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HOUSE JOURNAL

Mr. Smith of Grayson gave notice that on next Tuesday morning, March 21st, he would call up the motion to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House Bill Nos. 273 and 313, relating to investment of the permanent public free school fund, was passed, and which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal March 10th.

Mr. Wright gave notice that on next Monday he would make a motion to have House bills Nos. 742 and 743 made a special order for next Tuesday afternoon, March 21st, to be considered on their third reading and final passage.

Mr. Childers gave notice that on next Monday he would make a motion to have House bill No. 595 a special order for Tuesday, March 21st.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, the House, at 12:30 p.m., adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

SIXTIETH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, March 20, 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:

Present—92.


31—House


Absent—Exeused.


A quorum was announced present.

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

Mr. Bailey, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House do stand adjourned until 3 p.m. today, and that said adjournment be taken in honor of the memory of our late fellow member, Hon. Simpson Parker Evans; that it be so entered on the Journal, and that a committee of five Representatives be appointed by the Speaker to arrange for suitable memorial services.

[Signed—Bailey, Henderson of Lamar, Kittrell, Decker, McMacken, Tarver, Barber, McKellar, McFarland.]

The resolution was read second time, and Mr. Bailey moved that it be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Whereupon the House adjourned to 3 o'clock p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 3 o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.
Pending reading of the Journal of last Saturday,
on motion of Mr. Monroe, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
Mr. Allen of Colorado for last Saturday and until Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Monroe.
Mr. Morris until Thursday, on motion of Mr. McDowell.
Mr. Robertson of Harrison for today, on motion of Mr. Allen of Hopkins.
Mr. Frost for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Morrow.
Mr. Meitzen for today, on motion of Mr. Lane.
Mr. Murphy for today, on motion of Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Rodgers for today, on motion of Mr. Goodlett.
Mr. Savage, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 39:
Whereas, The grim angel of death has removed from our midst Hon. S. P. Evans, a faithful servant of his people, a distinguished citizen of Texas and an honorable and able Representative.
Whereas, His manly conduct and brotherly esteem during our association with him has so endeared him to us that we deeply regret his loss as our friend and brother; therefore be it
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That in the death of Hon. S. P. Evans a worthy citizen has gone, the House has lost an able member and Texas one of her patriotic sons.
Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved wife and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of grief.
Resolved further, That a committee consisting of nine members, three from the Senate and six from the House, be appointed to take charge of the body and accompany it to the place of its interment near his former home in Grayson county.

[ Signed—Savage and Dies. ]

The resolution was read second time, and Mr. Pitts moved that it be adopted by a rising vote.
The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.
In accordance with above resolution, the Speaker announced the following committee on part of the House: Mears, Smith of Grayson, Shelburne, Crawford, Conely, Wells and Staples.
In announcing the above appointments, the Speaker stated that he appointed the committee yesterday, and that they were already gone in the performance of their duty.

The Speaker also announced the following committee in accordance with the resolution by Mr. Bailey, adopted this morning: Messrs. Bailey, Dies, McKamy, Savage and Collins.

Mr. McKamy moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up House bill No. 342, the Dallas city charter, to make it a special order for 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow, and the motion was lost.

Mr. N. A. Cravens, Private Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

I have to inform the Senate and House of Representatives that on yesterday I received the following telegrams from Laredo, of that date, to wit:
"Cannot enforce quarantine regulations without using force. Many infected refuse to submit to being sent to hospital and detention camp. Without such measures the disease cannot be suppressed. Shall I use such means as are necessary to enforce these regulations? Answer immediately.

(Signed) "W. F. BLUNT."

"Riot absolutely certain. Officers are resisted by mob of a thousand. State must help at once. Can't you ask United States troops here to assist? Act quickly. People favoring the enforcement of law are arming to assist officers, but this will bring bloodshed. Our assistant city marshal was just wounded by mob.

(Signed) "THOS. DODD, "J. O. NICHOLSON, "For all our good people.

"Enlightened public sentiment endorse and approve all Dr. Blunt has done. Citizens ask you to sustain him fully.


I thereupon wired the State Health Officer as follows:
"Telegram received; call upon officer in command of United States troops in
my name to assist in maintaining peace and preserving order, but exercise great prudence and avoid bloodshed if it be possible. Adjutant General Scurry leaves by first train. Have wired Secretary of War for orders. Show this telegram to the mayor of Laredo and sheriff of Webb county and ask their cooperation. Keep me constantly advised."

Also to the same official:

"Use such means as the law may afford you to maintain and enforce quarantine regulations and as in your judgment may be necessary, but in doing do not resort to extreme measures if it be possible to otherwise enforce regulations."

I also wired the Secretary of War as follows:

"Please immediately order by wire commanding officer United States troops to assist the mayor of Laredo and the sheriff of Webb county, Texas, in preserving the peace and maintaining order at Laredo until I can get State troops to that point. A very serious riot is pending. Please answer."

To which latter telegram I received the following reply:

Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, Governor, Austin, Texas.  

The following just sent the commanding officer at Fort McIntosh: 'At the request of Governor of Texas, the Secretary of War directs that you use your force in assisting the mayor of Laredo and the sheriff of Webb county in preserving peace and maintaining order until the arrival of State troops. Acknowledge receipt and report situation by telegraph.'  

(Signed) "H. C. Corbin, "Adjutant General."

I then wired the State Health Officer at Laredo as follows:

"Relieve United States troops as soon as the Adjutant General arrives with the troops."

(Signed) "Joseph D. Sayers, "Governor."

By my direction, the Adjutant General left on last evening for Laredo, having previously ordered the rangers at Cotulla, Isleta and Alice (twenty-four men in all) to proceed immediately to that point.

I feel quite confident that the steps taken by me will insure the preservation of peace and the maintenance of order at Laredo, and that all proper quarantine regulations will be observed.

Joseph D. Sayers, Governor.

Mr. Pitts, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, By resolution adopted at the morning session, the House adjourned to 3 o'clock p. m. today in respect to the memory of Hon. S. P. Evans, a member of this House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That no further business be transacted today, and that as an additional mark of respect to the memory of deceased, this House do now stand adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Pitts, the House adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SIXTY-FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
Tuesday, March 21, 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:

Present—107.

Ayers.  Greenwood.
Barrett.  Host.
Bear.  Grubbs.
Barrett.  Hamilton.
Bean.  Henderson, Brazos.
Beaty.  Henderson, Lamar.
Bolin.  Howard.
Bridgers.  Jones.
Browne.  Kennedy.
Caldwell.  Kittrell.
Calvin.  Lane.
Chambers.  Lillard.
Childers.  Little.
Childs.  Livercy.
Cocke.  Looney.
Cole.  Loyd.
Collins.  Masterson.
Conoly.  Maxwell.
Crawford.  McAnally.
Cross.  McDowell.
Decker.  McKamy.
Dobbs.  McKellar.
Derden.  MeNzen.
Dykes.  Mercer.
Floyd.  Monroe.
Ellis.  Morrow.
Evans of Fannin.  Murphy.
Frost.  Neff.
Garrett.  Palmer.
Gill.  Parish.
Goodlett.  Peery.