Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, March 10, 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:


A quorum was announced present.

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

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

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important committee work:

Mr. Prince, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Browne, Mr. Calvin and Mr. Metzen, the Committee on Examination of Treasurer’s and Comptroller’s Accounts, for the balance of the week, conditioned that they may be brought in to make a quorum in case of necessity, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.

Mr. Prince until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Marsh.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Ratcliff indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Barbee.

Mr. Lane indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Mercer.

SPEAKER’S TABLE.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar called up Substitute House bill No. 43, the general deficiency appropriation bill, with Senate amendments.

The bill was laid before the House, and the amendments were read.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved that the House do concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Caldwell moved that the House do not concur, and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on said bill.

The motion to non-concur was lost.

Mr. Kittrell moved that the Senate amendments be printed and laid on the desks of the members, and that further consideration be postponed until next Monday.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, the motion of Mr. Kittrell was tabled.

Question recurring on the motion to concur, it prevailed.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to reconsider the vote by which the House
concurred in Senate amendments to Substitute House bill No. 43, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Jones moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 308, relating to suffrage, and to make the statutes conform to the amended Constitution of 1895.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Jones moved to suspend pending business to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 124, relating to certain animals running at large.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Savage called up Substitute House bill No. 196, relating to election of school trustees, with Senate amendments.

The bill was laid before the House, and the amendments were read.

Mr. Savage moved that the House do concur in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—99.
Ayers. Kennedy.
Bailey. Lillard.
Barbee. Little.
Bean. Livsey.
Beaty. Looney.
Blount. Loyd.
Bolin. Marsh.
Bridgers. Masterson.
Calldwell. Maxwell.
Chambers. McAnally.
Childers. McClellan.
Childs. McDowell.
Clements. McFarland.
Cole. McKamy.
Collins. McLellan.
Conoly. Mercer.
Crawford. Monroe.
Cross. Morris.
Culp. Murray.
Decker. Neff.
Derden. Nolan.
Dorroh. Palmer.
Ellis. Parish.
Frost. Poole.
Garner. Robertson, Harrison.
Garrett. Robertson of Bell.
Goodlett. Rochelle.
Goodman. Russell.
Gordon. Sansom.
Graham. Savage.
Hamilton. Schluter.
Howard. Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Smith of Collin.
Staples.
Stewart.
Stripling.
Sutherland.
Tarkington.
Tarver.
Terrell.

Absent.
Adams. Lake.
Cocke. Oliver.
Dies. Peery.
Eckols. Peunifer.
Gill. Pitts.
Greenwood. Rogers.
Grogan. Teagle.

Absent—Excused.
Bennett. Meitzen.
Browne. Morrow.
Calvin. Powell.
Grubbs. Prince.
Henderson, Brazos. Ratcliff.
Lane.

Mr. Savage moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in Senate amendments to Substitute House bill No. 196, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on engrossment.

Substitute House bill No. 298, the general land bill, known as the "Wright-Garner-Murphy land bill," which was pending business last Monday when the House met, and was set aside to take up other business.

While the bill was under consideration, at 10:30 a.m., Mr. Beaty yielding the floor, the Speaker laid before the House, as special order for this hour, House bill No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing mutual insurance companies to insure against burglary and robbery and against the loss of money and securities in transportation, when shipped by mail," on its second reading, with amendment by the committee.

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

Mr. Decker offered the following amendments:

"Amend the bill by inserting in line 14, page 4, Section 8, before the word 'occupation' the word 'annual.'"

Adopted.

"Amend the bill by adding after the word 'fees' in line 17, page 4, the follow-
ing: ‘Provided, this shall not exempt from the payment of charter or permit fees, or ad valorem taxes.’”
Adopted.
The bill was ordered engrossed.
The Speaker laid before the House the regular order of business, same being, House bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide for the redemption of real estate sold for debt,” on its third reading and final passage.
Read third time. Question being—“Shall the bill pass?”
Yea and nays were demanded by Mr. Masterson, Mr. Wooten and Mr. Shelburne.
The bill was passed by the following vote:

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Mr. Wheless moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 147 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 401, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3094 and 3005, Chapter 3, of Title LVII, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, making any person or persons, company, co-partnership or corporation, who shall make or cause to be made, write or cause to be written, either for himself or for another, any contract or policy of insurance in any insurance company not authorized to do business in this State, liable to the State for the same taxes and penalties, general and special, State, county and municipal, as insurance companies that have been legally qualified and admitted to do business in this State by agents or otherwise, and prescribing method of collecting such tax, and fixing penalty for non-compliance with terms and conditions of this act."

The bill was laid before the House, together with favorable committee report with amendments.

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

Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding: 'Provided, the provisions of this act shall not apply to companies who write policies for persons who have been refused insurance by the companies of this State.'" (Mr. Murray in the chair.)

Pending consideration of the bill, with pending amendment,

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the House, at 12:20 p.m., took a recess until 3 o'clock p.m. today.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

(During the forenoon session the following privileged reports were filed.)

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 8, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

*House bill No. 568, A bill to be entitled*
An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and upon the county farm, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time for road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, as to Wood county.

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

Mcnally, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 531, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Navarro county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners, and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for commutation of time for good behavior and good service, and providing for a reward to be offered for the re-capture of an escaped county convict, and taxing said reward and all actual costs of capture and delivery of said convict against said convict, and providing for a penalty for the escape of a county convict, and providing for the trimming of hedges by the owners of land, and providing a penalty for failure to trim said hedges, and providing the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams, plows, scrapers and wagons, and providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes, and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads, and relieving them from the performance of said work by the payment of the sum of three dollars, and providing further making this law cumulative of the general laws, and in case of conflict, this act to govern as to Navarro county, Texas."

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

Mcnally, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 540, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate drilling, operation and abandonment of petroleum oil, natural gas and mineral water wells, and to prevent certain abuses connected therewith."

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

Mcnally, Acting Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 20, relating to the present judicial system of this State and the various laws governing practice and procedure in the several courts of the State having jurisdiction in civil cases, and to provide for the appointment of a committee to prepare and report measures designed to correct, cheapen and simplify the same.

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

Mcnally, Acting Chairman.
The House met at 3 o'clock p. m., at expiration of recess, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Pending question—House bill No. 401, on engrossment, with pending amendment by Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Dorroh offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"In line 25, page 2, after the word 'information,' by adding as follows: 'Provided, this act shall not apply to those persons who have been unable to obtain insurance in this State from reliable companies, evidence of such inability to be established by an affidavit, to be filed with the county clerk in the county where said property is located.'"

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved the previous question, and it was not seconded.

The substitute by Mr. Dorroh was adopted, and the amendment as substituted was adopted.

Mr. Schluter offered the following amendments:

(1) "Amend by striking out all in line 5, page 2, after the word 'policy,' and by striking out all of lines 6, 7 and 8, page 2."

Adopted.

(2) "Amend by adding after the word 'who,' in line 11, page 2, the following, 'wilfully.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Ayers offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'act,' in line 15, page 2, the words, 'provided, that this act shall not apply to policies of insurance on farm property nor mill, and gin machinery and lumber yards insured in mutual insurance companies organized for the purpose of insuring such properties.'"

Lost.

Mr. Lillard offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by striking out all of Section 2, page 2."

Mr. Dies offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by striking out Section 2, of page 2, and by renumbering sections to conform to this amendment."

Lost.

Mr. Sutherland offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Strike out lines 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in Section 2."

Mr. Lillard, by permission, withdrew his amendment, and Mr. Sutherland offered his substitute as an original amendment.

The amendment by Mr. Sutherland was adopted.

Mr. Mercer offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the enacting clause."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Teagle.

Mr. Evans of Grayson moved the previous question and it was not seconded.

Mr. Decker moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment (1) by Mr. Schluter was adopted.

Mr. Sutherland moved the previous question on the motion to reconsider, and the main question was ordered.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. McKellar moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading.

House bill No. 653, relating to the Houston East and West Texas Railway Company.

The motion to suspend was lost.

Mr. Sutherland moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and place on its second reading.

Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574, relating to pensions of ex-Confederate soldiers.

The motion to suspend was lost.

Mr. Derden moved to suspend the reg-
ular order of business to take up and place on its second reading.
House bill No. 614, relating to injunction proceedings.
The motion to suspend was lost.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House this afternoon, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following bills:
Substitute House bill No. 53, "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the payment of expenses in support of the State government from March 1, 1895, to February 28, 1899, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered, and for other deficiencies," with Senate amendments.

Senate bill No. 44, "An Act to amend Section 4, of Chapter 5, of the Acts of the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved June 16, 1897, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables, providing the amount of such fees, and for payment of sheriffs' and constables' costs."

Senate bill No. 193, "An Act to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate a railway, extending from a point in or near the town of Tyler, in Smith county, to a point in or near the town of Lufkin, in Angelina county, with its franchises and appurtenances, known as the Tyler Southeastern Railway; and to authorize the Tyler Southeastern Railway Company, and the owners thereof, to sell the same, and to authorize a corresponding increase in the authorized aggregate of the bonds and stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, and to regulate reports of such properties, and the operations thereof."

House bill No. 167, "An Act to change the times of holding courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District."
House bill No. 649, "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 times of holding the district court in the Twentieth Judicial District, except in Coryell county, and to extend the time of holding the court in the county of Erath."
The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313, relating to investment of the permanent public free school fund.

Read third time, and Mr. Grubbs offered the following amendment:
"Article 3892a. Section 1. And in the event the said school board shall not be able to invest all of the permanent school fund in interest-bearing bonds under the provisions of the preceding articles, at a rate of not less than 4 per cent. per annum, then the said board may, under the regulations prescribed in the succeeding sections hereof, invest such balance of the permanent school fund in vendors' notes and first mortgages on unincumbered real estate in amounts not less than $500, and not more on any tract of land than 40 per cent. of its actual value, to be determined by appraisement under the direction of the said Board of Education. Said loans not to be made for a shorter time than five years, and not to bear a less interest than 6 per cent. per annum, payable annually.

"Sec. 2. All of the expenses of such loans, including abstract and attorney's fees for the examination of titles and the clerk's fees for recording all instruments necessary for the proper security of such loans to be paid by the applicants therefor.

"Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General, if unable to perform the services required with his present force, to designate a sufficient number of competent attorneys in such portions of the State as he may deem necessary, to carry out the provisions of this article. The Attorney-General may, in the event he should deem such action necessary, for the protection of the permanent school fund, review the action of any attorney appointed by him, as aforesaid, is unreliable or incompetent, have power, and it shall be his duty to discharge such attorney and appoint a successor, should he deem it necessary.

"Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of said Board of Education to designate some suitable person or persons to act as trustee, and the instrument to be given for the security of such loan shall be a deed of trust, with power of sale in like form as used by the loan companies now
operating in this State, and in the event of failure to pay all of the interest or the principal becoming due, it shall be the duty of such trustee to foreclose the lien created thereby, and in the event the land covered by such deed of trust shall not bring enough at public outcry, to discharge the indebtedness aforesaid, the trustee making such sale shall bid, in the name of and for the State, the amount due thereon, including the costs and expenses thereof as provided in such deed of trust, and the said land shall be held and disposed of by the State for the benefit of the said permanent school fund."

Tabled on motion of Mr. Terrell.

Mr. Smith of Grayson offered the following amendment:

"Amend the bill by adding in line 17, page 1, of printed bill after the word 'amended' the following, 'and Articles 389la and 3894a are added;' by striking out the words 'Section 2' in line 10, on page 3, and by adding at the end of Section 1 after the word 'discharged' the following: 'The price paid for bonds shall be endorsed thereon at the time the same are purchased,' and by striking out the figure '3' in line 27, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the figure '2.'"

On the amendment yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Smith of Grayson, Mr. Teagle and Mr. Savage.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-79.

Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Allen of Colorado.
Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
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Bean.
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Thomas of Wise.
Thomas of Fannin.
Tompkins.

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Vaughan.
Walton.
Wells.
Wheelless.
Willacy.
Willrodt.
Wright.

Nays--7.

Blount.
Eckols.
Erkols.
Roberston.
Harrison.
Howard.
Smith of Collin.
Hurley.

Absent.

Bolin.
Caldwell.
Childs.
Cocke.
Cke.
Collins.
Crawford.
Cross.
Evans of Fannin.
Evans of Grayson.
Frost.
Garrett.
Greenwood.
Hamilton.
Jones.

Absent--Excused.

Bennett.
Browne.
Calvin.
Henderson, Brazos.
Prince.
Lanes.

PAIRED.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar (present) who would vote yea, with Mr. Livsey (absent) who would vote nay.

Mr. Smith of Grayson offered the following amendment:

"Amend caption by adding after the word 'fund,' line 13, page 1, as follows, to wit: 'And to authorize commissioners courts to invest the permanent public free school fund belonging to the counties in this State, as provided in this act for the investment of State permanent public free school fund.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Blount moved to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Lost.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-69.

Adams.
Chambers.
Allen of Colorado.
Clements.
Allen of Hopkins.
Cocke.
Ayers.
Cole.
Bailey.
Collins.
Beaty.
Dean.
on worthless city bonds. Yellow fever in coast towns, and it being a well known fact that large cities are already overladen with debt, and in some instances cannot pay interest on bonded indebtedness, much less creating any sinking fund; and a great many cities have taxed their people just as high as the Constitution allows, and I consider this bill to be vicious, undemocratic and contrary to the Constitution, and I want the citizens of North Texas to know that I am in no way responsible for this legislation and that the author is Cecil H. Smith of Grayson county and not I, for I am opposed to the Legislature assuming power to invest the permanent school fund in any way except by constitutional amendment for this fund. It is too sacred to be tinkered with, for the sovereign people of this State should have the right to vote on any proposition to invest this fund.

"SMITH of Collin."

"I vote 'yea' from the fact I am in favor of investing the permanent school fund in safe securities, and am of the opinion this is the best bill that it will be possible for me to vote on during the present session of the Legislature.

"PHILLIPS of Lampasas."

Mr. Smith of Grayson moved to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill Nos. 273 and 313 was passed, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar called up the motion to reconsider and moved to lay it on the table.

The motion to table was lost.

On motion of Mr. Schluter, the House, at 5:20 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(The following committee reports were filed this afternoon.)

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred "An Act to amend Articles 4219, 4220 and 4222, Title LXXXVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public printing and the office of State Expert Printer, and providing for his compensation,"

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

LILLARD, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred House bill No. 705, do not pass in the report of the majority, and ask leave to recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

"Amend Article 4222 by striking out in line... 'eighteen hundred dollars' and insert therein 'twelve hundred dollars.'"

ADAMS, BLOUNT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred House bill No. 280, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2366, of Title XLI, of the Revised Statutes, 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 accompanying substitute, and recommend that said substitute do pass in lieu thereof, and that the original bill be not printed.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred House bill No. 591, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2475, Chapter 4, Title XLV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and add thereto Article 2475a, providing for the furnishing of stationery, furniture and office rooms to county offices."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that a bill has already been reported by this committee, which contains nearly all of the subject matter of this bill.

LILLARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred Substitute House bill No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the payment of expenses in support of the State government from March 1, 1895, to February 28, 1899, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered, and for other deficiencies."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change the time of holding courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 5:15 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred 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 times of holding the district court in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District except in Coryell county, and to extend the time of holding the court in the county of Erath."

Have carefully examined said bill, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 5:15 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.

COMMUNICATION.

(See resolution by Mr. Kennedy, printed in the Journal March 1, and reproduced yesterday.)
March 11, 1899

Hon. Lee J. Rountree, Clerk
House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: In compliance with the resolution contained in yours of the 3rd inst., I beg to submit the following statement, to wit:

Amount of fees collected on cases disposed of during the year ending February 28, 1899: $2,508.00

To approximate collected for certified copies: $150.00

Total collections on business transacted during the year: $2,658.00

By amount paid H. L. Garrett, deputy: $660.00

By amount paid Mr. Trumbo, extra work: $680.00

Showing amount of clerk's compensation for the year: $1,978.00

I certify that the above statement is true and correct.

H. M. Knight, Clerk.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Saturday, March 11, 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.
Allen of Colorado.
Ayers.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bean.
Beaty.
Blount.
Bolin.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Childers.
Childs.
Clements.
Cole.
Collins.
Dean.
Decker.
Derden.
Dies.
Dorroh.

McFarland.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Meitzen.
Morris.
Murray.
Nolan.
Palmer.
Phillips, Lampassas.
Phillips of Camp.
Pitts.
Poole.
Powell.
Robertson, Harrison.
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Rogers.
Russell.
Sansom.
Savage.
Schulter.
Scurry.

Absent: Bailey.

Coal.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cross.
Culp.
Evans of Grayson.
Goodlett.
Gordon.
Greenwood.
Grubbs.
Howard.
Kittrell.
Lake.

Showing amount of clerk's compensation for the year: $1,978.00

I certify that the above statement is true and correct.

H. M. Knight, Clerk.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

A quorum was announced present.

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

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

On account of important business:

Mr. Barrett for today, on motion of Mr. Collins.

Mr. Neff for today, on motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell.

Mr. Conoly until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Lillard.

Mr. Goodlett for today, on motion of Mr. Wells.

Mr. McDowell until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Morris.

Mr. Pitts for absence on yesterday, on motion of Mr. Shropshire.