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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a special road law for Denton county, Texas, to empower the commissioners of said county with special authority to act as road commissioners for said county with power to purchase teams and tools for said work, to summon any one subject to road duty; also providing for penalty for failure to work; also providing for working upon public roads those who have not paid poll tax, with penalty for failure to work; also providing for amount that may be paid by each tax-payer in lieu of work; also compensation for commissioners when engaged in this duty."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred 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 of the Thirteenth Judicial District."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 133, A bill to be entitled "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 District Court in Trinity county."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.
A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,
On motion of Mr. Shelburne, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
On account of important business:
Mr. McKamy and Mr. Gill for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Wooten.
Mr. Masterson for Saturday, yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Shelburne.
Mr. Allen of Colorado until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Monroe.
Mr. Gordon for last Saturday, yesterday and until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Ayers.
Mr. Schluter until Monday, on motion of Mr. Bolin.
Mr. Henderson of Lamar for to-day, on motion of Mr. Calvin.
Mr. Pitts for today, on motion of Mr. Shropshire.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Hamilton until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Eckols.
Mr. Lillard for today, on motion of Mr. Beaty.
Mr. Browne for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Cole.
Mr. Evans of Grayson for today, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.
Mr. Tompkins for yesterday and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Willrodt.

PENDING BUSINESS.
When the House adjourned yesterday it had under consideration, on engrossment,
Substitute House bill No. 298, the general land bill, known as the "Wright-Garner-Murphy land bill," with amendment by Mr. Jones pending, Mr. Jones on the floor.
The Speaker laid the same before the House.
(Mr. Murray in the Chair pending consideration.)
Mr. Shannon moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Powell moved a call of the House, and the call was seconded.
The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and a quorum was announced, the roll call showing 103 members present.

Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Jones, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Hurley, Mr. Eckols and Mr. Decker.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—35.
Bolin.   Meitzen.
Bridgers. Monroe.
Caldwell. Morrow.
Chambers. Murphy.
Collins. Nolan.
Culp.   Parish.
Pfeuffer. Pfeuffer.
Died.   Rogers.
Ellis.   Russell.
Garrett. Scurry.
Garner. Smith of Grayson.
Gill.   Tarver.
Goodlett. Teagle.
Grogan. Thomas of Wise.
Grubbs. Walton.
Jones.   Willacy.
Lane.   Wright.
Marsh.
Maxwell.

Nays—66.
Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayers.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bean.
Beaty.
Blount.
Browne.
Calvin.
Childers.
Clements.
Cocke.
Cole.
Conolly.
Crawford.
Cross.
Decker.
Derden.
Dorror.
Eckols.
Evans of Fannin.
Frost.
Goodman.
Graham.
Greenwood.
Howard.
Hurley.
Kennedy.
Kittrell.
Little.
Livesey.
Leidy.

Mr. McCollum seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith of Grayson asked that the roll be called.

The roll call showed:

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Bridgers.
Caldwell.
Chambers.
Collins.
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Absent.
Bailey. Staples.
Looney.

Absent—Excused.
Bennett. McKamy.
Childs. Oliver.
Evans of Grayson. Pitts.
Gordon. Prince.
Hamilton. Ratcliff.
Henderson, Brazos. Schluter.
Henderson, Lamar. Stewart.
Lake. Tompkins.
Lillard. Tucker.
Masterson.

PAIRED.

Mr. Dean (present) who would vote nay, with Mr. Allen of Colorado (absent—excused) who would vote yea.

Mr. Wooten (present) who would vote yea, with Mr. McDowell (absent—excused) who would vote nay.

On engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. McClellan, Mr. Garrett and Mr. Blount.

The bill was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—42.
Bolin. Meitzen.
Caldwell. Mercer.
Chambers. Monroe.
Collins. Murphy.
Culp. Nolan.
Decker. Palmer.
Dies. Parish.
Ellis. Pfeuffer.
Garner. Robertson of Bell.
Garrett. Teagle.
Gill. Thomas of Wise.
Goodlett. Walton.
Greenwood. Willacy.
Grogan. Wright.
Grubba. Rogers.
Lane. Russell.
Looney. Scurry.
Marsh. Smith of Grayson.
Maxwell. Tarver.

Nays—61.
Adams. Conoly.
Allen of Hopkins. Crawford.
Ayers. Cross.
Barbee. Derden.
Barrett. Dorrin.
Bean. Eckols.
Beaty. Evans of Fannin.
Blount. Frost.
Bridgers. Goodman.
Calvin. Howard.
Childers. Hurley.
Cocke. Jones.
Cole.

Little. Sansom.
Livsey. Savage.
Loyd. Shannon.
McAnally. Shelburne.
McKellar. Shropshire.
Smith of Collin.
Morris. Stripling.
Murray. Sutherland.
Neill. Tarkington.
Peery. Tate.
Phillips, Lampasas. Terrell.
Phillips of Camp. Thomas of Fannin.
Pitts. Vaughan.
Poole. Wells.
Powell. Whelless.
Robertson, Harrison. Willrodt.
Rochelle.

Absen.
Kittrell. Staples.

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“PHILLIPS OF LAMPASAS.”

“I vote ‘no,’ because when these school lands are sold we now have no safe place to invest the money where it will bear any interest, and until we have a safe way of investing the money that might be derived from the sale of these lands, I feel that the school fund is more safely and more profitably invested in the public domain than it would be anywhere else, under our present laws restricting the investment of the public free school fund.

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affected by this bill, with inconsiderable exceptions, will never be sold under the present law limiting the amount that can be purchased to four sections, and requiring actual settlement. In my judgment, in view of the facts developed in the investigation and discussion of the bill on which the vote has just been taken, I have decided that such actual settlement is altogether impracticable. In connection with this bill I consider the fact that of the one hundred and seventy-five millions of acres of land in Texas only about twelve millions have been actually settled, as contemplated by the present law. Millions of acres of fine tillable lands in the old settled counties of Eastern Texas can now be bought at from $1.00 to $5.00 per acre on almost any terms desirable by the purchaser, on condition that he improve them.

"GRUBBS."

"I vote 'no' on the final passage of this bill for these reasons:

"First.—A man with two sons, two sons-in-law and an adopted son (for the occasion), could buy up and control 210 square miles of land.

"Second.—We have $1,300,000 of public school money in the treasury now, not drawing a farthing interest, while we are getting $200,000 in lease money from these lands.

"Third.—By a decision of the United States Supreme Court the 'big' stockmen cannot enter the Indian Territory, hence the value of this land will be enhanced by the demands of those 'big' stockmen looking for pasturage.

"Fourth.—The general trend of the bill is not, in my opinion, to the best interest of the State or the masses of the people. If it had been amended so as to have been more just to all or have been so drawn originally, I would have voted for it. A future Legislature, I think, will draft a suitable bill dealing with this land, and it will be more advantageous to the State and the homeseeking people.

"ADAMS."

"I vote 'yes' on the engrossment of the bill, not that I am satisfied with the bill in its present shape, but the previous question has been moved, which has prevented me from amending the bill so as to sell the land to actual residents of the counties. If the bill is engrossed I hope to amend the bill to meet these objections.

"DECKER."

"We vote against engrossment of House bill No. 298, because a number of amendments which should have been adopted have been defeated by the House, or have been shut out by the 'previous question.' We could not support the bill unless it protected all leases. We also believe the cash payment should have been reduced from one-tenth to one-twentieth. Such an amendment would have been offered, but was shut out by the 'previous question.' We also believe that where leaseholders would have been unable to purchase their leaseholds the lessee should have been allowed a reasonable compensation for the valuable improvements not capable of being removed. An amendment to this effect was also shut out by the 'previous question.' We are in sympathy with the objects of the bill, but the bill, as it was proposed to be engrossed, was in too crude and imperfect a shape to warrant our support.

"BRIDGERS,

"JONES."

Mr. Powell moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to engross Substitute House bill No. 298, and to table the motion to reconsider.

"The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business,

"House bill No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, and Section 14, of Chapter 164, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to a uniform system of text-books, adding thereto additional branches of study, and making the same apply to cities of more than ten thousand inhabitants," which bill was read second time on March 6, with majority favorable report with amendments and minority adverse report.

Pending question—Motion of Mr. Wooten to adopt the minority report, and substitute therefor by Mr. Shelburne to adopt the majority report.

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

"House bill No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1784, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage."

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

Returning to consideration of House bill No. 238, with pending motions, and question first recurring on the motion of Mr. Shelburne to adopt the majority report, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Monroe, Mr. Wooten and Mr. Ayers.

The majority report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—58.

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Mr. Shelburne offered the following amendment to the bill:

"Amend by adding to Section 2, in line 27, page 3 of the bill, viz.: 'This act shall not be so construed as to effect the validity so as to cancel, terminate or annul, in whole or in part, the contracts heretofore made under the provisions of Chapter 164, of the general acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved June 10, 1897, and the publishers of the books provided for in said contracts shall furnish to the patrons of the public free schools in cities of ten thousand inhabitants or over, on and after the first day of September, 1899, and during the existence of said contracts heretofore made, the same books now furnished the patrons of the public free schools elsewhere in this State, and at the same prices and upon the same terms, conditions and agreements as books are now furnished by said publishers to the patrons of other public free schools in this State; and the boards of trustees and teachers of the public free schools in said cities of ten thousand inhabitants and over, shall, under the penalty prescribed by law, require said books to be used in said schools as provided in this act and in Chapter 164, of the general acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.'"

Mr. Tarver offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend by adding Section 4:

'Section 4. Provided, no contract shall be made with any book concern or company, unless said company shall agree to waive all copyrights in any book that may be adopted by the Text-Book Board, after two years from the date of selecting the books to be used in the public schools of Texas.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Powell.

On the amendment by Mr. Shelburne, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Woolen, Mr. Grogan and Mr. Teagle. Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—70.

Adams.  Conoly.
Allen of Hopkins.  Crawford.
Barrett.  Dean.
Bean.  Dies.
Beaty.  Dorroh.
Blount.  Eckols.
Calvin.  Ellis.
Chambers.  Frost.
Childers.  Goodman.
Clements.  Graham.
Cocke.  Greenwood.
Cole.  Grogan.
Collins.  Grubbs.

Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colarado.  Lillard.
Bennett.  Masterson.
Childs.  McDowell.
Evans of Grayson.  McKamy.
Gordon.  Oliver.
Hamilton.  Prince.
Henderson, Lamar.  Ratcliff.
Lake.  Schluter.
Mr. Livsey offered the following amendment to the bill:

"Amend committee report by striking out lines 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23."

Mr. Sutherland offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'literature' in line 31, page 1, the words 'English Composition, Civil Government, Physics, Mental and Moral Science, Physical Geography, Botany, Zoology, Geology, Ethics, General History and Chemistry, and Methods and Management.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Collins.

Mr. Savage moved to table the amendment of Mr. Livsey, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wooten, Mr. Pitts and Mr. Teagle.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-45.

Adams. Meitzen.
Allen of Hopkins. Mercer.
Barrett. Peery.
Beaty. Pfeuffer.
Calvert. Phillips of Camp.
Cole. Poole.
Collins. Powell.
Crawford. Rochelle.
Dorothy. Sansom.
Dox. Savage.
Ellis. Shelburne.
Frost. Smith of Grayson.
Goodman. Smith of Collin.
Graham. Sutherland.
Grubbs. Tarpley.
Howard. Terrell.
Hurley. Thomas of Wise.
Loyd. Thomas of Fannin.
Maxwell. Vaughan.
McAnally. Wells.
McKellar. Wooten.

Nays—50.

Ayers. Scurry.
Bailey. Little.
Barbee. Livsey.
Bean. Looney.
Bridgers. Monroe.
Brown. Morris.
Caldwell. More..
Cross. Murphy.
Chambers. Murray.
Childs. Neff.
Conolly. Nolan.
Cross. Parish.
Culp. Pitts.
Dean. Robertson, Harrison.
Decker. Robertson of Bell.
Dorren. Rogers.
Died. Shropshire.
Evans of Fannin. Staples.
Garrett. Stripling.
Goodlett. Tate.
Grogan. Teague.
Henderson, Brazos. Willacy.
Henderson, Llano. Wooten.
Henderson, Llano. Wright.
Hayward. Wooten.
Little. Wright.

Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colorado. Masterson.
Bennett. McDowell.
Child. McKamy.
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McClellan. Seurry.
McFarland. Scurry.
Russell. Willrodt.
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Bennett. McDowell.
Childs. McKamy.
Evans of Grayson. Oliver.
Gill. Prince.
Gordon. Ratcliff.
Hamilton. Schluter.
Henderson, Lamar. Stewart.
Lake. Tompkins.
Lillard. Tucker.

Mr. Wooten moved the previous question on the amendment, and it was not seconded.

(Pending further consideration of the amendment Mr. Murray occupied the chair.)

Speaker in the Chair.
Mr. Tarkington moved to take recess until 3 p.m. today.

The Speaker here stated that, by unanimous consent, the morning call would be taken up before entertaining the motion for recess.

There being no objection, the morning call was announced.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Wright:
Petition of forty-five citizens of McLennan county, asking that said county be changed from the Thirty-third Judicial District to the Fifty-first Judicial District.
Read, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

My Mr. Barbee and Mr. Ratcliff:
Petition of twenty-five cotton buyers of Houston county, asking that cotton weighers be required to give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars before weighing cotton for sale.
Read, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Shropshire:
House bill No. 732, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas by adding thereto Article 3378a, relating to teachers' certificates." (The bill provides the manner of renewing teachers' certificates of the first, second and third grades when such certificates have expired.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Kittrell:
House bill No. 734, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and define the limitation of time wherein suits for taxes may be brought, and to declare that taxes for the recovery of which suit is not brought within such time shall be conclusively presumed to have been paid, and to forbid any action therefore, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."
Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Kennedy:
House bill No. 735, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 14, Title XXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relating to the clerks of the courts of civil appeals by adding thereto Articles 1012 and 1013, fixing the maximum amount of fees to be retained by said clerks." (The bill limits the amount of fees that may be retained by said clerks to $1800 for any one year, and declares an emergency.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Darden:
House bill No. 736, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1716, Title XXXVI, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, and providing that if the list of names desired by the political party demanding the same be furnished the presiding officers of elections on the day of election or within ten days before possessing the qualifications provided in this chapter for managers of elections shall be by said presiding officer appointed to said position provided for."
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Kittrell:
House bill No. 737, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish an experimental tobacco station at or near Huntsville, Walker county, Texas, and to provide for the management and operation of the same, and to make an appropriation for such purpose, and to declare an emergency."
(The bill provides for the appropriation of the sum of $5000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, and $3000 for the fiscal year ending June 1, 1901, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, and declares an emergency.)

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

By Mr. Murray:
House Joint Resolution No. 31, To amend Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring all persons subject to a poll tax to produce their poll tax receipts at any election at which they offer to vote, and fixing the time of payment of such tax.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Savage:
Whereas, Hon. S. M. Cunningham, one of the brave, true and tried "Rough Riders" of Texas is now in the city; and

Whereas, It is the sense of this body to do honor to the Texas boys who left their homes and plunged into the heat of battle amidst the well directed messengers of death; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this brave Texas son be invited to a seat on the floor of the House.

Read second time, and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

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

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills, to wit: Senate bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore to and confer upon the county Court of Stonewall county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said county under the Constitution and general laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change."

Senate bill No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a uniform method of electing school trustees in independent districts; defining the duties of such trustees in reference to the election of superintendents of schools, and the control of schools in such independent districts, and repealing Articles 4008, 4018, 4019, 4020 and 4021, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and all other laws, both general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and providing an emergency."

Senate bill No. 209, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5060g, of Chapter 1a, of Title CIV, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation of the sale of liquors."

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following bills received from the Senate this morning were read first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

Senate bills Nos. 209 and 101 to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 188 to the Committee on Education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 170, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to county, city and town bonds; to provide for refunding, paying and exchanging the same; to issue new bonds for such purposes, and to regulate the sale or exchange thereof," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be returned to the calendar and referred to Committee on County Government and County Finances.

ROBERTSON of Bell, Acting Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 29, Amending the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to limit the terms of State, county and district officers, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

POWELL, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

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

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Com-
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Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 29, Do not concur in the report of the majority, and ask leave to recommend that it do not pass. McAnally, Wells, Powell.

Mr. Tarkington moved to take a recess until 3 p.m. today. Mr. Wooten moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. Lost.

At 12:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Tarkington, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock p.m. today.

Afternoon Session.

The House met at expiration of recess, and was called to order by the Speaker. Pending question—House bill No. 238, the uniform text-book bill, on engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Livsey pending. Mr. Livsey, by consent of the House, withdrew the amendment and offered in lieu thereof the following:

"Amend by striking out all of lines 30, 31 and 32, page 1, and line 1, and to the word 'provided' in line 2, page 2; and all of lines 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the committee report."

(Pending consideration, Mr. Derden occupied the chair.)

After further consideration by the House, Mr. Meitzen moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered. Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Wooten, Mr. Rochelle and Mr. Blount. The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—54.

Ayers.
Barrett.
Barbee.
Bean.
Beaty.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Brown.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Clements.
Cross.
Culp.
Evans of Fannin.
Garner.
Garrett.
Murphy.
Murray.
Neff.
Nolan.
Pitts.
Robertson, Harrison.
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Rogers.
Russell.
Shannon.
Shropshire.
Stripling.
Tarver.
Teagl.
Thomas of Wise.
Walton.
Weless.
Wills.
Willrodt.
Wooten.

Nays—43

Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Barrett.
Blount.
Chambers.
Childers.
Cocks.
Cole.
Collins.
Comoly.
Crawford.
Dean.
Derden.
Dies.
Dorroh.
Eckols.
Ellis.
Frost.
Goodman.
Howard.
Loyd.

Decker.
Greenwood.
McFarland.
Parish.

Absent.

Allen of Colorado.
Bennett.
Childs.
Evans of Grayson.
Gill.
Gordon.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.
Lake.
Lillard.

PAIRED.

Mr. Grogan (present) who would vote yea, with Mr. Scurry (absent) who would vote nay.

Mr. Tarrer moved to suspend pending business to take up Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, for the purpose of making it a special order for next Thursday, March 16, 8 p.m.

Mr. Powell moved to substitute for the motion of Mr. Tarrer a motion to make
House bill No. 391, a special order for same hour.

Both motions were lost.

Mr. Ayers moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by Mr. Livsey was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed. Mr. Staples offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out all in lines 24 and 25, on page 4."

Mr. Savage offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"Strike out in line 24, Section 1, the words 'not less than.'"

Adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Murphy offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out '1899' in line 27, page 3, and inserting in lieu thereof '1900.'"

Lost.

Mr. Cross offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the figures '1879' in line 27, in Section 2, the following: 'Provided, that it shall be the duty of the mayor of any city with a population of 10,000 inhabitants or over, upon an application signed by fifty patrons of the public schools in his city, to issue his proclamation calling an election to determine whether or not such city shall adopt the provisions of this law.'"

Mr. Blount moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Teague, Mr. Cross and Mr. Dies.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

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Nays—50.

Allen of Hopkins. Loyd.
Ayers. Mercer.
Barbee. Monroe.
Bolin. Morris.
Bridgers. Murphy.
Brownie. Murray.
Calwell. Neff.
Calvin. Nolan.
Chambers. Pitts.
Collins. Robertson, Harrison.
Comoly. Robertson of Bell.
Cross. Rochelle.
Decker. Rogers.
Derdan. Russell.
Eckols. Shropshire.
Evans of Fannin. Stripling.
Garrett. Tarkington.
Goodlett. Tarver.
Grubbs. Teague.
Hurley. Terrell.
Jones. Thomas of Wise.
Kittrell. Vaughan.
Little. Willacey.
Lively. Wooten.
Loosey. Absent.
McDowell. McKeIlar.
McCamy. Parish.
Mckellar. Pfeuffer.
McIvor. Walton.
McFarland. Wright.

Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colorado. Absent.
Bennett. McAvery.
Childs. Oliver.
Evans of Grayson. Prince.
Gill. Ratcliff.
Gordon. Schluter.
Hamilton. Stewart.
Henderson, Brazos. Tompkins.
Henderson, Lamar. Lake.
Kussell. Tucker.
Kirkham. Absent.

PAIRED.

Mr. Grogan (present) who would vote nay, with Mr. Scurry (absent) who would vote yea.

Mr. Crawford raised the point of order that the amendment by Mr. Cross is not germane to the bill, as the amendment seeks to make it a local option matter, and the object of the bill is to enact a general law.

Not sustained by the Speaker.

Mr. Thomas of Wise offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend the amendment by striking out '50' and inserting '200.'"

Pending consideration, Mr. Clements moved to adjourn to 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.
Whereupon, by unanimous consent, Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Whereas, it is currently reported and charged that on one of the books adopted by the School Board a royalty of ten per cent. is paid by D. C. Heath & Company, of Boston, and of that three and one-third is paid to Mr. Sutton, three and one-third to Mr. Kimbrough and three and one-third to unknown parties, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the School Board be requested to report to the Speaker of this House who receives the other three and one-third per cent., and that this information be imparted to this House tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m.

The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(By unanimous consent.)

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

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define libel and privileged communications, and to more effectively secure the liberty of the press, and to provide protection against libelous writings and publications, and fixing the venue of suits therefor,"

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define libel and privileged communications and publications, and to more effectively secure the liberty of the press,"

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, March 14, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 729, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the taking of depositions of corporations in civil cases and requiring corporations to designate the name and residence of the officers, agent or person in its employment most familiar with the matters enquired about in the interrogations propounded to it, and that the answers of such person so designated shall be taken and deemed the answers of such corporation, and further providing for service of notice on such corporation of the filing of the interrogations, and that it be fined as for contempt of court in case it fails or refuses to designate the name and residence of the officers, agent or person in its employment most familiar with the matters enquired about in the interrogations, and further providing that in case the corporation to which interrogations are propounded be a party to the suit if it fails or refuses to fully and fairly answer the interrogations the testimony sought to be elicited by such interrogations shall be taken as confessed,"

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, March 14, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1742, Chapter 5, Title XXXVI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the manner of holding elections and making returns thereof,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, because action has been had on same subject.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the issuance of a subpoena or a subpoena duces tecum to any county in this State when a witness shall evade answering or refuses to answer interrogatories or refuses to produce papers or copies thereof, and providing penalties in such cases,"

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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, but that the accompanying substitute do pass in lieu of the original bill.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 722, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1893, by adding after Article 418 of said chapter Article 418a, authorizing cities and towns to condemn property for use in laying pipes, mains, establishing public wells, pumps, pumping stations and reservoirs, providing method of such condemnation and declaring an emergency."

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred 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."

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, March 14, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 215, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining the offense of defrauding hotel and boarding house keepers, and providing a penalty therefor."

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

BAILEY, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 28, A resolution to amend Section 1, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage."

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

POWELL, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

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

Sir: A minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 28, Do not concur in the report of the majority, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendment: "Amend Section 1 by adding subdivision 6, "all persons who draw a pension from the Federal government."

GROGAN,
KENNEDY,
SMITH of Collin.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 21, To amend Section 4, of Article 7, of the Constitution 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.

POWELL, Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 538, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Waco, and
to fine its boundaries and powers,' approved February 19, 1889.'

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

MCANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, 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 of 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 carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

MCANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 321, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act known as Senate bill No. 299, Chapter 57, of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, regulating the time of holding the district courts in Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to reduce the terms in Tyler and Newton counties, and to extend the terms in Jefferson county," have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

MCANALLY, Acting Chairman.

At 5:37 p.m., on motion of Mr. Clements, the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

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APPENDIX.

(Communication—See resolution by Mr. Kennedy adopted by the House March 1.)

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS.
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1899.
Mr. Lee J. Rountree, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Dear Sir: I have yours inclosing a copy of the resolution presented by Mr. Kennedy, and adopted by the House of Representatives, requesting the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Clerks of the Courts of Civil Appeals and the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals, to give the following information. From the Supreme Court:

"The amount of fees received during the year ending February 28, 1899, How many clerks were employed by the court, whom and what amount paid each? What amount, if any, was allowed the Reporter of the Supreme Court for reporting the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin?"

The "court year" is from first Monday in October of one year to last Saturday in June of year following, and by direction of court I have each year prepared a statement on the first of June, showing amounts collected. The special manner in which costs of the Supreme Court are collected under the present laws renders it impossible to give otherwise exact data, and with this explanation to the author of the resolution, Mr. Kennedy, he informed me that the object he de-
sired in presenting the resolution was to obtain the data for a year, and that the date might be given as desired. With this explanation, I have the honor to submit the following official report made to the Supreme Court from June, 1897, to June, 1898, which is of record on page 693 of the minutes of said court for 1898:

The clerk presented the following:

Austin, Texas, June 23, 1898.

To the Supreme Court:

I present herewith a report of the costs collected up to the first day of this month in the various cases as set out in full on pages 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 of the Record Cash Book.

A recapitulation shows:

Costs collected .................. $5,003.93
Licenses and copies ............. 305.00
Collected balance on report. . . 81.83

Total ......................... $5,390.78

Less amount paid deputie's ....... $2,400.00
Deposited with Comptroller ...... 2,390.78 $4,790.78

Leaving balance ............. $ 600.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. MORSE,
Clerk.

Examined and approved June 24, 1898.

R. R. GAINES,
Chief Justice.

The clerk was directed to enter an order approving the report, and it was also ordered that the same be entered on the minutes.

Since the date of that report I have deposited with the Comptroller, as per State Treasury Warrant No. 881, the sum of $1600, and have paid deputie's $1700, making $3300, showing an excess to my credit of $900, which cannot now be accounted for, which my next official report will show.

The Supreme Court is the only one of the courts mentioned in the resolution whose clerk is already required by statute to make out an annual report as above set out.

I have two deputy clerks, F. T. Connerly and F. W. Shelley, whose salaries are paid out of the fees collected and received by me, the first of whom receives a salary of $1500 and the second a salary of $900, as fixed by an order of the Supreme Court.

I have no knowledge of the amount, if any, paid the reporter of the Supreme Court for reporting for the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. S. MORSE,
Clerk Supreme Court.

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas,
Wednesday March 15, 1899.

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:


Deposited with Comptroller ..... 2,390.78 $4,790.78
Leaving balance ............. $ 600.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. MORSE,
Clerk.