FORTIETH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, February 24, 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
- Allen of Colorado
- Allen of Hopkins
- Ayers
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Barrett
- Bean
- Beaty
- Blount
- Bolin
- Bridgers
- Browne
- Caldwell
- Calvin
- Chambers
- Childers
- Childs
- Clements
- Cocke
- Cole
- Collins
- Cross
- Dean
- Decker
- Derden
- Eckols
- Ellis
- Evans of Fannin
- Evans of Grayson
- Frost
- Garner
- Garrett
- Gill
- Goodlett
- Goodman
- Graham
- Greenwood
- Grogan
- Grubbs
- Hamilton
- Henderson, Lamar
- Howard
- Hurley
- Jones
- Kennedy
- Lake
- Lane
- Lillard
- Little
- Livsey
- Looney
- Loyd
- Marsh
- Masterson
- Maxwell
- McAnally
- McClellan
- McDowell
- McKellar
- Meitzener
- Mercer
- Monroe
- Morris
- Morrow
- Murphy
- Murray
- Neff
- Nolan
- Oliver
- Palmer
- Parish
- Peery
- Pfeiffer
- Phillips, Lampasas
- Phillips of Camp
- Prince
- Ratcliff
- Robertson of Bell
- Rochelle
- Rogers
- Russell
- Sansom
- Savage
- Schluter
- Seillery
- Shelburne
- Shropshire
- Smith of Grayson
- Smith of Collin
- Staples
- Stewart
- Stripling
- Sutherland
- Tarkington
- Tarver
- Tate
- Teagl
- Tervell
- Thomas of Wise
- Thomas of Fannin
- Tompkins
- Tucker
- Vaughan
- Walton
- Wells
- Wheel,.
- Willacy
- Willrodt
- Wooten
- Wright

Conoly
Dies
Kittrell

Absent
Pitts
Poole

Absent—Excused
Bennett
Crawford
Culp
Dorroh

A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Childers, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Poole until Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Camp.

Mr. Kittrell until Monday, on motion of Mr. Wheless.

On account of sickness in his family:

Mr. Dies until Monday, on motion of Mr. Teagl.

PENDING BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned yesterday, it had under consideration, on engrossment, Substitute House bill Nos. 136, 234, 245 and 267, the general occupation tax bill, the House considering the bill by subdivisions, and subdivision 1 of the bill being under consideration.

The Speaker laid the same before the House.

Mr. Decker moved to reconsider the vote by which was adopted yesterday the following amendment by Mr. Greenwood to the general occupation tax bill:

"On page 1, line 17, amend by adding after the word "annually," 'and said occupation tax may be paid quarterly or annually, at the option of the taxpayers," and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

 Substitute Senate bill No. 55. A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create in each of the cities and towns and villages of this State a State court, to be known as the Corporation Court in such city, town or village, and to prescribe the jurisdiction and organization there of, and to abolish municipal courts."

The bill was laid before the House, with a favorable committee report with amendment.

The bill was read second time, and the committee report was adopted.
Mr. Childs moved that the bill be considered by sections, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

"Amend Section 11, page 6, line 1, after the words 'town or village,' 'provided it shall not be less than the fines fixed by State statute.'"

Mr. Sutherland moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Cross, Mr. Browne and Mr. Howard.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—62.
Allen of Colorado. Masterson.
Bailey. McKamy.
Barbee. McKellar.
Barrett. Mercer.
Beaty. Murphy.
Blount. Murray.
Bolin. Nolan.
Bridgers. Oliver.
Browne. Parish.
Chambers. Peery.
Collins. Pitts.
Dean. Powell.
Decker. Ratcliff.
Derden. Robertson of Bell.
Eckols. Russell.
Evans of Grayson. Sansom.
Frost. Schluter.
Garner. Scurry.
Gill. Shrophire.
Goodlett. Smith of Grayson.
Greenwood. Stewart.
Grogan. Sutherland.
Hurley. Tarver.
Lake. Teagle.
Lane. Terrell.
Lillard. Thomas of Wise.
Little. Tucker.
Looney. Wells.
Loyd. Willacy.
Marsh. Woolen.
Nays—45.
Adams.
Allen of Hopkins. Livecy.
Bean. Maxwell.
Caldwell. McAnally.
Calvin. McClellan.
Childers. McDowell.
Childs. Meitzen.
Clements. Morris.
Cole. Morrow.
Cross. Neff.
Ellis. Palmer.
Garrett. Pfeuffer.
Grubbs. Phillips of Camp.
Henderson, Lamar. Rochelle.
Howard. Savage.
Jones. Shelburne.
Kennedy. Staples.

Stripling.
Tarkington.
Tomkins.
Vaughan.
Cocke.
Conoly.
Evans of Fannin.
Hamilton.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Henderson, Brazos.
Crawford. Kittrell.
Culp. Poole.
Dies. Roberston, Harrison
Dorroh. Shannon.
Gordon.

On motion of Mr. Little, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Tuesday, February 28, 2:30 p.m., and it was made a special order for that hour.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, pending business was suspended to take up House bill No. 209, relating to assessment of railroad properties by the Railroad Commission of Texas, to make it a special order for Thursday, March 9, 3 p.m., and the bill was made a special order for that hour.

The Speaker laid before the House, on second reading, as special order for this hour (10:30 a.m.), Substitute House bill No. 196, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3953, Chapter 11, Title LXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, changing the time of the election of school trustees from the first Saturday in June to the first Saturday in April, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

The bill was read second time, and the committee report recommending the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Savage offered the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word 'trustees,' in line 15, and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'The terms of office of said trustees shall be divided into two classes, and they shall draw for the different classes; the one drawing the number one shall serve one year, and those drawing numbers two and three shall serve two years and until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and shall have qualified. On the first Saturday in April of each year thereafter there shall be an election in each school district for the election of a trustee or trustees, as the case may be, and the trustee or trustees so elected shall serve for two years, and until their successor or successors shall have been elected or appointed, and
shall have been qualified. The trustees so elected or appointed shall before entering upon the discharge of their duties qualify by taking the oath to faithfully perform their duties, and shall as soon as practicable file said oath with the county superintendent or county judge.

Adopted.

"The fact that the present law is very unsatisfactory concerning the election of school trustees, the near approach of the time for trustee's election, and the great number of bills now on the calendar, creates an emergency and a public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect immediately after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Adopted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following amendment:

'Amend by striking out 'April,' in Section 1, lines 9 and 20, and insert in lieu thereof 'January.'

Tabled on motion of Mr. Sutherland.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Savage moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Substitute House bill No. 196, be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—109.

Dean. McDowell. Shelburne. Wright.
Derden. McDowell.
Ellis. McKamy. Absent.

Substitute House bill No. 196, laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and Mr. Rochelle offered the following amendment:

'Amend by striking out the words 'first Saturday in April' in lines 9 and 20, and insert the words 'last Saturday in April.'

Tabled on motion of Mr. Bailey.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Bridgers. Ellis. Evans of Fannin.
Caldwell. Frost.
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-Garner.  Parish.
Gill.  Peery.
Goodlett.  Pleufier.
Greenwood.  Pitts.
Grogan.  Powell.
Grubbs.  Ratcliff.
Hamilton.  Robertson of Bell.
Henderson, Lamar.  Rochelle.
Howard.  Rogers.
Hurley.  Russell.
Jones.  Sansom.
Kennedy.  Savage.
Lake.  Schluter.
Lane.  Scurry.
Lillard.  Shelburne.
Little.  Shropshire.
Livsey.  Smith of Grayson.
Looney.  Smith of Collin.
Loyd.  Staples.
Marsh.  Stewart.
Maxwell.  Stripling.
McAnally.  Sutherland.
McClellan.  Tarkington.
McDowell.  Tate.
McFarland.  Teagle.
McKamy.  Terrell.
McKellar.  Thomas of Wise.
Meitzen.  Tompkins.
Mercer.  Vaughan.
Monroe.  Walton.
Morris.  Wells.
Morrow.  Whelless.
Murphy.  Willacy.
Murray.  Willrerd.
Neff.  Wooten.
Oliver.  Wright.
Palmer.  

Absent.

Allen of Colorado.  Masterson.
Childs.  Nolan.
Cocke.  Prince.
Conoly.  Tarver.
Decker.  Thomas of Fannin.
Evans of Grayson.  Tucker.
Garrett.  

Absent—Excused.

Bennett.  Henderson, Brazos.
Crawford.  Kittrell.
Culp.  Poole.
Diez.  Robertson, Harrison.
Doroh.  Shannon.
Gordon.  

Mr. Savage moved to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill No. 196 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Parish moved to suspend pending business to take up House bill No. 355, relating to contracting, hiring or leasing State convicts, and to make it a special order for next Tuesday, February 28, 12 o'clock m.

The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

Senate bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies, having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

The bill was laid before the House, was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Smith of Grayson moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 18 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—107.

Adams.  Hurley.
Allen of Hopkins.  Kennedy.
Ayers.  Lake.
Bailey.  Lane.
Barbee.  Lillard.
Barrett.  Little.
Bean.  Livey.
Beaty.  Looney.
Blount.  Loyd.
Bolin.  Marsh.
Bridgers.  Maxwell.
Browne.  McAnally.
Calvin.  McClellan.
Chambers.  McDowell.
Childers.  McFarland.
Childs.  McKamy.
Clements.  McKellar.
Cocke.  Meitzen.
Cole.  Mercer.
Collins.  Monroe.
Cross.  Morris.
Dean.  Morrow.
Decker.  Murphy.
Derden.  Murray.
Eckols.  Neff.
Ellis.  Oliver.
Evans of Fannin.  Palmer.
Frost.  Parish.
Garner.  Peery.
Garrett.  Pfeuffier.
Gill.  Phillips, Lampasas.
Goodman.  Pitts.
Greenwood.  Powell.
Grogan.  Ratcliff.
Grubbs.  Robertson of Bell.
Hamilton.  Rochelle.
Henderson, Lamar.  Rogers.
Howard.  Russell.
Sansom. Tate.
Savage. Teagle.
Schluter. Terrell.
Scurry. Tompkins.
Shelburne. Tucker.
Shropshire. Thomas of Wise.
Smith of Grayson. Vaughn.
Smith of Collin. Walton.
Staples. Willacy.
Stewart. Willrodt.
Tarkington. Wright.
Tarver. Absent.

Absent:
Caldwell. Nolan.
Conoly. Prince.
Evans of Grayson. Thomas of Fannin.
Graham. Wooten.
Masterson. Absent—Excused.
Bennett. Henderson, Brazos.
Crawford. Kittrell.
Culp. Poole.
Dies. Robertson, Harrison.
Dorroh. Shannon.
Gordon. Senate bill No. 18 laid before the
House, on its third reading and final pas-
Tate.

yeas—104.
Allen of Hopkins. Greenwood.
Ayers. Grogan.
Bailey. Grubbs.
Barbee. Hamilton.
Bean. Howard.
Beaty. Hurley.
Blount. Jones.
Bolin. Kennedy.
Bridgers. Lake.
Browne. Lane.
Caldwell. Lillard.
Calvin. Little.
Chambers. Livsey.
Childers. Looney.
Childs. Loyd.
Clements. Marsh.
Cocke. Maxwell.
Cole. McAnally.
Collins. McClellan.
Cross. McDowell.
Dean. McFarland.
Derden. McKamy.
Eckols. McLear.
Ellis. Meitzen.
Evans of Fannin. Mercer.
Frost. Monroe.
Garner. Morris.
Garrett. Morrow.
Gill. Murphy.
Goodlett. Murray.

Yeas—104.
Allen of Hopkins. Greenwood.
Ayers. Grogan.
Bailey. Grubbs.
Barbee. Hamilton.
Bean. Howard.
Beaty. Hurley.
Blount. Jones.
Bolin. Kennedy.
Bridgers. Lake.
Browne. Lane.
Caldwell. Lillard.
Calvin. Little.
Chambers. Livsey.
Childers. Looney.
Childs. Loyd.
Clements. Marsh.
Cocke. Maxwell.
Cole. McAnally.
Collins. McClellan.
Cross. McDowell.
Dean. McFarland.
Derden. McKamy.
Eckols. McLear.
Ellis. Meitzen.
Evans of Fannin. Mercer.
Frost. Monroe.
Garner. Morris.
Garrett. Morrow.
Gill. Murphy.
Goodlett. Murray.
ness was suspended to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit railroad companies, their officers, agents and employes from making excessive charges for carrying and transporting freights, goods and merchandise, and to require said companies, their officers, agents and employes to deliver freight, goods and merchandise on payment of the freight charges due, as shown by the bill of lading, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act."

The bill was laid before the House, on its second reading, and was read second time.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Ayers moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read in three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 233 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—103.**

- Adams
- Allen of Colorado
- Allen of Hopkins
- Ayers
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Barrett
- Bean
- Beaty
- Blount
- Bolin
- Bridgers
- Browne
- Caldwell
- Calvin
- Childers
- Childs
- Clements
- Coker
- Cole
- Conoly
- Cross
- Dean
- Decker
- Derden
- Ellis
- Evans of Fannin
- Frost
- Garner
- Garrett
- Gill
- Goodlett
- Goodman
- Graham
- Greenwood
- Grogan
- Grubbs
- Hamilton
- Schluter
- Seurry
- Shropshire
- Smith of Grayson
- Smith of Collin
- Staples
- Stewart
- Stripling
- Sutherland
- Tarver
- Tate
- Teague
- Evans of Grayson
- Lillard
- McFarland
- Mercer
- Monroe
- Nolan
- Absent—Excused.
- Bennett
- Crawford
- Culp
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Gordon
- Absent.

House bill No. 233, laid before the House on third reading and final passage, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—103.**

- Adams
- Allen of Colorado
- Allen of Hopkins
- Ayers
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Barrett
- Bean
- Beaty
- Blount
- Bolin
- Bridgers
- Browne
- Caldwell
- Calvin
- Childers
- Childs
- Clements
- Coker
- Cole
- Conoly
- Cross
- Dean
- Decker
- Derden
- Ellis
- Evans of Fannin
- Frost
- Garner
- Garrett
- Gill
- Goodlett
- Goodman
- Graham
- Greenwood
- Grogan
- Grubbs
- Hamilton
- Schluter
- Seurry
- Shropshire
- Smith of Grayson
- Smith of Collin
- Staples
- Stewart
- Stripling
- Sutherland
- Tarver
- Tate
- Teague
- Evans of Grayson
- Lillard
- McFarland
- Mercer
- Monroe
- Nolan
- Absent—Excused.
- Bennett
- Crawford
- Culp
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Gordon
- Absent.

- Evans of Grayson
- Lillard
- McFarland
- Mercer
- Monroe
- Nolan
- Absent—Excused.
- Bennett
- Crawford
- Culp
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Gordon
- Absent.

- Evans of Grayson
- Lillard
- McFarland
- Mercer
- Monroe
- Nolan
- Absent—Excused.
- Bennett
- Crawford
- Culp
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Gordon
- Absent.
Mr. Ayers moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 233 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The Speaker here announced that the hour, 11:30 a.m., had arrived for consideration of House bill No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, relating to the course of study taught in the public schools of Texas," which was set as special order for this hour.

The bill was laid before the House, and was read second time, with favorable committee report with amendment. The committee report was adopted. Mr. Savage offered the following amendment:

"The fact that there is now no system of humane treatment of animals taught in the public schools of Texas, and in order that the system may at once be put in operation, creates an emergency and an imperative necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

Mr. Barrett offered the following amendment: "In line 16 insert the word 'humane,' after the word 'such.'"

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed. Mr. Savage moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 107 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—97.

Nays—3.
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Absent.

Calvin. Nolan.
Cole. Parish.
Collins. Prince.
Conoly. Schluter.
Dean. Tarver.
Evans of Grayson. Thomas of Fannin.
Greenwood. Vaughan.
McFarland. Wooten.
Mercer. Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Henderson, Brazos.
Crawford. Kittrell.
Culp. Poole.
Dies. Robertson, Harrison.
Dorroph. Shannon.

House bill No. 107, laid before the House on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and Mr. Lillard offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting between the word 'of' and 'ten,' at the end of line 16, the words 'not less than.'"

Adopted.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yea's—94.

Adams. Hurley.
Allen of Hopkins. Kennedy.
Ayres. Lake.
Bailey. Lane.
Barbee. Lillard.
Barrett. Little.
Bean. Livsey.
Blount. Looney.
Bolin. Loyd.
Bridgers. Marsh.
Caldwell. Masterson.
Chambers. Maxwell.
Childs. McAnally.
Childs. McClellan.
Cole. McDowell.
Collins. McFarland.
Cross. McKamy.
Dean. Meitzen.
Decker. Mercer.
Derden. Morris.
Eckols. Morrow.
Ellis. Murph.
Evans of Fannin. Neff.
Frost. Oliver.
Garrett. Palmer.
Gill. Peery.
Graham. Pitts.
Grogan. Powell.
Grubbs. Ratcliff.
Henderson, Lamar. Robertson of Bell.
Howard. Rochelle.

Rogers. Tarkington.
Sansom. Tate.
Savage. Terrell.
Schluter. Thomas of Wise.
Scurvy. Tompkins.
Shelburne. Tucker.
Shropshire. Walton.
Smith of Grayson. Wells.
Smith of Collin. Westless.
Staples. Willacy.
Stewart. Willrodt.
Stripling. Wright.
Sutherland.

Nay's—8.

Beaty. Murray.
Clements. Pfeuffer.
Cocke. Russell.
McKellar. Teagle.

Absent.

Calvin. Nolan.
Conoly. Parish.
Evans of Grayson. Prince.
Garner. Tarver.
Greenwood. Thomas of Fannin.
Hamilton. Vaughn.
Monroe. Wooten.

Mr. Barrett moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 107 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

We vote 'no,' because the effects of this bill, No. 107, will only result in expense to the people of the State by forcing them to purchase additional textbooks, and for the further reason that ten minutes instructions is a farce.

Pfeuffer,
"McKellar, "Clements,
"Cocke, "Murray."

Mr. Barrett moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 107 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker here announced that the hour 12 o'clock m., had arrived for consideration of House bill No. 249, on second reading, which had been made a special order for that hour.

The same was laid before the House.

On motion of Mr. Schluter, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 571, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad, including all the property, property rights,
The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Schluter moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—98

Yeas—97


House bill No. 571 laid before the House on third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—97


Absent—Excused.


The bill was suspended to the second reading.

Mr. Schluter moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 871 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—98


House bill No. 571 laid before the House on third reading and final passage. Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—97


Absent—Excused.
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Clements. Morrow.
Coke. Murphv.
Cole. Murray.
Collins. Neff.
Cross. Oliver.
Dean. Palmer.
Decker. Parish.
Derden. Peery.
Eckols. Pfeuffer.
Ellis. Phillips, Lampasas.
Frost. Pitts.
Garrett. Ratliff.
Gill. Robertson of Bell.
Goodlett. Rochelle.
Goodman. Rogers.
Graham. Russell.
Grogan. Sansom.
Grubbs. Savage.
HAMILTON. Schluter.
Henderson, Lamar. Seurry.
Howard. Shelburne.
Hurley. Shropshire.
Jones. Smith of Grayson.
Kennedy. Smith of Collin.
Lake. Staples.
Lane. Stewart.
Lillard. Striping.
Little. Sutherlard.
Lisvey. Tarkington.
Looney. Tarver.
Loyd. Tate.
Marsh. Teagle.
Masterson. Terrell.
Maxwell. Thomas of Wise.
Mcnally. Tucker.
McClellan. Walton.
McDowell. Wells.
McFarland. Whless.
McKamy. Willacy.
McKellar. Wooten.
Morris. Absent.

Bailey. Monroe.
Blount. Nolan.
Browne. Powell.
Calvin. Prince.
Conoly. Thomas of Fannin.
Evans of Grayson. Tompkins.
Garner. Vaughan.
Greenwood. Willrodt.
Meitzen. Wright.
Mercer. Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Henderson, Brazos.
Crawford. Kittrell.
Culp. Poole.
Dies. Robertson, Harrison.
Dorroh. Shannon.
Goddard. Mr. Schluter moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 571 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, with favorable committee report with amendments, which was made special order for 12:00 m., to-day, same having been reached, and on motion set aside to dispose of the preceding bill,

House bill No. 249. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1012, Title XXVII, Chapter 14, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the employment of stenographers and typewriters by the Courts of Civil Appeals, and reducing the salary thereof from $1200 per annum to $50 per month."

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

Mr. Murphy offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out '600,' in line 4, page 2, and insert instead '720.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Childers.

Mr. Morrow offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding the following: That whereas, an appropriation for the pay of said stenographers in connection with the general appropriation bill is required to be made at an early date, and whereas, that the two former Legislatures have refused to make an appropriation sufficient to cover said salaries as now existing, and whereas, claims covering said salaries are being pressed upon the consideration of this Legislature, and much valuable time is being consumed in consideration of same, an imperative public necessity exists that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so enacted."

Adopted.

Mr. Whless offered the following amendment:

"Amend line 4, page 2, by striking out "600' and insert instead '900 per annum.'"

After consideration by the House, Mr. Bailey moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Whless, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Phillips of Camp, Mr. Childers and Mr. Terrell. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Allen of Colorado. Goodlett.
Ayers. Groagan.
Bridgers. Lane.
Caldwell. Masterson.
Garrett. Maxwell.
Gill. McKamy.
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Question next recurred on engrossment of the bill, and it was ordered engrossed. Mr. Morrow moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 249 be put on its third reading and final passage. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—89.
Adams.       Loyd.
Allen of Colorado.       Marsh.
Allen of Hopkins.       McAnally.
Ayers.       McClellan.
Barbee.       McKellar.
Barrett.       Bean.
Blount.       Randolph.
Chambers.       Morris.
Childers.       Morrow.
Childs.       Murray.
Clements.       Neff.
Cocke.       Oliver.
Collins.       Peery.
Cross.       Pfeuffer.
Dean.       Phillips of Camp.
Decker.       Pitts.
Derden.       Powell.
Eckols.       Ratcliff.
Ellis.       Robertson of Bell.
Evans of Fannin.       Rochelle.
Frost.       Savage.
Garner.       Shelburne.
Goodman.       Shropshire.
Graham.       Smith of Collins.
Grubbs.       Smith of Grayson.
Hamilton.       Sutherland.
Henderson, Lamar.       Tarkington.
Howard.       Terrell.
Hurley.       Thomas of Wise.
Lillard.       Tucker.
Little.       Willacy.
Livsey.       Wooten.
Looney.       Wright.

Absent.

Calvin.       Schultzer.
Conoly.       Staples.
Evans of Grayson.       Thomas of Fannin.
Greenwood.       Tompkins.
Kennedy.       Vaughan.
Lake.       Wallon.
Meitzen.       Wells.
Monroe.       Willrodt.
Nolan.       Wright.
Parish.       Absent—Excused.

Bennett.       Henderson, Brazos.
Crawford.       Kittrell.
Culp.       Poole.
Dies.       Robertson, Harrison.
Dorrough.       Shannon.

Nays—5.
Beaty.       Russell.
Burley.       Vaughn.
Phillips, Lampasas.       Absent.

Browne.       Henderson, Brazos.
Calvin.       Meitzen.
Conoly.       Mercer.
Evans of Grayson.       Monroe.
Greenwood.       Nolan.
Grogan.       Parish.
Grubbs.       Prince.
Hamilton.       Staples.
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House bill No. 249 laid before the House on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

**Yeas-90.**
- Allen of Colorado
- Allen of Hopkins
- Ayers
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Barrett
- Bean
- Blount
- Bolin
- Bridges
- Caldwell
- Childers
- Childs
- Clements
- Coxe
- Collins
- Cross
- Dean
- Decker
- Derden
- Eckola
- Ellis
- Evans of Fannin
- Frost
- Garner
- Garrett
- Gill
- Goodlett
- Graham
- Grogan
- Grubbs
- Henderson, Lamar
- Howard
- Jones
- Lake
- Lane
- Lillard
- Livsey
- Looney
- Loyd
- Marsh
- Masterson
- Maxwell
- McAnally

**Nays—6.**
- Adams
- Beaty
- Hamilton

Bennett
- Crawford
- Culp
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Gordon

Absents
- Bennett
- Crawford
- Culp
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Gordon

“I vote 'nay' on this bill because I think the appropriation too high for the amount of work to be done by these stenographers.

“LITTLE.”

Mr. Pfeuffer moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 249 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

**SENATE MESSAGE.**

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 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:

1. **Senate bill No. 81,** A bill to be entitled "An Act for the promotion of medical science by the distribution and use of unclaimed human bodies for scientific purposes through a board created for that purpose, and to prevent unauthorized uses and traffic in human bodies, and to legalize dissections by authorized persons."
2. **House bill No. 157,** A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 3898, 3899, 3900 and 3901, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7. of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1893, of the State of Texas, transferring and setting apart annually one per cent. of the full value of the permanent school fund to the credit of the available school fund, and to declare an emergency, and provide that this act take immediate effect."
3. **Senate bill No. 93,** A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the venue in suits upon written contracts where the amount in controversy is less than five hundred dollars."
Senate bill No. 154, A bill to be entitled “An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, to acquire by purchase or lease the railroad of the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company,” etc., with the evidence exhibited in the Senate showing the publication of the notices of intention to apply for the passage of said bill as required by law, which is herewith transmitted to the House, accompanying the bill.

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

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

Senate bill No. 154, to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill No. 98, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By unanimous consent, pending business was further suspended and the morning call announced.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Robertson of Bell:

House bill No. 647, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 873, Title XXV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the pay of committees to examine into the finances of counties."

(Amends by increasing the number of days such committeemen may receive pay for from five to ten.)

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

By Mr. Masterson:

House bill No. 648, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations required or permitted by law or the charter, ordinances, rules or regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed, with surety or sureties, except bonds of county officials; and guaranteeing the refraining from or performance by another of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business, and to repeal Chapter 189, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith or inconsistent therewith."

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

By Mr. Palmer:

House bill No. 649, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 29, of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to change the time of holding the several district courts in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District, except Coryell county, and to extend the time of holding court in the county of Erath."

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

By Mr. Staples:

House bill No. 650, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the business of building and loan companies, associations or corporations; to define conditions under which they shall be permitted to do business within the State of Texas, and to provide pains and penalties for the breach of the provisions hereof."

(Makes it a misdemeanor for an individual to transact or solicit business when right to do same has ceased, with fine not exceeding $500, and a fine on the corporation or company of $1000, which shall fail to notify their agents when right has ceased. Also makes it a felony, with confinement in the penitentiary of not less than one nor more than ten years for making false entries with intent to defraud, etc.)

Read, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Smith of Collin (by request):

House bill No. 651, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 594, of Chapter 11, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the powers and duties of the board of aldermen of towns and villages."

(Amends by providing that the board of aldermen of towns and villages having a population of over five hundred inhabitants shall have the power to establish, erect, construct, regulate and keep in repair bridges, culverts, sewers, sidewalks and crossways, and to regulate the construction and use of the same, etc.)

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

By Mr. Childs:

House bill No. 652, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the district judges of the several districts throughout the State of Texas, to appoint a board of prison inspectors to examine the jails and other places of imprisonment in the several counties of each district, and to provide for their payment, and to define the duties of said prison inspectors."

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

By Mr. Dies, Mr. Stripling, Mr. McKellar, Mr. Collins, Mr. Morris, Mr. Teagle, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Hamilton:

House bill No. 653, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston East
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& West Texas Railway Company to lease and to operate, under lease, the Houston & Shreveport Railroad extending from the State boundary line at Logansport, Louisiana, thence through the parishes of De Soto and Caddo, into the city of Shreveport in said State."

(The bill is accompanied by affidavits showing that due and legal notice was given of intention to apply to the present Legislature for the passage of this bill, and an emergency is declared.)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 322, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad of the Central Texas & Northwestern Railway Company, with its franchises and appurtenances, the railroad of the Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway Company, with its franchises and appurtenances, the Lancaster Tap Railroad, with its franchises and appurtenances, the railroad of the Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company, with its franchises and appurtenances, and the railroad of the Granite Mountain and Marble Falls City Railroad Company, with its franchises and appurtenances, or either or any of such railroads, with its or their franchises and appurtenances, and to authorize the owners of each of said railroads, and its franchises and appurtenances to sell the same, and to authorize said Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to issue additional bonds to the amount of the value of the railways, franchises and appurtenances so purchased as fixed, or as the same may be fixed, by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of such properties and the operations 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, after being amended as follows:

"Amend by adding to the end of Section 4, the following: "Provided, that upon the purchase of the railroad of the Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway Company, with its franchises and appurtenances, by the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company, as authorized by this act, the right of way for the portion of the existing track of the Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway Company extending from the point of connection with the track of the Central Texas & Northwestern Railway Company near the limits of the city of Waco, from the southeastern boundary of Kaufman street in said city of Waco, and the depot grounds adjacent to said track, which right of way and depot grounds were donated and heretofore conveyed to said Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway Company or occupied by it without the consent of the owner thereof, shall without any further act upon the part of either of the companies named in this act reverts to and be vested in the persons donating or paying for and donating the same to said Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway Company, or to the persons from whom the same was appropriated, without the consent of such owner in fee simple, according to their respective interests therein, as the same may be equitably determined among them, and said railroad company shall have no further interest therein; and the depot building upon said grounds, together with the rails and ties in said track, may be removed by said railway company or its assigns, and said track shall be abandoned and discontinued." "

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 322, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title X.1V. Chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to passenger fare on all railroads in this State, by adding thereto Article 4342:

"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. 23, 1899.

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

Sir: I, a minority of your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 322,
Do not concur with the majority of the committee, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass.

LILLARD.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 378, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 4573, and Section 5, of Article 4574 of Title XCIV, Chapter 13, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to railroad freight and passenger tariffs,"

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 another bill is now before the House covering the same subject.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, A resolution requesting and recommending the making of temporary railroad freight tariffs by the Railway Commission pending their appeal from the injunction of the Federal Court;

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, as the matter has already been adjusted by compromise.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 397, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to require every railroad company, lessee or receiver of such company, operating its trains in the State of Texas, to furnish each coach for the transportation of passengers with one door for the ingress and egress of its passengers, free from any obstruction by gates, bars or otherwise, 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.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 585, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to authorize railroad companies of this State to accept and exercise the rights and privileges conferred upon them by acts of Congress, granting them the right of way for their roads in and through the Indian Territory, without limiting the authority of the laws of Texas over so much of such railroad as may be within 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.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 156, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to authorize railroad companies of this State to accept and exercise the rights and privileges conferred upon them by acts of Congress granting them the right of way for their roads in and through the Indian Territory, without limiting the authority of the laws of Texas over so much of said railroads as may be within 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.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House Joint Resolution No. 6, Amending Sections 4, 22 and 23, of Article 4, and Sections 9, 15, 18, 20, 21 and 23, of Article 5, and Sections 14 and 16, of Article 8, Sections 30 and 44, of Article 16, and Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to have elections every four years,

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.

POWELL, Chairman.
Committee Room, 
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899. 

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

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred 
A petition from forty citizens of Cherokee county, asking the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment exempting factories from taxation, to the voters of Texas, 
Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House that it has received due consideration by the committee. 
POWELL, Chairman. 

Committee Room, 
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899. 

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

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred 
House Joint Resolution No. 10, To amend Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring persons of foreign birth who may be residents of the State of Texas on or before the 31st day of December, 1899, to declare their intention to become citizens of the United States, six months before any election at which such persons may vote; and requiring persons of foreign birth who shall immigrate to the State of Texas, or who shall remove from any State or Territory of the United States to the State of Texas, after the 31st day of December, 1899, to become citizens of the United States before they can vote at any election held in said State, 
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 the same concise statement can be placed in an amendment offered, by stating what shall be on the ticket, and thus accomplish what is intended by this resolution. 
POWELL, Chairman. 

Committee Room, 
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899. 

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

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred 
House bill No. 485, A bill to be entitled "An Act to locate a State normal school in the city of Oak Cliff, to provide for plans and estimates for constructing the necessary buildings therefor, and to accept and secure the donations offered by said city, and to organize and put the same in operation." 
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. 22, 1899. 

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

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred 
House bill No. 520, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3938, Chapter 10, Title LXXXV, relating to the creation and alteration of school districts." 
Have had the same under considera-
tion, 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. 23, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal school to be located at Denton, Texas, and to be known as the North Texas Normal School,"

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. 23, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Parker county, Texas, and making the 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 road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm, as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court, and making provision of act applicable as far as practicable, to convicts when worked on county farms, 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 to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Parker county, and to authorize the commissioners court of Parker county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and highways for Parker county and to provide for the election of said superintendent, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation for said superintendent, when elected, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improvement of roads, and giving persons summoned to work upon roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty on the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated; providing for the collection of such sums of money by road overseers, and prescribing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act,"

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 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. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize private corporations created, or that may be created, under the General Laws of Texas, to extend or renew their corporate existence, where the same has expired, or may be about to expire by lapse of time, and prescribing the conditions and mode of such extension or renewal."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:50 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the President and Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to employ an expert entomologist, whose duty it shall be to devise means, if possible, of destroying the 'Mexican boll weevil,' and other insect pests and to perform the duties of Professor of Entomology in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and appropriating five thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying this act into effect,"

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:50 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, to purchase the Panhandle Railway, and to operate the same under the charter of The Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same and to construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter, under the General Laws of the State of Texas;"

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:50 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

LILLARD, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred House bill No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the location of a branch of the asylums for the insane in northwest 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, because the subject matter thereof has been passed upon in a previous bill.

GROGAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, by Howard, A resolution relating to the care of the insane who are turned away from the asylums;"

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.

GROGAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred Resolution by Maxwell, A resolution to provide for the appointment of a sub-committee composed of members of committees on State Asylums and Penitentiaries to visit said institutions and examine into their conditions and needs, and report back to the House;"

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

GROGAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to promote agriculture and stock-raising, and to prohibit the hunting with fire-arms or dogs upon the enclosed lands of another in all counties within this State not specially named
as exempt from the provisions of this act, and to provide a penalty therefor."

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

"Amend by inserting the words 'or agent' after the word 'owner,' in Section 1.

"Amend by striking out the words 'twenty-five dollars,' where it occurs in Section 2, and also strike out the words 'two hundred and fifty' and insert 'two hundred.'

"Amend by adding to the exempted counties as follows: Archer, Young, Throckmorton, Knox, Baylor, Brown, Coleman, Mason and Llano."

PEERY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 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. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the running of stock at large in Cooke county, Texas, or any subdivision of 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.

PEERY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 25 of said act, and adding Section 31a thereto,"

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

MCKAMY, Chairman.

Mr. Grogan, for the joint committee, on part of the House, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

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

Sir: We, your Joint Committee ap

pointed to visit the San Antonio asylum, beg leave to report the following:

We have investigated the conditions of both the new building and the old building, and as to the former, we find, first, that it is in a partially unfinished condition, due, we think, to the fact that several agreed interlineations were made in the contract calling for its construction, the effect of which interlineations was not considered at the time they were made. These errors have resulted in the following unfinished work: We find that in all of the walls there is unfinished five and one-half feet from the floor on all of the walls, and the floor from the basement has been left out, but in lieu of the floor there was extra work done in underpinning one wall of the old building which was necessary to be done before construction could be begun on the new building, as there was no appropriation for this underpinning the cost of the floor of the new building was necessarily expended in that work. The five and one-half feet of unfinished walls in all of the new building is a result of a misunderstanding of the interlineations in the specifications of the contract. We find, however, that the contractor based his bid upon the specifications as interlined, and the State therefore is not the loser in any sense. To the contrary, it is our opinion that for the money expended this building is the equal if not the superior to any in the State. We deem it advisable, however, to call attention to the fact that some serious omissions were made in the specifications, notably, the failure to provide for water in the operating room of the hospital, and the unprotected condition of some of the exposed glass doors and windows. We attribute practically all of these omissions to the fact that under the law which forbids the payment of money for the construction of State institutions until the work is completed and accepted. This work was let in four separate contracts to the same man to enable him to realize upon the work done in order to push the same forward, thereby making way for errors and omissions. We recommend that appropriation be made sufficient to finish the five and one-half feet of walls in the entire building as heretofore mentioned, for the screening of the exposed glass windows and doors in the ends of the building, and for fixing the floors. (The architect agrees to have water placed in operating room of hospital at his own expense.) With this complete, the building will be thoroughly equipped and ready for use except the lighting, and when this is done we believe it will be a credit

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to the State, and we desire to emphasize the fact that the State has not been defrauded intentionally or otherwise by any person connected with the erection of this building. In proof of our view we herewith attach testimony adduced in our examination. As regards the condition of the old building, we find that in its construction the foundations were only two and one-half feet deep, and for a building of this size entirely inadequate to support it. The consequence is that it is cracked on every side and at every corner, and we think liable to collapse at any time. The walls are spreading out and the ceiling falling down, and we recommend an immediate appropriation to be made to put the building in a possibly safe condition, by underpinning and anchoring the walls. We find further that the entire institution is deficient in heat, light and water, and we recommend that steps be taken to cure these deficiencies. We find that the institution is managed as well as we think it could be with the appropriations that have been made, but are compelled to say that in our opinion the patients have not had sufficient clothing during the remarkably cold weather. All of which, with the attached testimony, is

Respectfully submitted,

GROGAN,
Chairman Joint Committee.

LIVSEY,
WALTON,
For House.

MORRIS,
JOHNSON,
For Senate.

At 1:10 p.m., on motion of Mr. Hamilton, the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m., tomorrow.

FORTY-FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas,
Saturday, February 25, 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.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bean.
Blount.

Cole.
Collins.
Cross.
Dean.
Decker.
Derden.
Eckols.
Ellis.
Evans of Fannin.
Evans of Grayson.
Garner.
Garrett.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Goodman.
Gordon.
Graham.
Grogan.
Grubbs.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Hurley.
Jones.
Lane.
Lillard.
Little.
Livsey.
Looney.
Loyd.
Marsh.
Masterson.
Maxwell.
McAnally.
McClellan.
McDowell.
McFarland.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Mercer.
Monroe.
Morris.
Morrow.

Ayers.
Beaty.
Browne.
Calvin.
Conoly.
Frost.
Greenwood.
Greenwood.
Kennedy.

Murphy.
Murray.
Neff.
Nolan.
Oliver.
Palmer.
Peery.
Pfeiffer.
Phillips, Lampasas.
Phillips of Camp.
Powell.
Prince.
Ratchiff.
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Rogers.
Russell.
Sanson.
Savage.
Schluter.
Scurry.
Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Smith of Collin.
Stewart.
Stripling.
Sutherland.
Tarkington.
Tarver.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett.
Crawford.
Culp.
Dies.
Dorrah.

Henderson, Brazos.
Kittrell.
Poole.
Robertson, Harrison.

A quorum was announced present.

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

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