bersome and impracticable, that the immediate necessity for a radical revision would become so apparent to the Legislature that appropriate action would be taken to that desirable end.

GRUBBS.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 469, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add Article 3891a to said chapter, authorizing the Board of Education to invest the permanent school fund of the State of Texas in bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, and the bonds of the counties of the State of Texas;"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, as a bill of similar character has been reported by committee.

COLE, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3774a, Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, Revised Statutes, relating to the issuance of teachers' permanent certificates, and authorizing the issuance of such certificates to regular graduates of certain institutions;"

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 a bill of similar character has been reported.

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred House bill No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require all convicts, whether worked by the State or otherwise, to work the public roads of the counties in which said convicts may be worked by the State, or anyone else, 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 accompanying substitute in lieu thereof with the recommendation that said substitute do pass.

DORROH, Chairman.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House this afternoon, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 156, "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 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."

Pending consideration of Senate bill No. 39, on second reading, with House committee substitute for the same—question being: Shall the committee report be adopted?

On motion of Mr. Tarver, and in accordance with resolution by Mr. Blount adopted today, the House, at 5:10 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o’clock a.m. tomorrow.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, March 3, 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. Culp.
Allen of Colorado. Dean.
Allen of Hopkins. Decker.
Ayers. Dies.
Bailey. Dorroh.
Barbee. Eckols.
Bean. Ellis.
Beaty. Evans of Grayson.
Blount. Frost.
Bridgers. Garrett.
Caldwell. Gill.
Calvin. Goodlett.
Chambers. Goodman.
Children. Gordon.
Childs. Graham.
Clements. Grogan.
Cocke. Grubbs.
Cole. Greenwood.
Collins. Hamilton.
Crawford. Howard.
March 3, 1899

House Journal.

A quorum was announced present.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House: For the first time in my life I am called upon to speak to a question of personal privilege. If you will turn to your Journals of this morning you will find this language: ‘I vote no on this resolution, because I believe that the spirit prompting the intervention of such resolution is that of sentimental hypocrisy, and can do no good, but much harm by delaying the business of the Legislature.’—Lan.

“Now, gentlemen of the House, that there is a sentiment in it I admit, and God grant that the time may never come and that I may never get too old to enjoy these celebrations with all of their hollowed sentiments.

“The Fourth of July, the birthday of our Nation, and the 2nd of March, the anniversary of the birth of the Republic of Texas, our State, and all other holidays that have for their object the cultivation of patriotic sentiment.

“I was raised on a farm, served four years in the Confederate war, participating in every battle which my command was in, from Shiloh to the close, believing that I was right. In my humble way I have tried to live to merit the confidence of my people, and as testimony to my success I am now serving my second term in this honored body, and now to be placed on record as a hypocrite because I offered a resolution expressing patriotic sentiments, and asked that we have the Declaration of Texas Independence read, which only took eight minutes, while the gentlemen opposing it consumed nearly one hour trying to defeat it. Now, gentlemen, I leave the matter with you and a patriotic public to say whether such sentiments are hypocritical and who it is that is wasting valuable time of this body.”

Mr. Henderson of Lamar also made some remarks on the question, and expressed great regret that such matter as alluded to by Mr. Peery should have appeared in the Journal.

Mr. Smith of Collin moved to expunge the reasons of Mr. Lane from the Journal.

Mr. Lane arose and stated that, while he had written what he believed to be true, and had nothing to retract and no apologies to make, he meant nothing personal in the matter, but meant it in a general sense.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar, again speaking, stated that he hoped that Mr. Smith of Collin would withdraw the motion to expunge, as he desired that the reasons of Mr. Lane should remain on the Journal as a monument to the occasion and as an illustration of the degeneracy of the patriotism of the day.
PENDING BUSINESS.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, two bills, House bill No. 130, relating to the fees and taxes to be collected by the Secretary of State, with amendment by Mr. Decker, and amendment thereto by Mr. Bailey and substitute for both amendments by Mr. Garner.

Mr. Meitzen moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 397, relating to the gate system on railroads.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Bailey, by consent of the House, emended his amendment so as to read as follows:

"Amend by adding after the word 'first,' in line 10, page 2: 'Provided, that no fee for granting any charter or amendment thereto to any domestic corporation shall exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.'"

"By adding after the word 'filed,' line 28, page 2: 'Provided, that no fee for a permit to do business for the first year in this State to a foreign corporation shall exceed fifteen hundred dollars; provided further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal any law requiring payment of the annual franchise now levied upon foreign corporations now doing, or hereafter seeking to do business in this State.'"

Mr. Decker then, by consent, withdrew his amendment, and Mr. Garner, by consent, withdrew his substitute.

Mr. Bailey then offered his amendment as amended as an amendment to the bill.

Mr. Decker offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Bailey:

"Amend the bill by inserting after the word 'first,' line 10, page 2: 'Provided, that the maximum fee for charter or permit to be charged any corporation of this class, either foreign or domestic, shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars; provided further, that nothing herein shall repeal any franchise tax now imposed by law.'"

"Mr. Speaker here announced that the hour, 10:30 a.m., had arrived for consideration of House bill No. 298, the general land bill, on second reading, and laid the same before the House.

On motion of Mr. Wheless, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a judicial district in Galveston county additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein; to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts and the disposition of the business therein, and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof."

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

Mr. Wheless offered the following amendments:

"Amend by striking out the caption of the bill and line 12 thereof and insert the following in lieu thereof:

'A bill to be entitled 'An Act to amend Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Section 55, creating a judicial district in Galveston county additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein; to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts, and the disposition of the business therein, and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof, and declaring an emergency.'"

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

Section 1. That Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, be amended by adding thereto Section 55, the same to read as follows:

"Article 22, Title IV, Section 55. The county of Galveston shall compose in addition to the Tenth Judicial District, now existing by law and continued in force, the Fifty-sixth Judicial District as well; and the jurisdiction of the district courts in and for said Tenth and said Fifty-sixth Judicial Districts shall be concurrent and co-extensive with the limits of said Galveston county."

Adopted.

"Amend Section 5, page 2, so that the same shall read as follows:

"Section 5. In order to expedite the dispatch of business the term of the court of the said Fifty-sixth Judicial District shall begin and be held on the first Monday of the first regular term of said court as designated by this act, after the appointment and qualification of the judge thereof; at which term juries may be drawn for the ensuing regular term, non-jury cases tried by the consent of the parties, and all necessary preliminary proceedings and interlocutory orders had and made, conducive to the prompt dispatch of business at the ensuing regular term."

Adopted.

After consideration by the House, Mr.
Neff moved the previous question and it was not seconded.

After further consideration of the bill by the House, Mr. Dies moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill and the main question was ordered. Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Shelburne, Mr. Dean and Mr. Decker.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

**Yeas—74.**


**Nays—33.**


"I vote 'yea' on this bill for the reason that there is no prospect of redistricting the State, and being convinced that a necessity exists for another court at Galveston and under the present fee law I am convinced the court will be virtually self-sustaining."

"ALLEN OF HOPKINS."

Mr. Wheless moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 147 be put on its third reading and final passage.

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

**Yeas—81.**


**Nays—25.**

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on second reading, House bill No. 298. A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of all lands heretofore or hereafter conveyed and set apart for the benefit of the free school and the several asylums, and to prevent the free use and occupancy of such lands," the committee having reported a substitute, and recommending that the substitute do pass in lieu of the original bill.

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar raised the point of order that the bill was not properly before the House for the reason that only the substitute reported by the committee had been printed and laid on the desks of the members, and that the original bill should have been printed together with the substitute.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Pending the appeal, Mr. Henderson of Lamar yielding the floor, Mr. Jones moved to take a recess until 3 o'clock p.m. today.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

(Read by unanimous consent.)

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

Substitute Senate bill No. 30, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 296, to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill No. 120, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senate bill No. 175, to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Allen of Hopkins, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. John W. Cranford, Representative in Congress, from the Fourth District of this State, and an honorable ex-member of the Senate of the Twenty-second Legislature, and an able and faithful expounder of the fundamental principles of the Democratic party, died at Washington City at 12 o'clock last night; therefore be it

Resolved, First, That this Legislature has heard this sad news with profound sorrow.

Second, That we extend to his bereaved family our real sympathy and condolence.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and friends.

(Signed—Allen of Hopkins, Oliver Bolin, Calvin Henderson of Lamar, Mercer, Schuler, Rochelle, Chambers, Phillips of Camp.)

The resolution was read second time, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Gordon, chairman on part of the House of the special joint committee to visit the State Reformatory at Gatesville, Texas, submitted the following supplemental report:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

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

Sir: As chairman of the committee sent to Gatesville to investigate the condition and management of the House of Correction and Reformatory at that place, we beg leave to file the following supplemental report and say that since the filing of the committee report there has come into our hands a letter mailed at Waco, Texas, on September 20, 1897,
March 3, 1899

DEAR PA: Enclosed find voucher for the carbolineum; also a voucher in favor of Paine, Chatham & Co. I bought these things from them, and if you can put this voucher in this month I wish you would. It is things you use at Ref. every month, and the trustees will not know anything about it. The first two months I was here I got behind on my payments for lumber, wagon, etc. I have paid up nearly everything to date, my milk trade is increasing a little all the time. My milk trade is increasing a little all the time. We have solicited no new trade lately, as we were selling all our milk, but I got in three new cows this week from Mr. Mackay, and will work up a trade for their milk this week. I expect to come out on top yet with the milk business. I guess I will be up Saturday. Love to all.

"Your son,
EUGENE."

And we beg to attach vouchers from the Comptroller's office No. 17 and No. 18, the letters and vouchers speaking for themselves, the original letter and vouchers being in the hands of the proper custodians in the city of Austin. Respectfully,

GORDON, Chairman.

Voucher No. 17.
Texas House of Correction and Reformatory.
To C. F. Smith, Dr.
Sept. 29, 1897—
45 gal. carbolineum .......... $49.50
(Signed.)
C. F. SMITH & Co.
per M.
(Approved.)
A. MATTHEW,
G. M. SHUMATE,
J. F. MCGUIRE, Superintendent.

[The within is a true copy of the original on file in this office.]

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.
R. W. FINLEY, Comptroller.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 3, 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:

Substitute Senate bill No. 30. A bill to be entitled "An Act to define libel and privileged communications and publications, and to more effectually secure the liberty of the press, and to prevent abuses in exercising such liberty of the press."

Senate bill No. 175, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of an act to regulate and limit the expenditure of State, county and local public school funds, and regulate treasurers' reports thereof, approved June 23, 1897."

Senate bill No. 206, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize corporations now or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State for the purpose of acquiring and operating union passenger depots to condemn land for the purpose of their incorporation."

Senate bill No. 126, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 10 and 13, of Chapter 103, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, providing for the collection of taxes..
heretofore and that may hereafter be levied,” etc., with engrossed rider.

Also that the Senate refuses to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 134, A bill to be entitled “An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company to acquire by purchase or lease the railroad of the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company,” etc.

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 3, 1899.

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 323, A bill to be entitled “An Act to create and establish an Industrial Institute and College in the State of Texas for the education of white girls in the arts and sciences,” have carefully examined said bill, and find the same to be correctly engrossed.

GRUBBS, Chairman.

Mr. Schluter moved that the House adhere to its amendments to Senate bill No. 134, and that a conference committee with powers of a free conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on said bill.

The motion prevailed.

At 12:37 p.m., on motion of Mr. Jones, the House took a recess to 3 o'clock p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 3 o'clock p.m.

Pending question—House bill No. 298, with committee report recommending a substitute in lieu of the original bill, on second reading, with motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar to appeal from the ruling of the Speaker. The motion to appeal was withdrawn. Mr. Wright moved that the committee report be adopted.

Yea and nay were demanded by Mr. Hurley, Mr. Eckols and Mr. Little. The committee report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—77.


Nays—32.


(Pending consideration of the bill, Mr. Bailey occupied the Chair.)
SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

(By unanimous consent.)

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

- Senate bills Nos. 180 and 190 to Judiciay Committee No. 1.
- Senate bill No. 144 to the Committee on Internal Improvements.
- Senate bill No. 192 to the Committee on State Affairs.
- Senate bill No. 186 to the Committee on Education.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Blount:
Petition of thirty-seven members of the Tennessee colony, asking that the Legislature pass a bill to change the time for killing deer from the first day of September to the first day of August of each year.
Read, and referred to Judiciay Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Grubbs:
Petition of fifty citizens of Greenville, Texas, protesting against any increase of the occupation taxes on opera houses.
Read, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Decker:
Petition of eighteen citizens of Knox county, for the passage of the Decker validating bill.
Read, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

Also a petition of thirty citizens of Cottle county, asking for the exemption of said county from the operation of the animal inspection law.

Also a petition of fifty-three citizens of same county, asking that said county remain under said operation of said law.
Read, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Garrett:
House bill No. 669, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 1, of Article 5065, Title CIV, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relating to property subject to taxation, and the mode of rendering the same."
(Amends so as to exempt from taxation all parsonage property owned by any church, and kept exclusively for a pastor's residence.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Adams:
House bill No. 690, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5065, Title CIV, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to exempt parsonages or private houses owned by religious organizations and used exclusively as such, from taxation."
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Savage:
House bill No. 691, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 406, Chapter 6, Title XI, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, so as to provide that a refusal to post internal revenue license, when proof is made that such license is had in prohibition districts, shall be prima facie proof that such persons are selling intoxicating drinks."
Read first time, and referred to Judiciay Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Murphy:
House bill No. 692, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter 103, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature entitled an act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore and that may hereafter be levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed; establishing and continuing such lien; providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1883, which may have been returned delinquent or reported sold to the State, or to any county, city or town for the tax due thereon and not returned, or which may hereafter be returned delinquent or reported sold to the State or to any county, city or town to satisfy the lien thereon,' as enacted by the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being Chapter 55, Title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1893, relating to delinquent taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."
The object of the bill is to facilitate the assessment and collection of taxes, and an emergency is declared.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Pitts:
House bill No. 693, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title CIV, Chapter 1, Article 5051, relating to the payment of State and county taxes."
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to be known as the Southwest Texas Normal School.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bolin:

House bill No. 697, A bill to be entitled

An Act to amend Article 4517, of the

Civil Statutes, relating to the in-

by mob violence; define and punish

murder by mob violence; provide for the

proceedings in prosecutions for murder

by mob violence; define and punish

murder by mob violence; provide for the

suspension and removal of sheriffs, dep-

uty sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police,

city marshals and other officers who per-

mit it; and fix the venue and regulate

proceedings in such cases, and to fix the

liability for the payment of the costs of

prosecution for murder by mob violence.

Read first time, and referred to Judi-

ciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Prince:

House bill No. 694, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to fix the venue and regulate

proceedings in prosecutions for murder

by mob violence; define and punish

murder by mob violence; provide for the

suspension and removal of sheriffs, dep-

uty sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police,

city marshals and other officers who per-

mit it; and fix the venue and regulate

proceedings in such cases, and to fix the

liability for the payment of the costs of

prosecution for murder by mob violence."

Read first time, and referred to Com-

mittee on Stock and Stock-raising.

By Mr. Coke:

House bill No. 696, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to provide for establishing, gov-

erning and maintaining a State normal

school at San Marcos to be known as the

Read first time, and referred to Com-

mittee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Caldwell (by request):

House bill No. 695, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 5043, of the

Revised Statutes of Texas of 1895, as

amended by the Twenty-fifth Legislature,

so as to take Travis county out of the

list of exemptions and make it subject to

the provisions of Title CII, Chapter 6, of

the Revised Statutes, relating to the in-

spection of hides and animals, and de-

claring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Com-

mittee on Extra Sessions.

By Mr. Shelburne:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 28,

Resolved, That the House of Represen-

tatives, the Senate concurring, hereby

authorizes the Speaker of the House and

the President of the Senate to appoint

from among the members of the present

House and Senate a committee of five,

three to be appointed by the Speaker of

the House and two by the President of

the Senate; said members of the House

and Senate shall constitute a committee,

whose duty it shall be, during the year

1899, to visit all of the State institu-

tions which are supported by the State.

The members of said committee shall re-

ceive five dollars per day and all neces-

sary traveling expenses, hotel bills, etc.,

for their services, and sixty days shall be

the limit of time to be by them consumed

in making said investigation. They shall

elect one of their number as chairman of

said committee, who shall be authorized

to administer oaths to, and to issue pro-

cess directed to any sheriff or constable

in the State of Texas, directing him to

arrest any person or persons refusing or

failing to appear before said committee

when notified by said chairman to do so.

It shall be the duty of said committee to

examine books and papers so far as they

may deem it necessary, and to examine

any and all persons connected with said

institutions in order to ascertain the finan-

cial condition of said institutions, their

receipts and disbursements and the needs

of said institutions. They shall per-

sonally examine into the condition of

buildings, sanitary conditions, and any

other matters they may deem necessary

in the interests of the State, and shall

make their report in writing, under oath,
as to all facts necessary of which they

have taken cognizance. Said committee

shall be empowered to employ a clerk,

who shall be an expert stenographer and

typewriter, who shall furnish his own

typewriting machine. Said clerk shall

serve said committee as they may direct

in the discharge of their duty, and he

shall receive as compensation for his ser-

vices three dollars per day for each day

employed by committee, and necessary

traveling expenses and hotel bills; said

claims to be made out and sworn to and

approved by the chairman of said com-

mittee, and the Comptroller shall issue

his warrant, and the Treasurer shall pay

the same out of any money in the treas-

ury not otherwise appropriated. And

upon presentation of the verified ac-

counts of each of the members of said

committee, the Comptroller shall issue

draft to said member and the Treasurer

shall pay the same out of any money in the

treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The report of said committee shall be

filed with the Comptroller, and he shall

furnish a printed copy thereof to each

member of the Twenty-seventh Legisla-

ture, and also to the members of the

Twenty-sixth Legislature if called to-

gether in extra session, if the Governor

so desires.

Read, and referred to the Committee on

State Affairs.
By Mr. Dies:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 29,
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a committee of seven, four members of the House and three members of the Senate, be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, for the purpose of investigating the condition of the different State institutions, and that said board, immediately upon the adjournment of the present Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable, begin its work by visiting the different institutions, as aforesaid, and by making a thorough investigation of their condition in every particular, and report the result of their work to the Legislature at its next session.

Resolved further, that said board at its first meeting, which shall be held in the city of Austin immediately after the adjournment of the present session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall elect one of its members as chairman thereof; that said chairman shall appoint a competent stenographer, whose duty it shall be to accompany said committee and keep a true record of all proceedings thereof. The members of said committee, also the stenographer provided for herein, shall receive five dollars per day and three cents per mile for every mile traveled in the performance of their duty. Said mileage and per diem to be paid by the State Treasurer on warrants approved by the chairman of said board; provided, that said board shall not receive pay for more than fifty days.

And be it further resolved that the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the members of the committee and stenographer hereinbefore provided for.

Read, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 3, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 552, do not concur with the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

"Amend by striking out the word 'companies' in line 2, in Article 4542a."

"Amend by striking out the end of Article 4542a, the following: 'When they have applied for and obtained permission to issue the same from the Railroad Commission,' and add: 'under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Railroad Commission.'"

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 3, 1899.

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 552, do not concur with the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

"Amend by striking out the word 'article,' in line 3, in Article 4542a."

"Amend by striking out at the end of Article 4542a, the following: 'When they have applied for and obtained permission to issue the same from the Railroad Commission,' and add: 'under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Railroad Commission.'"

SMITH of Grayson, SANSON, McKAMY, STEWART, POWELL, TOMPKINS, LILLARD.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 3, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 653, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston East & 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.

Articles 4342a and 4342b to said Chapter 10, regulating passenger fare on railroads."

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 striking out Article 4542a, after the word 'companies' the following: 'in the performance of their duties as such.'"

"Amend by striking out all after the word 'article,' in line 3, in Article 4542a."

"Amend by striking out at the end of Article 4542a, the following: 'When they have applied for and obtained permission to issue the same from the Railroad Commission,' and add 'under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Railroad Commission.'"
SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

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

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act to add to Title LXIX (69) an additional article, to be known as Article 3385a, providing for the exemption of wines produced from grapes, berries or tomatoes grown in this State from the provisions of Article 3384, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the sale of the appellate court reports;" 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.

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

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 399, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 965, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895 of the State of Texas, relating to the sale of the appellate court reports;" 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.

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

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 342, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Dallas and to grant it a new charter;" 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 Section 6 by striking out the words 'eighteen hundred dollars' wherever the same occur therein and insert in lieu thereof the words 'twenty-four hundred dollars.' Also amend said section by striking out the words 'fifteen dollars' wherever the same occur therein and insert in lieu thereof the words 'ten dollars.'"

"Amend Section 7 by striking out, near the close thereof, the words 'and at the date of his election be a freeholder therein, or anywhere in the city of Dallas, of property assessed at not less than $500.'"

"Amend Section 9 so as to read as follows:

"Section 9. The elective officers of the city of Dallas shall be the mayor, city attorney, chief of police, city tax assessor, city tax collector, city health officer, the president and six members of the board of education, one alderman from each ward, and one alderman from each aldermanic district, city judge, street superintendent, superintendent of water works, and chief of the fire department.

"The first general election under this charter shall take place on the first Tuesday in April, 1900, at which time and every two years thereafter there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city of Dallas the officers above mentioned, who shall hold their respective offices for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In the event that at the date of the first general election held after the passage of this act in said city there shall be then appointed and qualified to act a quorum of the board of commissioners hereinafter provided for, such chief of police and the chief of the fire department aforesaid shall be appointed by said board of com-
missioners as hereinafter provided, and that at the expiration of the terms of office of any chief of police or chief of the fire department, the said offices shall be filled by appointment by said board instead of by election. in the event that there shall then be appointed and qualified to act a quorum of said board of commissionners.

"Amend Section 17 by adding thereto at the end of said section as it now reads the following:

"Provided, that all vacancies occurring in the board of education aforesaid less than four months prior to the expiration of the regular term of office of the persons whose positions on said board are thus vacated, shall be filled by said board."

"Amend Section 19 so as to read as follows:

"The appointive officers of said city other than the commissioners hereinafter provided for, shall be appointed by the city council, and shall be a city secretary, a city electrician, a city engineer, a secretary of waterworks, and an auditor, and such other officers or agents as the city council may direct. All of the officers to be appointed by the council shall be elected by the city council by viva voce vote on roll call, as the terms of such officers expire at the first regular meeting in October each year.

"This section shall not be construed to interfere with the term of any person now occupying any of said appointive offices. All appointive officers elected by the council shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall give such bonds as the city council may require, and perform such duties as are herein required. At the expiration of the term of any heretofore appointive office, made elective by this act, the city council shall fill such office by appointment until the next regular election for city officers, at which an election shall be held to fill such office."

"Amend Section 20 by striking out at the end thereof the following words:"

"The provisions of this act allowing to any officer extra compensation or fees shall take effect on the passage of this act, and any power granted herein to the council to provide any such compensation, or fees shall be in effect on the passage of this act," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Any increase in salaries of officers made by the provisions of this act shall be in effect from and after the expiration of the present term of such office, until which time the incumbent shall only receive the compensation provided by the charter or ordinances in force when this act takes effect."

"Amend Section 28 by striking out therefrom the following words: 'The city secretary shall receive no extra compensation as ex-officio clerk, except such part of the costs in any proceeding as may be allowed by the city council to be taxed against any defendant convicted in said court.'"

"Amend Section 29 by adding thereto the following: 'In the event that the Legislature shall at any time abolish the city court and establish any other court in the city in lieu of said city court, the judge of said court by whatever name designated shall be elected in the manner herein provided for the election of the city judge, and shall receive for his salary the sum of six hundred dollars per annum until the first general election for city officers under this charter, and thereafter the judge of said court shall receive the salary of nine hundred dollars per annum.'"

"Amend Section 33 so as to substitute for the words 'appointed by the city council as hereinafter provided,' where the same occurs herein with reference to the chief of the fire department, the words 'elected as hereinafter provided, or appointed.'"

"Amend Section 34 by striking out the words 'twelve hundred dollars' where the same occur in said section and substitute therefor the words 'fifteen hundred dollars.'"

"Amend Section 35 by striking out the words or figures 'eighteen hundred dollars' wherever the same occur in said section and insert in lieu thereof the words 'twenty-two hundred dollars.'"

"And amend further by striking out of said section the words in addition to the salary above specified, said attorney shall be allowed such fees to be imposed as costs upon any person convicted before the Dallas city court or any other court which may be established in said city, and to be fixed by the said city council and to be paid out of the city treasury not to exceed the sum of one dollar in each case of conviction, provided, that nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the employment of an assistant city attorney by the council and to pay him such salary as such council shall deem proper and to allow him such fees in case of conviction as aforesaid as said city council may prescribe," and insert in lieu of the words so stricken out the following: 'Nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the employment of an assistant attorney by the city council, and the payment to such assistant such salary as the council shall deem
proper, not to exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum.

"Amend Section 40 by changing the sentence therein which reads as follows: 'There shall be appointed by the city council upon the nomination of the mayor, a street superintendent, who shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is nominated, appointed and qualified. The first appointment under this charter shall be made at the expiration of the term of office of the present street superintendent, but the present street superintendent shall be subject to the provisions of this section in reference to the duties of such office,' so as to make the same read as follows: 'There shall be elected by the people at the first general election to be held under this charter, to wit: on the first Tuesday in April, 1900, a street superintendent, who shall hold his office for two years from and after said date of election and until his successor is elected and qualified; provided, that the present street superintendent shall hold his office until said general election, and shall be subject to the provisions of this section in reference to the duties of such office.'

"Amend Section 42a by adding thereto at the end thereof the following words: '"Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the purchase of such supplies as come under the powers and duties of the board of education in the management of the city schools.'

"Amend Section 57 by adding thereto at the end thereof: '"And the city council shall also have the sole authority to grant to any person, firm or corporation the right to use the streets, alleys and public grounds for any other purpose, involving the laying of pipes, wires, tunnels or subways thereon or thereunder for the purpose of conducting any private or corporate enterprise.'

"Amend Section 103 so as to read as follows: '"To license, regulate or prohibit billiard tables, pin alleys, and bowling alleys, to regulate, locate and prohibit disorderly houses and houses of prostitution and prostitutes, and to regulate, control and prohibit gambling houses and games of every kind, lotteries and all fraudulent devices and practices.'

"Amend Section 105 by adding thereto at the end thereof the following proviso, to wit:

"'Provided, that the exercise of this power of regulation by the city council in reference to such telephone, electric light and power and gas companies shall be subject to the approval of the board of commissioners herein elsewhere provided for, if there be such board of commissioners, and in case of disagreement between the council and the board of commissioners, the decision of such disagreement shall be governed by the provisions of this act regulating the powers and duties of said board of commissioners; and further provided that the power of regulation herein vested in the council and said board shall not be exercised so as to interfere with or prevent legitimate competition between companies and enterprises engaged in the several businesses herein contemplated. And further provided, that no such forfeiture as is above contemplated shall be had until thirty days' notice from the city council to said companies or corporations to rectify and remedy any such neglect, or to recede from any such refusal and to comply with such regulations and rates as may be prescribed.

"The provisions of this act, vesting in the city council and board of commissioners the power to regulate and control persons, firms and corporations holding municipal franchises, and the rates, charges, service and duties of the same, shall remain in full force and effect unless the State of Texas, by general law, shall fully and adequately assume and exercise the same power and to the same extent as is herein contemplated, in which event the general State laws shall supersede the acts and regulations of the city on the same subject, otherwise all State laws shall be deemed merely cumulative of the provisions of this act.'

"Further amend Section 105 by striking out the word 'failure' wherever it occurs and substitute therefor the words 'neglect or refusal.'

"Amend Section 111 so as to read as follows:

"'To inspect the construction of all buildings in said city, and to prescribe and enforce proper regulations in regard thereto: to regulate and locate the erection of all poles in the city, and cause the same to be changed, whether telephone, electric light or otherwise.'

"Amend Section 116 by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following proviso, to wit:

"'Provided further, that the provisions of this section in regard to keeping and maintaining its tracks and road beds shall not be deemed to apply to those portions of such tracks and road beds which traverse unused or ungraded streets, or which lie through remote suburban districts, but the provisions of this section shall become operative whenever such streets are placed at grade and improved under the direction of the city.'
“Add to Section 117 the following proviso, towit:

"Provided, that no franchise mentioned in this section shall ever be granted for a longer period than twenty years."

“Amend Section 118 by inserting the words ‘special and paramount’ before the word ‘lien’ in line 27, and by inserting after the words ‘special assessments’ in line 30, the following: ‘Any person, firm or company feeling aggrieved by the amount of such charge, shall have the right to institute suit in the proper court having jurisdiction, to recover any excess paid, on condition that they shall first pay the full amount of such charges to the city under protest and enter suit for such excess within thirty days after the same shall be due and delinquent.’

“Amend Section 138 by striking out the words ‘ten per cent.’ wherever they occur, and inserting in lieu thereof the words ‘six per cent.’

“Amend Section 158 by adding thereto the following: ‘The lien herein provided for, shall be a first and prior lien, paramount to all incumbrances except taxes on the road-bed, ties, rails, fixtures, rights and franchises of the person, firm, company or corporation aforesaid owning or operating the railroad, or street railway as aforesaid.’

“Amend Section 159 by adding thereto: ‘In the event of a judgment against the city in all such cases where the property owner is made liable for damages by the provisions of this section, the city shall be entitled to a recovery over against any such property owner held to be primarily liable for such damages under the provisions aforesaid.’

“Amend Section 22 by striking out the words: ‘Or district from which he may have been elected member of the school board.’

“Amend Section 201 so as to read as follows:

"There shall be appointed by the Governor of the State as soon after this charter goes into effect as practicable, and every two years thereafter, two commissioners, to be known respectively as the police commissioner and the fire commissioner, who together with the mayor of the city, shall collectively constitute and be known as the ‘board of commissioners of the city of Dallas,’ and the mayor shall be ex-officio president of said board, and shall, as a member thereof, exercise the duties and functions of commissioner of public improvements as hereinafter provided. The two commissioners appointed by the Governor shall be substantial freeholders in said city, and shall have resided therein at least four years preceding their appointment, and shall have the same qualifications as are required of an alderman. The board of commissioners so constituted shall have control and supervision over the police department and fire department of the city of Dallas, and to that end shall have power to make all such rules and regulations as they see fit and proper concerning the organization, management and operation of such departments, and shall have power, under such rules and regulations as they shall make, to appoint, and for cause, which to such board shall seem sufficient, and after opportunity to be heard, to discharge all policemen and firemen, including the respective chiefs of said departments. All rules and regulations concerning the police and fire departments of the city of Dallas now in force, shall be and remain in force until altered, amended or repealed by the said commissioners, and in case of conflict between any rules or regulations of the said commissioners concerning the said departments and general ordinance by the city council not particularly concerning such departments, such ordinance shall control; but the said commissioners shall have sole authority to pass and adopt all rules and regulations concerning the said departments. Such board of commissioners shall also have supervisory power over the passage of all ordinances of the city council, regulating the charges, fares or rates of any person, firm or corporation enjoying a public franchise, or the kind of service to be furnished the public by such person, firm or corporation, or the forfeiture for any cause of any franchise of any such person, firm or corporation.’

“Amend Section 208 by adding after the words ‘purpose whatever’ in line 17, the following: ‘Or before the city council shall have power to pass any ordinance regulating the charges, fares or rates of any person, firm or corporation enjoying a public franchise, or the kind of service to be furnished the public by such person, firm or corporation, or forfeiting or declaring forfeited for any cause, the franchise of such person, firm or corporation.’

“Amend Section 211 by adding at the end thereof the following proviso, towit: ‘Provided, that the power of removal herein given to the city council, shall not apply to the mayor in his capacity as a member of said board of commissioners.’

“Amend Section 165 so as to read as follows:

"Public schools."

"Section 165. That the city public schools shall be under the management
and control of a board of education composed of a president and six members, who shall be elected at the general election of the city to be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1899, and shall qualify within thirty days thereafter, and shall hold their office for two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall serve without compensation; provided, that the terms of office of all the present board of school directors of the city of Dallas shall expire in April, 1897, when the board of education herein provided for shall have been elected and qualified.

"Any vacancy on said board shall be filled in conformity with the provisions of this charter. Said board of education shall have exclusive control of the public schools of the city of Dallas, and shall have full and ample power to provide necessary school buildings and facilities, and to open and conduct a sufficient number of schools to meet the wants of the scholastic population of the city of Dallas, so far as they can do so by prudent and judicious application of the means made subject to their administration and management.

"Among the powers hereby conferred on said board of education the following are, for greater certainty, enumerated:
To contract for, lease and purchase lots and to construct buildings for school purposes, and to make all needed repairs and alterations in the same; to furnish said school buildings with all appropriate furniture, fixtures and apparatus; to lay off the city into such school districts as in the judgment of the said board shall be proper; to increase or diminish said districts, and to change the boundaries thereof at pleasure; to employ superintendents, teachers and such other persons as may be necessary, and to fix their compensation and prescribe their duties, and establish all regulations and rules deemed necessary by the board to provide and maintain an efficient system of public schools in the city of Dallas. Said board of education shall annually, on the third Monday in April, file with the mayor and city council an official statement of the amount of money, as nearly as can be estimated by said board, which will be needed to pay the cost of maintaining the public schools for the next succeeding fiscal year, exclusive of money, if any, derivable from the State or any other source. The city council, when levying the annual tax for the fiscal year, shall levy an ad valorem tax sufficient to defray the expenses of the city public schools; provided, that the levy made for defraying said expenses shall not in any one year exceed one-fourth of one per centum of the taxable values of the city of Dallas for that fiscal year. Said tax, when collected, shall be deposited with the city treasurer by the city collector to the credit of the school fund, which said sums, together with all sums received from the State, county and other school funds, shall be held by the city treasurer subject to the order and disbursement of the board of education, and shall be paid out upon warrants issued by order of said board and audited by the city auditor, and signed by the president and secretary of the board. An official statement or copy of all contracts, claims, accounts, pay rolls and demands of whatever nature, whereby any money is to be disbursed or expended from the school funds, shall be filed with the city auditor, who shall examine, adjust and audit all claims, accounts, pay rolls and demands before same shall be paid. The mayor and city council shall have the right to at any time demand of and receive from said board of education an account of all sums received, disbursed and expended by them for school purposes, accompanied by vouchers, data and information deemed necessary, to enable the city council to ascertain the cost, necessities and expense of said public schools.

"Further amend Section 165 by adding at the end thereof the following:

"The school board shall have authority to enter into contracts by competitive bids with publishers and dealers in school supplies for furnishing to the patrons or pupils of the public schools of the city any and all books, stationery and school supplies required by the city schools at such prices as may be agreed upon by and between the board and such publishers or dealers, in no case to exceed the list prices of the same articles in the book stores of the city, and when such contracts or agreements are made by the board it shall be the duty of the secretary of the board to keep constantly on hand, and furnish to the patrons or pupils of the city schools, the various books, stationery and supplies thus agreed upon, and at prices contracted for by the board; provided, that no profit, compensation or commission shall ever be allowed to or collected by said board, its secretary or any members thereof, upon the agreed or contract prices at which the publisher or dealer furnishes the same to the board under such agreements or contracts."

McKAMY, Chairman.
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 2, 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. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 617th, Chapter 19, Title XVIII, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the abolishment of municipal corporations,"

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.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 532, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman, in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' enacted by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, by amending Section 179b, authorizing the levying of taxes to pay judgments against the city,"

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.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

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

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

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.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 2, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 398, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 17, 27, 98 and 116, of an act incorporating the city of Sherman, known as 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman, in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being Chapter 6, of the Special Acts of said Legislature, and add Sections 96a, 116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 179a and 179b 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 with the following amendments:

"Section 101. No taxes for any purpose shall be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of said city, inclusive of the tax to pay the bonded indebtedness in aid of the Texas & Pacific and Houston & Texas Central Railway Companies; provided, the city council shall have power within the city, by ordinance, to annually levy and collect additional taxes, not exceeding ten (10) cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all real and personal estate and property in the city not exempt from taxation by the Constitution and laws of the State, for the purpose of paying judgments rendered against said city, or debts of said city lawfully incurred prior to first day of January, not to include any bonded debt nor other form of indebtedness for the payment of which adequate provision otherwise exists."

"Amend caption by adding after figures '98' the figures '101.'"

"Amend Section 1 by adding after the figures '98' the figures '101.' "

MCKAMY, Chairman.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

House bill No. 608, from Committee on Public Printing to the Committee on
Claims and Accounts, on request of Mr. Lillard, chairman of the former committee.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

For consideration of House bill No. 541, on request of Mr. Lillard, chairman.

At 5:20 p.m., the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Saturday, March 4, 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 Hopkins
- Bailey
- Barbee
- Bean
- Bolin
- Bridgers
- Caldwell
- Calvin
- Chambers
- Childers
- Childs
- Clements
- Cooke
- Cole
- Collins
- Conoly
- Crawford
- Cross
- Culp
- Dean
- Decker
- Dies
- Dorroh
- Eckols
- Ellis
- Evans of Grayson
- Frost
- Garner
- Gill
- Goodlett
- Goodman
- Gordon
- Graham
- Greenwood
- Grogan
- Grubbs
- Hamilton
- Henderson, Lamar
- Howard
- Hurley
- Jones
- Kittrell
- Stewart
- Sutherland
- Tarkington
- Tarver
- Tate
- Terrell
- Tompkins
- Vaughan

Absent.

- Allen of Colorado
- Ayers
- Beaty
- Blount
- Garrett
- Kennedy
- Looney
- Murphy
- Nolan
- Thomas of Fannin

-Absent—Excused.

Barrett
- Bennett
- Browne
- Derden
- Evans of Fannin
- Henderson of Brazos
- Marsh
- Tucker

A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On account of important business:

Mr. Kennedy for today, on motion of Mr. Grogan.

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.

Mr. Thomas of Wise until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Scurry.

Mr. Sansom for today, on motion of Mr. Conoly.

Mr. Garrett until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Steward.

Mr. Rogers until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Goodlett.