar, Rule No. 73, requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole House to consider measures carrying appropriations, was suspended for the purpose of considering this bill.
The bill was ordered engrossed.
Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 332 be put on its third reading and final passage.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Yeas—101.
Adams.  Looney.
Allen of Colorado.  Loyd.
Allen of Hopkins.  Marsh.
Bailey.  Masterson.
Bridgers.  Maxwell.
Barbee.  McNally.
Bean.  McClellan.
Beaty.  McDowell.
Brown.  McKamy.
Caldwell.  McKellar.
Calvin.  Meitzen.
Chambers.  Mercer.
Childers.  Monroe.
Childs.  Morris.
Clements.  Morrow.
Cocke.  Murphy.
Cole.  Murray.
Collins.  Neff.
Crawford.  Nolan.
Cross.  Oliver.
Dean.  Palmer.
Decker.  Parish.
Dies.  Peery.
Dorothy.  Pfeuffer.
Ellis.  Phillips of Camp.
Evans of Grayson.  Pitts.
Frost.  Poole.
Garner.  Powell.
Garrett.  Ratcliff.
Gill.  Rochelle.
Goodlett.  Sansom.
Gordon.  Savage.
Grubbs.  Schluter.
Henderson, Brazos.  Scurry.
Howard.  Smith of Grayson.
Hurley.  Smith of Collin.
Jones.  Staples.
Kennedy.  Stewart.
Lake.  Stripling.
Lane.  Tarkington.
Lillard.  Tarver.
Little.  Tate.
Terrell.  
Thomas of Wise.  
Thomas of Fannin.  
Tucker.  
Vaughan.  
 Wells.  

Nays—4.

Derden.  
Evans of Fannin.  

Absent.  

Ayers.  
Barrett.  
Bennett.  
Bolin.  
Conoly.  
Graham.  
Hamilton.  
Kittrell.  

House bill No. 332, laid before the House on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time and Mr. Wooten offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting in line 32, page 1, after the word 'artificial' the word 'persons.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Masterson offered the following amendment:

"Amend so as the caption shall further read as follows, and to declare an emergency."

Adopted.

Mr. Derden offered the following amendments:

"Amend minority report, page 4, Section 4, by striking out all of said section after the word 'services' in line 4."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Wooten.

"Amend by striking out Section 4 on page 2, original bill."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Childs.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yes—96.

Adams.  
Allen of Colorado.  
Allen of Hopkins.  
Barbee.  
Bean.  
Beaty.  
Bridgers.  
Browne.  
Caldwell.  
Calvin.  
Chambers.  
Childers.  

Garner.  
Garratt.  
Gill.  
Gossett.  
Gordon.  
Grubbs.  
Henderson, Brazos.  
Henderson, Lamar.  
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Meitzen.  
Mercer.  
Monroe.  
Morris.  
Morrow.  
Murphy.  
Murray.  
Neff.  
Nolan.  

Nays—8.

Blount.  
Derden.  
Ellis.  
Evans of Fannin.  

Absen.
prations and creation of new offices and have voted against same, but I vote 'f' on this subject because I think the ends justify the means.

"ADAMS."

"I vote 'may' because the minority report as adopted creates the office of 'expert' at an evident cost of $5,000,000 and is thus a departure from the Democratic platform, without any valid reason being assigned therefor. I believe this money should be expended in bringing assessors or eye-assessors, who are the best known experts, before the said commission in person, and thus reach directly a consensus of opinion of the facts and remedy necessary."

"POWELL."

Mr. Wooten moved to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill No. 352 was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The House returned to consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 57, on engrossment with amendment by Mr. Lillard pending.

Mr. Evans of Grayson moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its third reading and final passage House bill No. 58, relating to the office of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

The motion was lost.

Pending business was further suspended and there were sent up the following

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railways chartered since 1887, and which have failed to construct their lines as required by law."

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

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 223, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3994, Chapter 12, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, changing the time of taking the scholastic census from between the first day of May and the first day of June to between the first day of March and the first day of April, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

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, Feb. 8, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a penalty for bribing or offering to bribe a public school trustee and to provide a penalty for the acceptance of a bribe by a public school trustee."

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.

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred 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 providing for the collection and disbursement of all funds received on account of this 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.

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Committee Room,

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 357, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 3905, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, 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.

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 323, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to create and establish an industrial institute and college in the State of Texas for the education of white girls in the arts and sciences,"

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

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 289, Abill to be entitled

"An Act to require the president, managers or cashier of national and private banks in this State to furnish to assessors of taxes true and correct list of certain depositors in such banks, together with the amounts of money to the credit of each of such depositors, on the first day of January of each year, for which said lists are made, to require assessors of taxes to obtain said lists of depositors, and to provide penalties for violations 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, for the reason that House bill No. 57, already reported favorably, contains the same subject matter.

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 365, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to extend the time within which land heretofore sold to the State for taxes, or which may hereafter be sold to the State for taxes, under decree of court under the provisions of Chapter 42, Laws of 1895, and Chapter 103, Laws of 1897, may be redeemed, providing the manner of such redemption, and repealing 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.

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 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. 417, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 142, General Laws, Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to the assessment of taxes."

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.

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 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. 422, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 5118, Revised Civil Statutes, for the better assessment of taxes."

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 bill is now pending before the House.

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 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. 330, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to regulate the running of cold storages, and to provide a tax for same."

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 not pass in lieu thereof.

SCHLUTER, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 236, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit discrimination in charges for transportation of passengers by railway corporations in this State, and to regulate the issuance of free transportation, and to punish violations 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.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 236, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit discrimination in charges for transportation of passengers by railway corporations in this State, and to regulate the issuance of free transportation, and to punish violations of this act,"

Do not concur with the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out Section 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 3. This act shall not be construed to apply to railway employes, exclusively in the service of a railroad, carried bona fide in the performance of their duties as such."

POWELL, LILLOD, SANSOM, PFEUFFER, SMITH of Grayson.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred 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."

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:

"Amend Section 2, by inserting after the words 'Revised Statutes of Texas,' the following:

"And every railroad company so offending shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay to the State of Texas a penalty of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, to be collected in the manner and in the courts as prescribed for the collection of other penalties, in Revised Statutes, Article 4577, of this State."

"Amend further by inserting in said section after the word 'and' before the words 'shall forfeit' the words 'in addition thereto.'"

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway and other corporations chartered since 1887, which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches within the time required by law,"

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 the substance of the same in contained in Senate bill No. 18, already reported favorably.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 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. 447, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved March 20, 1897, entitled 'An Act to amend Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to county finances,'"
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.

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 433, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring county commissioners to enter into written contract for amounts of $25.00 or over, and to keep an itemized account of all material used in building or repairing all public roads or buildings."

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

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Robertson county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training hedges along any public road, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

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

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Substitute House bill No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title LII, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, by adding thereto Article 2904a and Article 2905a, and providing for the appointment by the Attorney-General of this State, of a First Office Assistant Attorney-General, a Second Office Assistant Attorney-General, and a Third Office Assistant Attorney-General, and prescribing the duties and fixing the salaries of the same and requiring said officers to execute a bond, and to amend Article 2905 of 'Title LII, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, and to declare an emergency."

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

GRUBBS, Chairman.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES.

Mr. Monroe to Judiciary Committee No. 1, on motion of Mr. Wooten.

Mr. Livsey was appointed on the special committee to visit the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio, in lieu of Mr. Robertson of Harrison who has been excused on account of sickness.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 393, on request of Mr. Rochelle.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS.

House bills Nos. 41 and 156, on request of Mr. Dorroh, chairman of the Committee on Penitentiaries.

ORDERED PRINTED.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, relating to the war stamp tax upon bonds of State officials, on motion of Mr. Allen of Hopkins.

Pending question being House bill No. 57, on engrossment with pending amendment by Mr. Lillard,

On motion of Mr. Savage the House, at 12:45 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.