The Speaker announced that the pending business is House bill No. 223, the Austin City Charter on second reading.

Mr. Barbee moved to suspend pending business to take up, on second reading, Senate bill No. 19, relating to the occupation taxes on physicians and surgeons, and the motion was lost.

The Speaker then laid before the House, on second reading, the regular order having been suspended to take up the same, House bill No. 223, the Austin City Charter bill.

The bill was read second time with favorable committee report with amendments.

(Pending reading of the bill, Mr. Neff was called to the chair.)

Question being—Shall the committee report be adopted?

Mr. Lillard raised the point that under Rule 25, it was not in order to consider the bill today, as it was a local bill strictly, and that said rule provided that such bills should be considered on Saturday of each week until disposed of.

Sustained by the Speaker, who announced that the bill would go over until Saturday.

Mr. Derden moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 169, relating to bail bonds in certain felony cases, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Tucker moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, and Mr. Teagle until 7:30 p.m. today.

Question recurring on the longest time first the motion prevailed, and the House, at 12:53 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.
A quorum was announced present.

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
Mr. Wooten until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell.
Mr. Stripling for today, on motion of Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Shropshire for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Derden.
Mr. Dean for today, on motion of Mr. Marsh.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Taylor, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell.
Mr. Robertson of Harrison indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Decker.
Mr. Phillips of Camp indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Poole.
Mr. Dorroh for today, on motion of Mr. Derden.
Mr. McKamy for yesterday and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Gilles.
Mr. Allen of Colorado indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Monroe.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Childs (by request):

Petition from W. W. Caves, county attorney of Live Oak county, asking the Legislature to do something for the relief of county attorneys in smaller counties of this State.

Read, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Kittrell:

House bill No. 534, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5124, Title CIV, Chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to add thereto Articles 5124a, 5124b, 5124c, 5124d, 5124e, 5124f, 5124g and 5124h, relating to the assessment of taxes and the duties of boards of equalization in reference thereto, and to declare an emergency."

(Provides that railroad companies shall keep permanently stationed on the hindmost car on all trains transporting passengers and merchandise, a faithful and trustworthy brakeman, who shall also be a competent flagman, and on all freight and mixed trains one competent brakeman for every twenty cars contained in each train, and provides that not less than two brakemen shall be stationed on each freight and mixed train.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Staples:

House bill No. 555, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4517, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the stationing of brakemen and flagmen on passenger and freight trains on all railroads in the State of Texas."

(Provides that railroad companies shall keep permanently stationed on the hindmost car on all trains transporting passengers and merchandise, a faithful and trustworthy brakeman, who shall also be a competent flagman, and on all freight and mixed trains one competent brakeman for every twenty cars contained in each train, and provides that not less than two brakemen shall be stationed on each freight and mixed train.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Savage:

House bill No. 536, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 402, Chapter 6, Title XI, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the sale of intoxicating drinks in prohibition districts."

(The object of the bill is to make the fact that a person having paid a United States internal revenue license to sell intoxicating liquors and refusing to post the same in his place of business, evidence that he is guilty of selling such liquors in a local option district.)

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

By Mr. Livsey:

House bill No. 537, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4730, and repealing Article 4730a, Chapter 3, Title XCVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relating to the age of working public roads, and carrying the emergency clause."

(Amends the law so as to provide that persons between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five shall be subject to road duty. The article repealed removes a conflict which now exists in the Statutes.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.
By Mr. Neff and Mr. Cross:  
House bill No. 538, A bill to be entitled “An Act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries and powers,” approved February 19, 1889.”  
(The object of the bill is to include additional territory within the corporate limits of the city.)  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Shelburne:  
House bill No. 539, A bill to be entitled “An Act authorizing county judges to issue writs of attachment for the detention and return of minors who have gone beyond the control of their guardian.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. Hamilton:  
House bill No. 540, A bill to be entitled “An Act to restrict the number of wage earners to be employed upon work on public roads.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Lillard:  
House bill No. 541, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide under contracts for the furnishing of stationery and printing papers, and doing all the printing and book binding work required for the use of the various departments of the State government and the Legislature, and to fix the highest price that may be paid for such work with an efficient and permanent system for eleemosynary institutions of the State with an efficient and permanent system of fire escapes, authorizing the purchase of such fire escapes by the boards of managers of the institutions herein named, with the approval of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation therefor.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. Prince:  
House bill No. 542, A bill to be entitled “An Act to regulate drilling, operation and abandonment of gas, oil and mineral water wells, and to prevent certain abuses connected therewith.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Mining and Minerals.

By Mr. Browne:  
House bill No. 543, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 57, regarding the purposes for which private corporations may be created.”  
(Provides that private corporations may be created for the organization of cotton exchanges and boards of trade.)  
Read first time, and referred to Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Oliver:  
House bill No. 544, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 4736, of Chapter 3, Title XCVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time persons may be compelled to work on public roads.”  
(Provides that persons may be compelled to work on the public roads ten days in each year, except in counties that have a special road law.)  
Read, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Tate:  
House bill No. 545, A bill to be entitled “An Act to remove the minor disabilities of Leslie E. Eason.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Cole (by request):  
House bill No. 546, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3974a, Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the issuance of teachers’ permanent certificates, and authorizing the issuance of such certificates to regular graduates of certain institutions.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Goodlett:  
House bill No. 547, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide and equip certain eleemosynary institutions of the State with an efficient and permanent system of fire escapes, authorizing the purchase of such fire escapes by the boards of managers of the institutions herein named, with the approval of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation therefor.”  
Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Asylums.

By Mr. Kittrell:  
House bill No. 548, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 382, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, so as to make the keeping of a gambling house a felony.”  
(Provides a penalty for such offenses at imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than five years.)  
Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Thomas of Wise:  
House bill No. 549, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a uniform method of electing school trustees in independent school districts; defining the duties of such trustees in reference to the election of superintendents of schools and the
control of schools in such independent districts, and repealing Articles 4008, 4018, 4019, 4020 and 4021, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and repealing all other laws, both general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Ratcliff:

House bill No. 550. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5049, of Chapter 1, Title CV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to general occupation taxes."

(The bill increases the occupation tax on bowling alleys to five hundred dollars.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Bridgers:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 23:

Whereas, A resolution has been introduced in the Legislature of New Mexico, which Legislature is now in session, and which said resolution has for its object the formation of a new State, to be composed of the county of El Paso, State of Texas, and the southern portion of New Mexico, and

Whereas, Said resolution provides for the appointment by Congress of ... commissioners, and for appointment by the State of Texas of one hundred of its citizens, and for the appointment by the territory of New Mexico of one hundred citizens of said territory to consider the proposed formation of a new State, and

Whereas, Said resolution has provoked and is now provoking serious discussion and consideration at the hands of certain residents of said southern portion of New Mexico, and of the said El Paso county, and

Whereas, It is seriously proposed by certain residents of said territory of New Mexico, and said propositions have been printed and advocated in certain newspapers, that not only should El Paso county be detached from the State of Texas and added to the proposed new State, but that other counties of this State, to-wit: Brewster, Reeves, Presidio, Jeff Davis and Pecos should also be added to the proposed new State, and

Whereas, The proposition to disfigure and mutilate the boundaries of the State of Texas, and to change the geography of this great commonwealth comes from those who are apparently unmindful or in ignorance of the glorious history of the "Lone Star State," a history that is imbued with the soil which was bathed in the blood of those who fought, bled and died for the independence of this great State, and which history, in its dazzling brilliancy, rises far above the demands of the avarice, selfishness and politics of the adjoining territory, and

Whereas, The boundaries of the State of Texas were first defined by the Republic of Texas, just after the battle of San Jacinto, and were again defined and affirmed and possession under those boundaries taken to the Rio Grande by General Taylor in 1845, and possession of such boundaries was taken to El Paso by Colonel Deniuphun and his regiment of Missourians in 1846: said regiment occupying that particular place (El Paso) for about one month, and finally repelling the Mexicans by a severe battle near Chihuahua, and said boundaries of Texas were again defined and affirmed during the war between the States by the troops of General Sibley, composed of the regiments of Colonel Tom Green, Colonel Scurry and Sayers' Val Verde battery, and in addition these boundaries were recognized in the resolutions of annexation, and the title, ownership, control and administration of land in Texas was claimed by and remained in the State, and the Federal government has never owned or controlled any of said territory of the State, except such as it may have acquired for military forts and Federal buildings, so that neither the Congress of the United States nor the President has a particle of control of the same, and said boundaries of Texas have also been recognized by the adjudications of the Supreme Court of this State and the Supreme Court of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, as expressing the sense of this Legislature.

First—That the State of Texas is unalterably opposed to the ceding of any of its territory for the formation of a new State or States.

Second—That this Legislature will not agree to appoint any commissioners for the further consideration of the proposition embraced in the resolution aforesaid, as introduced in the Legislature of said territory of New Mexico.

Third—That this Legislature declares that the proposition of the resolution as aforesaid to be unwise, unpatriotic and opposed to the best interests of this State and of the citizens thereof.

Fourth—That this Legislature is firmly of the conviction that a large majority of the citizens of all portions of this State, east, north, south and west, are opposed to any measure looking to a cession of any portion of its territory,
and that the people of Texas are immovably bound together by ties of a commercial, historical, sentimental and political nature.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Phillips of Lampasas:
Resolved, that when the House adjourns today, we take a recess until Friday, 9-30 a.m., so those who wish to take advantage of the excursion to Galveston to see the battleship Texas, etc., can do so: that we hold two night sessions next week to make up the lost time in going on said trip, and during said night sessions the order of business shall be to consider local bills only.

Read second time.

Mr. Powell raised the point of order that it was not proper to entertain the resolution for the reason that the House had previously voted down a resolution containing the same subject matter, and for the further reason that it sought to amend the Rules of the House, and must necessarily go over one day.

Sustained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 344. A bill to be entitled “An Act granting the consent of the State of Texas to the heirs or estate of General T. J. Chambers, deceased, to sue and to make up the lost time in going on said trip, and during said night sessions the order of business shall be to consider local bills only.

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.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, a minority of Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 344.

Do not concur in the report of the majority, and ask leave to recommend that it do not pass.

ROBERTSON of Bell,
NEFF,
POWELL,
CALVIN,
DERDEN,
BARRETT,
STAPLES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 31, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a final method of publishing notices and reports required by law to be published by commissioners courts of the various counties of the State, to be effective in all cases where said courts are unable to secure publication thereof in the manner and for the price now provided by law thereof.”

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 354, 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 the State of Texas for public use; regulating the proceedings in such suit and making an appropriation to pay any judgment.”

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 2735 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to qualifications of non-resident guardians.”

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommenda-
tion that the accompanying committee substitute do pass in lieu of the original bill.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 434, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to require all persons, firms and
 corporations, who locate or settle on
land with the intention of claiming the
same, to execute and cause to be recorded a dec-
ration of such intention, and forbid-
ing title to lands under the statutes of
limitation, to be recorded, unless such declaration has been
registered under the statute of limitation, to
be submitted to a jury a special issue by the
court unless one or all parties to the suit
request such special issue.'

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 8, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 1333, of the
Revized Civil Statutes, relating to the
submission of special issues to the jury;"

Have had the same under consideration,
and I am instructed to report it
back to the House with the recommenda-
tion that it do not pass, because this
committee has already reported a bill on
the same subject, believed to be preferable.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 369, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Title XXX, Chapter
4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the
State of Texas, by repealing subdivision
14a."

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.
Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 340, A bill to be entitled "An Act to stay and prevent the execution of any decree of foreclosure or writ of possession or a sale under execution of any homestead in Texas for the period of twelve months from and after the passage of this act, where said sale or foreclosure or writ of possession is made or sought to be made under any judgment for taxes due the State or county, or any city or subdivision of the government, and to declare an emergency."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 343, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for service of citation in suits against non-resident owners or proprietors of any sewer system, water works, street railway, cotton compress or any manufacturing establishment, situated within this State, and fixing a lien on the property of said owners in the county of suit, and for judgments and order of sale, and providing that said owners be required to file powers of attorney with county clerks, naming agents and authorizing them to accept service, and providing for penalty for failure to comply with this act."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 347, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title LXVII, Chapter 2, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to limitations in civil causes of action, by adding thereto Article 3337a."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
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Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 278, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 3124, Chapter 3, Title CIV, 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 pass.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 304, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 4560h, Chapter 13, Title CXXIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to contracts made between railway companies and their employees, after employe has been injured, not to hold the railway company responsible and accepting insignificant consideration for 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.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 60, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 1742, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to elections, so as to require election tickets to be printed by the order of the commissioners court and to have but one ticket on which the names of all the candidates shall appear."

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.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 95, with petition, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the mode and the manner of conducting elections, making return thereof, and to fix a time for the holding of the same, and to preserve the purity of the ballot box by providing an official form of ballot: by prescribing the time and method in which nominations shall be made and certified: by providing for the appointment of officers to conduct such elections, and defining their duties; by providing for the punishment of violations of this law, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and to repeal Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Title XXXVI, of the Revised Statutes, and to amend Article 1816, of Title XXXVII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to electors for President and Vice-President."

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.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: We, a minority of Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bills Nos. 60 and 95.

Do not concur in the report of the majority, but have prepared the accompanying substitute and ask leave to recommend that the substitute do pass in lieu of the original bills.

POWELL,

CALVIN,

STAPLES,

WRIGHT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 486, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Section 6, Chapter 149, of the General Laws of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to preserve and protect the wild game, birds and wild fowl of the State, and provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, sale or shipment thereof.'"

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 by adding after the word 'dollars,' in the last line of Section 1, the following: Provided, that it shall be unlawful for any person to kill any deer at any time for the purpose of selling

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same to any person, firm or corporation whatever.”

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 459, A bill to be entitled
“An Act to amend Articles 308 and 309, Chapter 4, Title V, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Revised Statutes, 1893.”

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.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 439, A bill to be entitled
“An Act to amend Section 6, of Chapter 149, of the General Laws passed by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved May 27, 1897, relating to the game law, 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.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 432, A bill to be entitled
“An Act to amend Section 6, of the General Laws of Texas, relating to the open season for taking game.”

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.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 392, A bill to be entitled
“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.”

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.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 361, A bill to be entitled
“An Act to amend Article 804, Chapter 3, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to fishing and hunting on the enclosed lands of another,”

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.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 345, A bill to be entitled
“An Act to prevent the sale of poisonous drugs or medicines, except upon specified conditions, by prescribing a penalty 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.

BAILEY, Chairman.
Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sirs: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 336, of Chap­ter 3, Title IX, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to affrays and disturbances of the peace."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sirs: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 260, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect the wild game in this State and to prevent the sale of same in certain seasons by any person, firm, corporation, restaurant, hotel or boarding house, and to prescribe a penalty for the violations of this act."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sirs: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 512, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the employer when sued by his employe to collect his wages, to pay such employe for all his time lost in prosecuting his suit, if the employe is successful in his suit," and amend the same section by inserting after the word 'selling,' the words 'or serve, or shall have in his or their possession for the purpose of serving,' and by inserting after the word 'trapping' the word 'such.'"

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sirs: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 242, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 7, Chapter 149, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved May 27, 1897, relating to the protection of game, so as to exempt migratory birds from the prohibitions contained in the law and permit the ship­ment from one county to another of game killed in a lawful manner for personal consumption."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.
Hon. Bills, recommend that back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 465, a bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate seven thousand and fifty-five dollars to pay back to the peddlers the occupation taxes collected from them under the occupation tax law of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

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 Committee on Claims and Accounts.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 418, a bill to be entitled "An Act granting to Harry W. B. Price, a San Jacinto veteran, a pension."

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

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Finance Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 418, do not concur with the majority, and recommend that the same do not pass.

MORROW,
LAKE,
CHILDs,
VAUGHAN,
SHROPSHIRE,
PFEUPFER,

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 331, a bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time for holding the courts in the Thirty-fifth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:28 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 145, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the destruction of prairie dogs, and fix a penalty against persons who fail or refuse to exterminate the prairie dogs on the lands owned or leased by them."

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 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. 444, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a more efficient road system for Liberty county, to provide for the levy of a special tax and the issuance of bonds for road and bridge purposes in said 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.

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 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. 475, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend and change Article 1776, Revised Civil Statutes, relating to powers of county commissioners court in road matters."

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. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred
House bill No. 478, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to protect stock-raisers, farmers and horticulturists, providing for the
destruction of wolves and other wild animals, to make an appropriation therefor,
to repeal all 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 pass.

PEERY, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred
House bill No. 507, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 3335, Chapter 5, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas,
relating to liens on live stock."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEERY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: A minority of your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred
House bill No. 507, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 3335, Chapter 5, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas,
relating to liens on live stock."
Do not agree with the majority of your committee, and we recommend that the bill do not pass.

TUCKER,
CHILDERS,
GRAHAM.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred
House bill No. 523, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to secure a system of drainage,
and to provide for the payment of expenses incurred therefor, and for the assessment and collection of taxes for said purpose, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MASTERSON, Chairman.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS.
House bills Nos. 391, 430, 407, 442, 416, 29 and House Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 1 and 4, on request of Mr. Childs, chairman of the Committee on Claims and Accounts,

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.
House bill No. 268 (with majority adverse and minority favorable report), on motion of Mr. Dies.

BILL RECOMMENDED.
House bill No. 365, to the Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics, on motion of Mr. Lake.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.
The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:
House bill No. 351, "An Act to fix the time for holding the courts of the Thirty-fifth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

SENATE MESSAGE.
Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 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 bills, to wit:

Senate bill No. 155, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor to have underpinned, repaired, and anchored, the administration and ward buildings of the Southwestern Insane Asylum, and making an appropriation therefor."

Senate bill No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for perfecting appeals in criminal cases from convictions had in justice courts, or other inferior courts, to the county court."

Senate bill No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3802, 3803 and 3806, Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

Senate bill No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the unorganized county of Ector; to establish the boundaries of Webb county so as to include the territory of said unorganized county; to provide for transfer of funds belonging to said county in the State treasury to the treasury of Webb county; and for the collection of taxes due from non-residents."

Senate bill No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide 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 laws in conflict with this act."

House bill No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to the unlawful disposing of mortgaged property, and more particularly fixing the venue of such cases."

Senate bill No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting a pension to Hardy W. B. Price, a San Jacinto veteran; with engrossed rider.

And Senate bill No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3235, 3236 and 3240, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the preference lien granted to the landlord for rents, supplies, advances, etc."

J. P. POOL,
Secretary of the Senate.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, on second reading, with majority adverse and minority favorable report,

House bill No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 969, Chapter 3, Title XVIII, Penal Code, Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to marriages in cases of seduction."

The bill was read second time. Mr. Shropshire moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

After consideration by the House, Mr. Kennedy moved the previous question on adoption of the minority report, and it was not seconded.

Pending consideration of the bill, Mr. Cravens, Private Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Austin, February 14, 1899.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

It becomes my pleasing duty to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a telegram received by me on last evening from the Collector of Customs at Galveston, Texas.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.
In the name of the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, I extend you and the members of the Legislature the use of the revenue cutter "Galveston" on the occasion of your visit to the battleship Texas.

(Signed) F. L. Lee.

Collector.

The Speaker announced as special order for this hour, 10:30 a.m., House bill No. 3, the Staples real estate redemption bill.

Which bill was read second time on February 10, with majority favorable report and minority adverse report thereon, and motion made by Mr. Wooten to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House, with pending motion.

Mr. Shelburne raised the point of order that the bill should not be considered for the reason that a bill containing the same subject matter had been defeated in the Senate, and referred to Section 34, of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas.

Not sustained.

After the House had considered the bill some time, Mr. Parish moved the previous question, and it was not seconded.

After further consideration, Mr. Ratcliff moved the previous question, on the pending motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report, and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Shelburne, Mr. Masterson and Mr. Peery.

The minority report was lost by the following vote:

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Mr. Livsey offered the following amendment:

"Strike out the rate of six per cent. per annum" wherever it occurs and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The rate as agreed upon in the original contract."

Mr. Peery offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend the bill by striking out the words 'six per cent.' wherever they appear in the bill and insert in lieu thereof..."
the words, 'and interest as specified in
the contract.'"

Lost.

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

"Provided that the redemption rate of
six per cent. per annum as provided in
this act shall not apply to cases in which
the parties have previously contracted
for a different rate of interest, and that
where they have so previously contract-
ed, the redemption rate shall be as agreed
upon in said contract."

Adopted.

The amendment as substituted was
adopted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following
amendment:

"Amend by striking out Sections 3, 4
and 5."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Loyd.

Mr. Masterson offered the following
amendment:

"Amend the bill, in line 15, page 2, so
as to read 'six months' instead of 'two
years.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Smith of Col-
lin.

Mr. Childs offered the following
amendment:

"Amend by striking out 'two years'
wherever it occurs and insert 'one
year.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Frost.

Mr. Kittrell offered the following
amendment:

"Amend Section 1 by adding thereto:
"When any sale is made under execu-
tion or order of sale the sale shall be re-
ported in writing by the officer making
the same to the court, out of which said
execution or order of sale issued, stating
the name of the purchaser and the
amount of bids received. At the expira-
tion of five days after said report has
been filed the court shall examine into
the said sale and shall hear evidence, if
any be offered, or hear evidence if the
court so desires whether same be offered
or not, and if the court be of the opinion
that such sale has been made for a fair,
adequate and reasonable price, he shall
approve the same, whereupon the sheriff
shall execute a deed to the purchaser, in
which deed shall be recited the decree of
confirmation. If the court shall be of
the opinion that such sale has not been
made for a fair and adequate price, it
shall refuse to approve the same, and
shall enter an order directing the prop-
erty to be again advertised and sold;
and after said second sale the same pro-
ceeding shall be had as above provided
as to the first sale. No sale shall be ap-
proved unless the property shall bring at
least two-thirds of the value of the same
as determined by the court upon such
first hearing, or upon said second hear-
ing if the court shall find a different
value on said second hearing; provided,
that if the second sale be not approved,
and a third sale be ordered, the court
may in its discretion approve the said
third sale for a less price than said two-
thirds of the value as found, but if the
court shall not see fit to so approve the
said third sale it may order the property
to be again advertised and sold, and
may make such order as often as in his judg-
ment it may be necessary in order to se-
cure a fair and adequate price; and after
such sale the proceedings as to report
and hearing of the same shall be as is
herein provided for after the first sale."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Childers.

Mr. Wheless offered the following
amendment:

"Amend after the word 'otherwise,' in
line 13, page 1, by adding 'except sales
made under order and decree for the par-
tition and under orders and decrees of
probate court in the administration of
estates of decedents.'

"In line 22, page 1, by striking out
the words 'and credits' and inserting in
lieu thereof the words 'by crediting.'

"In line 23, page 1, by striking out
the word 'therefor' and inserting the
words 'for the amount credited;' also the
word 'a' in said line and inserting 'the'
in lieu thereof.

"In line 25, page 1, by striking out
the words 'he acknowledges a,' before the
word 'receipt,' and 'of' before the word
'such,' and inserting in lieu thereof the
words 'by acknowledging the' and 'of.'

"In lines 4 and 5, page 3, after the
word 'than,' in line 4, strike out the
'timber requires' and insert the words
'that required.'"

Mr. Peery moved the previous ques-
tion, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the amend-
ment by Mr. Wheless, and it was
adopted.

On engrossment of the bill yeas and
nays were demanded by Mr. Frost, Mr.
Peery and Mr. Howard.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the
following vote:

Yeas-78.

Adams. Caldwell.
Allen of Hopkins. Calvin.
Bailey. Chambers.
Barbee. Childs.
Bean. Childs.
Beaty. Cole.
Bridgers. Collins.
Browne. Conolly.
February 14, 1899

The Speaker announced the following committee on part of the House on House bill No. 293: Messrs. Morrow, Dies, Collins, Smith of Grayson and Henderson of Lamar.


"We vote for the minority report, because the effect of this bill as worded would prevent persons desiring to invest or purchase homes and cause the creditor to be the only purchaser, and by that means aids the debtor, and is the very thing loan companies should desire."

"POWELL.
"BARRETT."

"I vote 'nay,' because the bill will work a hardship on the poor people of Texas. It will do more harm in Texas in two years than we can cure in ten years. It will prevent many worthy citizens from acquiring homes, because land owners will not sell land on credit, and the bill will render real estate valueless as security for money borrowed."

"MASTERSO."
The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—46.

Bailey. Meitzen.
Barrett. Mercer.
Beaty. Monroe.
Bridgers. Palmer.
Brown. Pfeuffer.
Culp. Pitts.
Decker. Rochelle.
Derden. Rogers.
Eckols. Russell.
Ellis. Savage.
Frost. Scurry.
Garrett. Shropshire.
Goodlett. Staples.
Gordon. Teagle.
Greenwood. Tucker.
Grogan. Vaughn.
Hamilton. Walton.
Kennedy. Wells.
Kittrell. Willacy.
Lane. Willcott.
Masterson. Wright.

Nays—56.

Adams. Livsey.
Allen of Hopkins. Looney.
Barbee. Loyd.
Bean. Marsh.
Bolin. McLain.
Caldwell. McClelan.
Calvin. Mc Dowell.
Chambers. McKellar.
Childs. Morrow.
Childs. Murray.
Cooke. Neff.
Collins. Phillips of Camp.
Collins. Poole.
Dies. Powell.
Dorroh. Ratcliff.
Evans of Fannin. Robertson of Bell.
Evans of Grayson. Sansom.
Gill. Shannon.
Goodman. Shelburne.
Graham. Smith of Grayson.
Henderson, Brazos. Sutherland.
Henderson, Lamar. Tarkington.
Howard. Terrell.
Hurley. Thomas of Wise.
Lake. Tucker.
Lillard. Thomas of Fannin.
Little. Absent.

Nays—36.

Bailey. Mercer.
Beaty. Palmer.
Browne. Pfeiffer.
Culp. Rochelle.
Derden. Rogers.
Eckols. Russell.
Ellis. Savage.
Frost. Scurry.
Garrett. Shropshire.
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Gordon. Teagle.
Greenwood. Tucker.
Grogan. Vaughn.
Hamilton. Walton.
Kennedy. Wells.
Kittrell. Willacy.
Lane. Willcott.
Masterson. Wright.
Meitzen. Absent.

Absent—Excused.
Allen of Colorado. Dean.
Bennett. Garner.
Blount. Grubbs.

McKamy. Schluter.
Morris. Stripling.
Murphy. Tarrer.
Peery. Tompkins.
Robertson, Harrison, Wooten.

Question recurring on the motion of Mr. Shelburne to adjourn until 9:30 a.m., tomorrow, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Phillips of Lampasas and Mr. Grogan.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—40.

Adams. Lillard.
Allen of Hopkins. Little.
Barbee. Livsey.
Barrett. Looney.
Bean. Loyd.
Bolin. Marsh.
Bridgers. Menaally.
Caldwell. McClellan.
Chambers. McDowell.
Childers. McKellar.
Childs. Monroe.
Clements. Morrow.
Cole. Neff.
Collins. Phillips of Camp.
Conoly. Poole.
Dick. Powell.
Dorroh. Ratcliff.
Evans of Fannin. Sansom.
Evans of Grayson. Scurry.
Gill. Shannon.
Goodman. Shelburne.
Gordon. Smith of Grayson.
Graham. Smith of Collin.
Henderson, Brazos. Sutherland.
Henderson, Lamar. Tarkington.
Howard. Terrell.
Hurley. Thomas of Wise.
Lake. Tucker.
Lillard. Thomas of Fannin.
Little. Absent.

Nays—36.

Bailey. Mercer.
Beaty. Palmer.
Browne. Pfeiffer.
Culp. Rochelle.
Derden. Rogers.
Eckols. Russell.
Ellis. Savage.
Frost. Scurry.
Garrett. Shropshire.
Goodlett. Staples.
Gordon. Teagle.
Greenwood. Tucker.
Grogan. Vaughn.
Hamilton. Walton.
Kennedy. Wells.
Kittrell. Willacy.
Lane. Willcott.
Masterson. Wright.
Meitzen. Absent.

Absent.

Crawford. Crawford.
Calvin. Cross.
Accordingly the House, at 12:55 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m., tomorrow.

Pending question, House bill No. 9, with pending motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Wednesday, February 15, 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:

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker.

Adams. Lillard.
Allen of Colorado. Little.
Allen of Hopkins. Lively.
Bailey. Loyd.
Barbee. Marsh.
Barrett. Masterson.
Beatty. McNally.
Browne. McClellan.
Caldwell. McElwee.
Calvin. McFarland.
Childers. McKamy.
Childs. McKellar.
Coke. Meltzen.
Cole. Mercer.
Collins. Morrow.
Conoly. Murray.
Dean. Neff.
Dies. Oliver.
Dorrah. Peiffer.
Evans of Grayson. Pitts.
Garner. Poole.
Gill. Powell.
Graham. Prince.
Grogan. Robertson of Bell.
Henderson, Brazos. Rogers.
Henderson, Lamar. Sansom.
Howard. Schluter.
Hurley. Scurry.
Kennedy. Shannon.

Sheburne. Teagle.
Shropshire. Terrell.
Smith of Grayson. Thomas of Wise.
Smith of Collin. Thomas of Fannin.
Staples. Vaughan.
Sutherland. Walton.
Tarkington. Willey—Total, 76.

Absent—Excused.

Ayers. Lake.
Bean. Lane.
Blount. Looney.
Bolin. Maxwell.
Bridgers. Monroe.
Chambers. Nolan.
Clements. Palmer.
Cross. Parish.
Decker. Ratcliff.
Derden. Rochelle.
Ekols. Russell.
Ellis. Savage.
Frost. Stewart.
Garrett. Stripling.
Goodlett. Tarver.
Goodman. Tucker.
Gordon. Wells.
Greenwood. Williford.
Hamilton. Wright.
Jones. Kittrell.

There was not a quorum present and Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved a call of the House.

The call was seconded and the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to bring in enough members to make a quorum.

Mr. Chambers and Mr. Garrett came in and were announced present.

After waiting some time in a fruitless attempt to obtain a quorum, the Speaker announced that the Sergeant-at-Arms had returned and reported that no more members could be found within the city and that, in his opinion, he would not be able to bring in enough members to make a quorum.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar, the House, at 10:50 a.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Thursday, February 16, 1899.

The House was called to order by