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.
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Ellis.
Evans of Fannin.
Evans of Grayson.
Garner.
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Gill.
Goodlett.
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Gordon.
Graham.
Grogan.
Grubbs.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Hurley.
Jones.
Lane.
Lilard.
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Looney.
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Masterson.
Maxwell.
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McClellan.
McDowell.
McFarland.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Mercer.
Monroe.
Morris.
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Ayers.
Beaty.
Browne.
Calvin.
Conoly.
Frost.
Greenwood.
Greenwood of Grayson.
Greene.
Greene of Collin.
Stewart.
Stripling.
Sutherland.
Tarkington.
Tarver.

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.
GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
Mr. Greenwood for today, on motion of Mr. Pfeuffer.
Mr. Kennedy for today and Monday, on motion of Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Calvin until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.
Mr. Wells for today, on motion of Mr. Evans of Fannin.
Mr. Frost for today, on motion of Mr. Morrow.
Mr. Meitzen for today, on motion of Mr. Lane.
Mr. Tompkins until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.
Mr. Wells for today, on motion of Mr. Evans of Fannin.
Mr. Frost for today, on motion of Mr. Morrow.
Mr. Meitzen for today, on motion of Mr. Lane.
Mr. Lake until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Schluter.
Mr. Ayers until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Stewart.
On account of sickness:
Mr. Browne until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.
Mr. Thomas of Fannin for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Lampasas.
Mr. Goodlett until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Rogers.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

(Local bills.)
The Speaker laid before the House, with Senate amendments,
House bill No. 49, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to restore and confer upon the County Court of Bexar county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to the said court under the Constitution and General Laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the District Court of said county to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."
The amendments were read, and Mr. Murphy moved that the House do concur in the Senate amendments.
The amendments were concurred in by the following vote:

Yea—92.


Absent—Excused.

Mr. Murphy moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in Senate amendments to House bill No. 49, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 135, A bill to be entitled
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"An Act to amend Title IV, Article 22, Section 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding the terms of the District Court in Trinity county."

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. McDowell moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 133 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of San Saba county; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Clements moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 370 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Robertson county."

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Collins moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 338 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change the time of holding the terms of the district courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District."

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—91.

Pierce. Peery. Thomas of Wise.
Robertson of Bell. Wright.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 529, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and fix the times of holding the terms of the district courts in the Thirteenth Judicial District," so as to give Navarro county two terms of court instead of three.

The bill was read second time and Mr. Prince offered the following amendments:

"Amend by striking out the word 'for' in line 13, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'on.'"

Adopted.

"Amend by inserting in blank in line 26, the words 'passage hereof.'"

Adopted.

"Amend by adding after the word 'weeks,' in line 21, the following, towit:
That all process and writs heretofore issued, or which may be issued, up to the time this act takes effect, by or from the district courts of said counties, and made returnable to the terms of said courts as now fixed by law, shall be returnable to the next ensuing terms of said courts as prescribed by this act, and all such writs and process are hereby legalized and validated as if the same had been made returnable to the terms of said courts as fixed by this act; and whereas, the District Court in Navarro county is now in session, and the effect of this act is to prolong the term three weeks, making a twelve weeks term instead of a nine weeks term as now provided by law; and whereas, by this act the June term of said court is abolished, be it further enacted that the judge of said court may appoint a jury commission during the present term of said court to select petit jurors to serve for such weeks of said term as jurors have not already been selected for.

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Prince moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 529 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—87.**

Adams. Hamilton.
Allen of Hopkins. Howard.
Bean. Jones.
Blount. Lane.
Bolin. Lillard.
Bridgers. Little.
Caldwell. Livesey.
Chambers. Marsh.
Childers. Masterson.
Childs. McAnally.
Clements. McClellan.
Cocke. McDowell.
Collins. McKamy.
Cross. McKellar.
Dean. Mercer.
Decker. Monroe.
Derden. Morris.
Eckols. Morrow.
Ellis. Murphy.
Evans of Fannin. Neff.
Evans of Grayson. Oliver.
Gill. Palmer.
Goodlett. Pfeuffer.
Gordon. Prince.
Graham. Ratliff.
Grubbs. Robertson of Bell.

Rochelle. Tarver.
Rogers. Tate.
Sansom. Teagle.
Savage. Terrell.
Schluter. Thomas of Wise.
Scurry. Thomas of Fannin.
Shephard. Tucker.
Shropshire. Walton.
Smith of Grayson. Wheelless.
Smith of Collins. Willacy.
Stewart. Wooten.
Sutherland. Wright.

**Absent.**

Rochelle. Nolan.
Barbee. Phillips of Lampasas.
Conoly. Pitts.
Garner. Powell.
Garrett. Russell.
Looney. Staples.
Loyd. Stripling.
Maxwell. Vaughan.
Murray. 

**Absent—Excused.**

Ayers. Kennedy.
Beaty. Kittrell.
Bennett. Lake.
Browne. Meitzen.
Calvin. Parish.
Crawford. Poole.
Culp. Robertson, Harrison.
Diers. Shannon.
Dorrah. Tompkins.
Frost. Wells.
Greenwood. Willrodt.
Henderson, Brazos. 

House bill No. 529 laid before the House, on third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—91.**

Adams. Ellis.
Allen of Colorado. Evans of Fannin.
Allen of Hopkins. Evans of Grayson.
Bailey. Gill.
Barrett. Goodlett.
Bean. Goodman.
Blount. Gordon.
Bolin. Graham.
Bridgers. Grogan.
Caldwell. Grubbs.
Chambers. Hamilton.
Childers. Henderson, Lamar.
Childs. Howard.
Clements. Hurley.
Cocke. Jones.
Cole. Lane.
Collins. Lillard.
Cross. Little.
Dean. Livesey.
Decker. Looney.
Derden. Marsh.
Eckols. Masterson.
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Mercer. 
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Palmer. 
Peery. 
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Phillips of Camp. 
Prince. 
Ratcliff. 
Robertson of Bell. 
Rogers. 
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Shropshire. 
Smith of Grayson. 
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Tarkington. 
Tate. 
Tavern. 
Tate. 
Teagle. 
Terry. 
Vaughan. 
Waltz. 
Wetherless. 
Willacy. 
Wooten. 
Wight. 

Absent. 
Barbee. 
Conoly. 
Garner. 
Garrett. 
Loyd. 
Murray. 
Phillips, Lampasas. 

Absent—Excused. 
Ayers. 
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Bennett. 
Brown. 
Calvin. 
Crawford. 
Culp. 
Dies. 
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Frost. 
Greenwood. 
Henderson, Brazos. 

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: 

Senate bill No. 134. A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the unorganized county of Encinal, to establish the boundaries of Webb county so as to include the territory of said unorganized county, to provide for the 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."

The bill was read second time. Mr. Bean moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Saturday, and the motion was lost. The bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Tarver moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 134 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—84. 
Adams. 
Allen of Colorado. 
Allen of Hopkins. 
Barley. 
Barbee. 
Barrett. 
Bridgers. 
Caldwell. 
Chambers. 
Childers. 
Childs. 
Clements. 
Coke. 
Collins. 
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Nays—4.

Bean. Neff. Savage.
Blount. Absent.
Conoly. Pitts.
Decker. Powell.
Ellis. Prince.
Evans of Grayson. Robertson of Bell.
Henderson, Lamar. Staples.
Loyd. Stripling.
Pfeuffer. Absent—Excused.

Absent:

Ayers. Henderson, Brazos.
Beaty. Kennedy.
Bennett. Kittrell.
Browne. Lake.
Calvin. Meitzen.
Crawford. Parish.
Culp. Poole.
Dies. Robertson, Harrison.
Dorroh. Shannon.
Frost. Tompkins.
Goodlett. Wells.
Greenwood. Willrodt.

Senate bill No. 134 laid before the House, on third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—91.

Adams. Hurley.
Allen of Hopkins. Lane.
Bailey. Lillard.
Barbee. Little.
Barrett. Livesey.
Bean. Looney.
Blount. Loyd.
Bolin. Masterson.
Bridgers. Maxwell.
Caldwell. McNally.
Chambers. McClellan.
Childers. McDowell.
Childs. McFarland.
Clements. McKamy.
Cook. McKellar.
Cole. Mercer.
Collins. Monroe.
Cross. Morris.
Derdan. Morrow.
Eckols. Murphy.
Evans of Fannin. Murray.
Evans of Grayson. Neff.
Garrett. Oliver.
Gill. Palmer.
Goodman. Peery.
Graham. Powell.
Grogan. Ratcliff.
Grubbs. Robertson of Bell.
Henderson, Lamar. Rochelle.
Howard. Rogers.

Russell. Tate.
Sansom. Teagle.
Savage. Terrell.
Schluter. Thomas of Wise.
Scurry. Thomas of Fannin.
Shelburne. Tucker.
Shropshire. Vaughan.
Smith of Grayson. Walton.
Smith of Collin. Whelless.
Stewart. Willacy.
Sutherland. Wooten.
Tarkington. Wright.
Tarver. Absent.

Conoly. Pfeuffer.
Dean. Phillips, Lampasas.
Decker. Pitts.
Ellis. Prince.
Hamilton. Staples.
Marsh. Stripling.

Absent—Excused.

Ayers. Henderson, Brazos.
Beaty. Kennedy.
Bennett. Kittrell.
Browne. Lake.
Calvin. Meitzen.
Crawford. Parish.
Culp. Poole.
Dies. Robertson, Harrison.
Dorroh. Shannon.
Frost. Tompkins.
Goodlett. Wells.
Greenwood. Willrodt.

Mr. Tarver moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 134 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on second reading.

House bill No. 530, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, of Title XVII, Revised Criminal Code of Procedure, so as to place Bowie county under the provisions of this chapter, relating to the recovery of stolen animals, and the detention and punishment of thieves."

Mr. Bailey moved a call of the House, and the call was seconded.

The roll was called, a quorum announced present, and the House proceeded with business, while the Door-keeper was instructed to close the doors and the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in absent members.

House bill No. 530 was read second time.

Mr. Rochelle offered the following amendments:

"Amend by inserting after Article 902, the following:

"Whereas, the said law exempting Bowie county seriously interferes with
the enforcement of the criminal laws against theft, an emergency is created and an imperative public necessity requires the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days; said rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

"Amend caption as follows, 'and creating an emergency.'"

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on second reading, 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."

On motion of Mr. Palmer, House Rule No. 31, requiring that all bills reported favorably by committees should be printed and laid on the desk of each member before being considered by the House, was suspended for the purpose of considering this bill.

The bill was then read second time, and was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Palmer moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 649 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—91.
Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
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Blount.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
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Powell.
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Robertson of Bell.
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Yeas—95.
Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Bailey.
Barbee.
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Smith of Grayson.
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Tate.
Teagle.
Terrell.
Thomas of Wise.
Thomas of Fannin.
Tucker.
Vaughan.
Walton.
Wheless.
Willacy.
Wooten.
Wright.

Nays—1.
Childers.

Absent.
Conoly.
Decker.
Ellis.
Evans of Grayson.
Garner.
Monroe.

Absent—Excused.
Ayers.
Beaty.
Bennett.
Browne.
Calvin.
Crawford.
Culp.
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Dorroh.
Frost.
Goodlett.
Greenwood.
Willrodt.

House bill No. 649 laid before the House on third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—95.
Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bean.
Blount.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Caldwell.
Chambers.
Childs.

Clements.
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Evans of Fannin.
Garner.
Garrett.
Gill.
Goodman.
The Speaker laid before the House, on second reading, the bill, as follows:

"An Act to fix the time of holding the district courts of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District of Texas, amending Article 20, subdivision 27, Title IV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for a nine-week's session of court in Bell county.

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Robertson of Bell offered the following amendment:

"Section 2. All writs and process, civil and criminal, heretofore issued, or which may be issued up to the time this act takes effect, by or from the district courts in the several counties of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District, and made returnable to the former terms of said courts as said terms are now fixed by law, shall be returnable to the next ensuing terms of said district courts in each county, as they are prescribed by this act; and all such writs and process that may be issued by or from said courts at any time within five days next before the holding of the next ensuing terms of said courts, as prescribed herein, are hereby made returnable to said terms respectively, and all such writs and process hereinbefore mentioned are hereby legalized and validated to all intents and purposes as if the same had been made returnable to the terms of said courts as the terms thereof are herein prescribed.

Adopted.

Mr. Shropshire offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding the following:

"Section 3. The present crowded condition of the calendar creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and that this act take effect from and after the first Monday in April, 1899, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Shropshire moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 498 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-93.

Adams.    Derden.
Allen of Colorado.    Eckols.
Allen of Hopkins.    Evans of Fannin.
Barbee.    Garrett.
Barrett.    Gill.
Bean.    Goodman.
Blount.    Gordon.
Bolin.    Graham.
Bridgers.    Groog.
Caldwell.    Groubs.
Childers.    Hamilton.
Childs.    Henderson, Lamar.
Clements.    Howard.
Coke.    Hurley.
Cole.    Jones.
Collins.    Lane.
Cross.    Lillard.
Dean.    Little.
House bill No. 498 laid before the House on third reading and final passage. 

House bill No. 444, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and create a more..."
efficient system of public roads and bridges for Liberty county.”

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar offered the following amendment:

“Amend by striking out ‘six per cent.’ wherever it occurs in the bill and inserting in lieu thereof ‘five per cent.’”

Adopted.

The bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 176 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—94.

Absents—Excused.

Ayers.

Beatty.

Bennett.

Browne.

Caldwell.

Chambers.

Childers.

Childs.

Collins.

Cross.

Dean.

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Robertson of Bell.

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Absent.
Conoly. Pfeuffer.
Ellis. Pitts.
Hamilton. Staples.
Lane. Stripling.
Monroe. Willacy.
Neff. Absent—Excused.
Ayers. Kennedy.
Beaty. Kittrell.
Bennett. Lake.
Browne. Meitzen.
Calvin. Parish.
Crawford. Poole.
Culp. Robertson, Harrison.
Dies. Shannon.
Dorroh. Tompkins.
Frost. Wells.
Greenwood. Willrodt.
Henderson, Brazos.

Senate bill No. 149 laid before the House on third reading and final passage.
Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—92
Adams. Graham.
Allen of Colorado. Grubbs.
Barbee. Howard.
Barrett. Jones.
Bean. Lillard.
Blount. Little.
Bolin. Livsey.
Bridgers. Looney.
Caldwell. Loyd.
Chambers. Marsh.
Childs. Masterson.
Clementa. Maxwell.
Coeke. McAnally.
Cole. McClellan.
Collins. McDowell.
Dean. McKamy.
Decker. McKellar.
Delden. Mercer.
Eckols. Monroe.
Evans of Fannin. Morris.
Evans of Grayson. Morrow.
Garner. Murray.
Gill. Oliver.
Goodlett. Palmer.
Goodman. Peery.
Phillips of Camp. Sutherland.
Powell. Tarkington.
Prince. Tarver.
Rateiff. Tate.
Robertson of Bell. Teagle.
Rochelle. Terrell.
Rogers. Thomas of Fannin.
Sansom. Tucker.
Savage. Vaughan.
Schluter. Walton.
Sheburne. Whelless.
Shropshire. Willacy.
Smith of Grayson. Wooten.
Stewart. Wright.

Absent.
Conoly. Pfeuffer.
Ellis. Pitts.
Hamilton. Smith of Collin.
Lane. Staples.
Murphy. Stripling.
Neff. Absent—Excused.
Ayers. Kennedy.
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Bennett. Lake.
Browne. Meitzen.
Calvin. Parish.
Crawford. Poole.
Culp. Robertson, Harrison.
Dies. Shannon.
Dorroh. Tompkins.
Frost. Wells.
Greenwood. Willrodt.
Henderson, Brazos.

Mr. Shropshire moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 149 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.
The motion to table prevailed.
The Speaker here stated that as the local bills on the Speaker’s table had been disposed of, there being no objection, he would announce the morning call.
No objection being raised, the morning call was announced.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Grubbs:
Petition from 500 citizens of Hunt county, favoring the bill establishing an industrial college for girls.
Read, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Barrett:
Petition of twenty-six citizens and ex-Confederate veterans, favoring the distribution of Confederate pensions under the direction of the commissioners courts of the several counties in the State of Texas.
Read, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.
By Mr. Blount: Petition of 150 men and 250 women of Anderson county, asking the Legislature to pass the Poole cocaine bill. Read, and referred to Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics.

By Mr. Grubbs: Petition of 150 citizens of Greenville, Hunt county, favoring the consolidation to furnish. Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Bennett: Petition of 150 citizens of Greenville, mother of such progeny.) Read first time, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

By Mr. Tarkington: House bill No. 656, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4896, Chapter 1, Title 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, empowering sheriffs to appoint an extra deputy in precincts having railroad depots." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Grubbs: House bill No. 657, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title XV, Chapter 7, Article 633, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, defining rape and want of consent, and extending the age of consent to 18 years." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 675, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1405, of Title XXX, Chapter 19, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to appeal and writ of error;"

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.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 47. A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and maintain a more efficient public road system of Cass 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.

WOOTEN, Chairman.
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 622, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide that in all civil cases in the district court nine jurors concurring, and that in all civil cases in the county and justice courts five jurors concurring, may bring in a verdict."

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 137, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 5172, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to commissions of tax collectors."

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

"Provided, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to permit any such corporations to engage in or carry on the business of selling pools, or what is known as a 'bucket shop' business, and any such corporation so engaging in or carrying on the business of selling pools or what is known as a 'bucket shop' business shall forfeit its charter, and proceedings for that purpose may be instituted by the district attorney in the district court where such corporation may have its domicile."

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 468, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 642, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding thereto subdivision 55a, and to add to said chapter and title Article 871a, so as to make the law applicable to municipal corporations."

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 543, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 690 (653) 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."

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

"An Act to amend Articles 870 and 873, of Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to county finances, and to add to said chapter and title Article 871a, so as to make the law applicable to municipal corporations."

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 601, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 690 (653), of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to number of peremptory challenges in misdemeanor cases tried in district court."

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

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

Sr: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 620, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to give the Board of Regents of the University of Texas the absolute and exclusive management and control of the mineral lands of the University."

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. 24, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sr: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred
House bill No. 577, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 713, of Chapter 11, Title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add Article 713a to said Chapter 11, Title XXI, of said Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purposes for which private corporations may be created."

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.

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

Sr: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 611, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide certain buildings with permanent fire escapes, and to provide proper penalties for its violation."

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.

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

Sr: The undersigned, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 588, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 402, of the Revised Penal Code of Texas, prescribing penalties for unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors in local option counties, precincts, cities or towns or other subdivisions of a county;"

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.
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 striking out the word 'and' in line 14, page 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'or.'"

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 506, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring owners, operators or lessees of dams across rivers, creeks and branches with living and running water, in the State of Texas, to build and erect fish ladders over the same; to define fish ladders, and to fix a penalty for a violation of this act."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 506, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the charging of toll by owners, operators or lessees of public mills in 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 with the following amendments:

"Amend the caption:

"By striking out the word 'regulating' in line 3, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'to regulate.'

"By adding after the word 'toll' in line 3, the words 'or exchange.'

"By adding after the word 'Texas' in line 4, the words 'and to fix a penalty for a violation of the same.'"

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5068, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, of the State of Texas, passed in 1801, relating to the duties of revenue agents," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 503, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation of $50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to refund and pay to the several counties of this State the State's pro rata part of the expense incurred by such counties in the publication of the delinquent tax lists provided for by Chapter 103, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, 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.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 594, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require owners, lessees, engineers or other persons operating steam fire engines for the purpose of cutting or threshing grain or stacking straw or baling hay or straw, to have securely attached to such engine spark arrester or spark destroyer," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 578, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the terms for holding the courts in the Fiftieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it
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back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CROSS, Acting Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 555, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend an act passed by the Twenty-fifth Legislature in the year 1897,
entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 15, of Article 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to
the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Fifteenth Judicial District of Texas, passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in the year 1895, and
to repeal all laws in conflict with this act," providing for the selection and empaneling of grand juries for the January term of said court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act,"

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

CROSS, Acting Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 540, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Shelby county, to conform to the jurisdic-
tion of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act,

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

CROSS, Acting Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 649, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to authorize and create a more efficient system of public roads and bridges for Liberty county, for the issu-
ance of bonds for said county, for the purpose of constructing permanent public roads; to authorize the investment of the
permanent school fund of the State and of said county in such bonds; to pro-
vide for and limit the expenditure of moneys arising from the sale of such bonds; to prescribe and define the powers and duties of the commissioners court in reference thereto, and to validate public roads heretofore laid out and established in said county."

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

GRUBBS, Chairman.

ORDERED PRINTED.

Senate bill No. 68, relating to hunting on enclosed lands of another, two hun-
dred and fifty extra copies ordered printed for use of the members, on motion of Mr. Garner.

BILLS RECOMMITTED.

House bills Nos. 274 and 277, to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, on
motion of Mr. Schluter.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES.

Mr. Calvin to the Committee on Ex-
amination of Comptroller's and Treas-
urer's Accounts, on motion of Mr. Prince, chairman.
Mr. Rochelle to Judiciary Committee No. 1, on motion of Mr. Wooten, chairman. At 12:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Shelburne, the House took recess until 7:30 p.m. today to hear an address from Hon. A. C. Oliver of Cass county.

EVENING SESSION.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 7:30 p.m. On motion of Mr. Schluter, the House took recess further till 8 p.m.

Mr. Schluter in the chair, at 8 p.m., the House was called to order.

Mr. Oliver, who was to address the House, was introduced by Mr. Grubbs. Mr. Oliver, in appropriate words, thanked the House for the honor conferred in inviting him to address it at this time, and entertained the members for quite an hour in his own naive way, his remarks bearing mostly on modern campaign methods (especially in Cass county); the growing evil that is to congest the population in cities and towns, and the necessity for legislation that will lighten the burdens of taxation on the toiling masses.

At the conclusion of Mr. Oliver's address, Mr. Grubbs was loudly called for, and spoke entertainingly for a few minutes on committee work.

At 9:20 p.m., on motion of Mr. Vaughan, the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

FORTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives.

Austin, Texas,

Monday, Feb. 27, 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. Chidis.
Allen of Hopkins. Cock.
Barbee. Collins.
Barrett. Conoly.
Bean. Cross.
Beaty. Cup.
Blount. Dean.
Bolin. Decker.
Bridgers. Derden.
Caldwell. Dies.
Chambers. Eckols.
Childers. Ellis.

Evans of Fannin. Oliver.
Garrett. Parish.
Gill. Peery.
Goodlett. Pfeuffer.
Graham. Pitts.
Greenwood. Powell.
Grubbs. Prince.
Henderson, Brazos. Ratcliff.
Henderson, Lamar. Robertson of Bell.
Howard. Rochelle.
Hurley. Rogers.
Jones. Russell.
Kennedy. Sansom.
Kittrell. Savage.
Lake. Schluter.
Lane. Scurry.
Lillard. Shannon.
Little. Shelburne.
Livsey. Shropshire.
Looney. Smith of Collin.
Loyd. Staples.
Marsh. Stewart.
Masters. Sutherland.
Maxwell. Tarkington.
McAnaly. Terer.
McClellan. Tate.
McDowell. Teagle.
McFarland. Terrell.
McKamy. Thomas of Wise.
McKellor. Thomas of Wise.
Meitzen. Tucker.
Mercer. Vaughan.
Monroe. Walton.
Morris. Wells.
Morrow. Whelless.
Murphy. Willacy.
Murray. Willrod.
Neff. Wooten.
Nolan. Wright.

Absent.

Doroh. Hamilton.
Evans of Grayson. Smith of Grayson.
Frost. Stripling.
Grogan. Absent—Excused.

Ayers. Crawford.
Bennett. Poole.
Brown. Robertson, Harrison.
Calvin. Tompkins.

A quorum was announced present.


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

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 176 was passed last Saturday, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.