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 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.

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Tuesday, March 21, 1899.
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Speaker Sherrill in the chair.
Roll called, and the following members present:

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
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Barrett.  Hamilton.
Bean.  Henderson, Brazos.
Beaty.  Henderson, Lamar.
Bolin.  Howard.
Bridgers.  Jones.
Caldwell.  Kitrell.
Calvin.  Lane.
Chambers.  Lillard.
Childers.  Little.
Childs.  Lively.
Cocke.  Looney.
Cole.  Loyd.
Collins.  Masterson.
Conoly.  Maxwell.
Crawford.  McNally.
Cross.  McDowell.
Dean.  McKamy.
Decker.  McKellar.
Derden.  Meitzen.
Dies.  Mercer.
Eckals.  Monroe.
Ellis.  Morrow.
Evans of Fannin.  Murphy.
Frost.  Neff.
Garrett.  Palmer.
Gill.  Parish.
Goodlett.  Peery.
GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
Mr. Murray indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Jones.
Mr. Pfeuffer for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Greenwood.
Mr. Rochelle for today, on motion of Mr. Willacy.
Mr. Dorroh for yesterday and today and balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Derden.
Mr. Clements for today, on motion of Mr. McKellar.
Mr. Stripling for today, on motion of Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Bridgers for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Cross.
Mr. Childs until Thursday, on motion of Mr. Kennedy.

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, March 21, 1899.
To J. S. Shevroll, 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. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 200, Chapter 2, Title VII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, 1895, excepting certain persons from the operation of Article 190."
Also Senate bill No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 7 and 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142, of an act entitled 'An Act to grant a new charter to the city of El Paso,' approved Sept. 2, 1880, and the acts amendatory thereof, relating to streets, alleys, sidewalks and other public improvements, and the levy and collection of a tax to pay therefor, and fixing the time of holding elections."
Also the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Substitute Senate bill No. 1.
Also the Senate refuses to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 29, and asks for the appointment of a free conference committee.
Also the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 39, relating to the death of Hon. S. P. Evans.
Substitute Senate bill No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for the years beginning September 1, 1899, and ending August 31, 1901, and for other purposes."
Senate bill No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 1069 and 1070 and Sections 2 and 3, of the Acts of the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,' approved June 19, 1897, and to provide for the compensation and mode of payment of special judges, appointed or selected thereunder, and to provide for the trial of cases by such special judges."
Senate bill No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3972, 3973, 3973a, 3973b, 3973c, 3973d, 3974 (1) and (2), 3974a, 3974b, 3974c, 3974d, 3976, 3976a, 3976b, 3976c, 3976d, and 3980a, Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, relating to boards of examiners and teachers."

J. P. Pool, Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House this forenoon session, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following bills:
House bill No. 441, "An Act to transfer Rains and Grimes counties from the community school system to the district system, and to authorize and empower the
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said counties to organize and conduct all of their free schools under the district system as provided by the laws now in force.

House bill No. 173, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Parker county, Texas."

PENDING BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned last Friday, the regular order of business had been suspended to take up, and place on its second reading:

Substitute House bill Nos. 169, 501 and 574, relating to "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was laid before the House, on its second reading.

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

House bill No. 458, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 308 and 309, Chapter 4, Title V, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Revised Statutes, 1895, relating to recognizances and bail bonds."

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

Mr. Peery moved to suspend pending business to take up, and place on its second reading:

House bill No. 447, relating to county finances.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Greenwood moved to suspend pending business to take up, and place on its second reading:

House bill No. 618, relating to the Courts of Civil Appeals.

The motion to suspend was lost.

Mr. Smith of Grayson called up the motion to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313, relating to investment of the permanent public free school fund, was passed, which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal March 10th, and due notice given on March 18th, that same would be called up today.

The motion to reconsider was laid before the House, and it prevailed.

Then, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson, pending business was suspended to take up, on its final passage:

Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313, relating to investment of the permanent public free school fund.

Mr. Powell moved to substitute for the bill, Senate bill No. 92.

on motion of Mr. Decker the motion to substitute was tabled.

Mr. Smith of Grayson moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—74.

Clements—Monroe. 
Cooke—Murphy. 
Cole—Nolan. 
Collins—Parish. 
Combs—Phillips, Lampasas. 
Crawford—Phillips of Camp. 
Cross—Pitts. 
Dean—Katchiff. 
Decker—Robertson of Bell. 
Deren—Rogers. 
Died—Sanson. 
Ellis—Savage. 
Goodlett—Staples. Greenwood—Stewart. 
Grogan—Sutherland. Grubbs—Tarkington. 
Henderson, Brazos—Tarver. 
Jones—Tate. 
Kittrell—Teagle. 
Lane—Terrell. 
Little—Thomas of Wise. 
Livsey—Thomas of Fannin. 
Masterson—Tucker. 
Maxwell—Walton. 
McAnally—Wells. 
McDowell—Whelch. 
McFarland—Willacy. 
McKamy—Willrodt. 
McKellar—Wooten. 
Meitzen—Wright.

Nays—29.

Adams—Hamilton. 
Ayers—Henderson, Lamar. 
Barbee—Howard. 
Barrett—Lillard. 
Bean—Looney. 
Browne—Loyal. 
Caldwell—Neff. 
Calvin—Peery. 
Chambers—Pooe. 
Childs—Powell. 
Eckols—Prince. 
Eckols—Russell. 
Frost—Shropshire.

Goodman—Smith of Collin. 
Gordon—Smith of Lamar. 

Absent:

Bailey—Robertson, Harrison. 
Culp—Vaughan. 
Palmer—Vaughan.
Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colorado. Marsh.
Bennett. McClellan.
Blount. Morris.
Bolin. Murray.
Bridgers. Oliver.
Doroh. Pfeuffer.
Graham. Rochelle.
Hurley. Stripling.
Lake. Tompkins.

“I vote ‘no,’ because I favor the Senate bill, which does not change the class of securities, but allows the board to go into the markets and buy securities as other purchasers.

“AYERS.”

Mr. Smith of Grayson moved to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

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

Mr. Smith of Collin offered the following amendment:

“Amend the bill by striking out the words ‘county judge’ wherever they occur in the bill, and substitute therefor the words ‘commissioners court.’”

Tabled on motion of Mr. Tarver.

Mr. Powell offered the following amendment:

“Amend the bill by striking out the words ‘county judge’ in line 28, on page 1, and insert in lieu thereof ‘three commissioners to be appointed by the district judge,’ and strike out the words ‘county judge’ wherever they occur in any other portion of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the word ‘commissioners.’”

(Mr. Schluter in the chair.)

After consideration by the House, Mr. Murphy moved the previous question on the pending amendments, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the substitute by Mr. Garner, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Shropshire, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Ellis.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Ayers.
Bridgers.
Browne.

Nays—70.

Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bean.
Calvin.
Childers.
Cocke.
Collins.
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Absent.

Bailey.
Beaty.
Cole.
Eckols.
Goodlett.

McFarland.
McKamy.
Morrow.
Parish.
Rogers.
Russell.
Scurry.
Smith of Grayson.
Staples.
Walten.
Wooten.

Nolan.
Pitts.
Robertson, Harrison.
Vaughan.

Absent—Excused.

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Mr. Decker offered the following amendment:

"Amend the bill by striking out all of Section 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 9. No person shall receive or charge any fee or other compensation for procuring a pension under this bill, and any one violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars."

Mr. Ayers moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Friday, 10 a.m., and to make it a special order for that hour.

Mr. Childers moved to take a recess until 3 p.m. today.

By unanimous consent the following business was entertained before submitting the motion for a recess.

**SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.**

The following bills received from the Senate today, were read first time, and referred to appropriate committees, viz.: Senate bill No. 235, to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

Senate bill No. 183, to the Committee on Education.

Senate bill No. 117, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate bill No. 57, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Substitute Senate bill No. 65, to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Garner called up the message from the Senate reporting non-concurrence in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 20, and asking for a free conference committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on same.

The same was laid before the House, and on motion of Mr. Garner the request of the Senate was granted.

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

Whereas, It has become evident that an additional porter is needed in the House of Representatives to dispose of the work imposed upon such employes, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby
authorized to appoint an additional porter, whose compensation shall be $2.00 per day for his services.

The resolution was read second time, and Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to refer it to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. McFarland moved to table the motion to refer, and the motion to table was lost.

The motion to refer prevailed.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Filed this morning.)

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 644, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the transfer of suits to the proper county or precinct when a plea of privilege to be used in a particular county or precinct is sustained, and to provide for taxing costs of transferring the case to the proper county or precinct against the plaintiff."

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.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 644,

Do not concur in the report of the majority, and recommend that it do pass, if there is added thereto the following amendment, before we will support the bill:

"Amend Section 2 by adding to the end thereof the following: 'Provided, that upon the hearing of said plea, if it shall appear to the court that said suit was not brought in good faith and that plaintiff did not have reasonable ground to believe that the court had jurisdiction of the cause, said cause shall be dismissed at cost of plaintiff, and the court may, in its discretion, adjudge reasonable attorney's fees against the plaintiff, to be taxed as cost.'"

ALLEN of Hopkins, WRIGHT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 666, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an additional method of preparing transcripts of the record in civil cases, on appeal or writ of error, and to have the same printed, and prescribing the method of prefacing and printing the same, and prescribing the costs and fees to be charged and collected 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.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 638, with petitions, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore to, and confer upon, the County Court of Bandera county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court, under the Constitution and general statutes of the State; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change, and repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, of Article 1194, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, regulating the venue of suits against private corporations, associations and joint stock companies, so as to permit suits against carriers to be brought in any county in which the carrier on whose line the freight or baggage originated or was first shipped, has an
office or agency, and against whom, with others, damages are claimed, or in any county in which is situated the depot, town or point to which the freight or baggage was consigned or shipped, and to permit two or more carriers to be joined in one suit,"

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.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

SIR: A minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 78.

Do not concur with the majority, but recommend that it do not pass, because I do not think the facts warranting the relief asked are sufficiently clear. The bill contemplates a donation of the land by the State, and the legal rights of other persons, whose title may be affected, are not properly protected. The relief sought to be secured by this bill, in my judgment, can be adequately obtained in the courts, and the Legislature is not warranted in usurping or exercising judicial functions, under the facts shown in the bill.

WOOTEN.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 886, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1188, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to amendment of pleading."

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.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 292. A bill to be entitled "An Act to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations made with a view to lessen, or which tend to lessen, free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into this State, or in the manufacture or sale of articles of domestic growth or of domestic raw ma-
to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations designed, or which tend to advance, reduce or control the price of such product or article to producer or consumer of any such products or articles; to provide for forfeitures of the charter and franchise of any corporation organized under the laws of this State violating any of the provisions of this act; to prohibit every foreign corporation violating any of the provisions of this act from doing business in this State, etc.

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 3 by striking out 'in the judgment of the court.'

"Amend Section 7 so as to read as follows: "The provisions of this act shall be held cumulative of laws on this subject, and not to repeal any existing law denouncing trusts.'"

WOOTTEN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 648, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations required or permitted by law or the charter, ordinances, rules or regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed, with surety or sureties, except bonds of county officials; and guaranteeing the refraining from or performance by another of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business, and to repeal Chapter 165, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith or inconsistent therewith."

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

WOOTTEN, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 16, 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. 9, A resolution to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the judiciary, and to abolish courts of civil appeals and increase the number of supreme judges."

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 the word 'eight,' in line 23, of page 1, and insert in lieu thereof 'fourteen,' and by striking out the words 'and C,' in line 9, of page 2, and insert in lieu thereof 'C and D,' and by inserting after the letter 'C,' in line 17, of page 2, the following, 'and D,' and by striking out all of Section 6 down to line 17, page 5, and by striking out the words 'civil appeals,' in line 18, and the words 'and the court of;' in line 19, of page 5.

"And amend by striking out the words 'ten years' where it occurs in the resolution, and insert in lieu thereof 'six years.'"
or may be hereafter established. The Legislature may establish such other courts as it may deem necessary, and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and may conform the jurisdiction of the district and other inferior courts thereto.

"Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of a chief justice and not less than ten nor more than twenty associate justices, as may from time to time be determined by the Legislature, and the concurrence of a majority of such judges shall be necessary to the final decision of a case. No person shall be eligible to the office of chief justice or associate justice of the supreme court unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States and of this State, and unless he shall have attained the age of 30 years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or judge of a court, or such lawyer or judge together, at least seven years. Said chief justice and associate justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, and shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of $3800, until otherwise provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the chief justice or associate justices of the supreme court the governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for State officers, at which general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State.

"The chief justice and the associate justices of the supreme court, together with the chief justices and associate justices of the five respective civil courts, who may be in office when this amendment goes into effect, shall constitute the supreme court, until such number is increased or diminished by law, and, if decreased, it shall be so done as to drop such number as the respective terms expire first thereafter. The said judges of the supreme court and civil court of appeals who may be in office when this amendment is adopted shall continue to serve as herein provided until their terms of office expire by the Constitution and laws under which they were elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified. And the chief justice of the supreme court, who may be in office at the time when this amendment shall take effect, shall be the chief justice of the supreme court hereby established until the expiration of his term of office, or until his successor is elected and qualified.

"Sec. 3. The supreme court shall have appellate jurisdiction only, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State; but shall only extend to civil cases of which the district courts or county courts have original or appellate jurisdiction, under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by law.

"The supreme court and the justices thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, quo warranto and mandamus, in such cases as may be specified, except as against the Governor of the State. The supreme court shall also have power, upon affidavit, or otherwise, as by the court may be determined, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The supreme court shall sit for the transaction of business from the first Monday in October of each year until the last Saturday in June in the next year, inclusive, at the capital of the State, and at such other places as the Legislature may hereafter provide, not to exceed four.

"Sec. 4. The supreme court may organize for the more speedy dispatch of business into such divisions as may be deemed expedient, and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the court, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, and the subdivisions of said court may sit separately at the State capital or at different places which may be fixed, but the whole court or a majority thereof shall concur in the final decision of all cases.

"The supreme court shall have power to make rules of procedure for its own government of the courts of the State over which it may have appellate jurisdiction; provided such rules shall not be inconsistent with the laws of this State. The supreme court shall appoint a sufficient number of clerks, not to exceed four, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter be required by law, and they may hold the office for four years, and shall be subject to removal by said court for good cause entered of record on the minutes of said court, who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide.

"Sec. 11. No judge shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or when either of the parties may be connected with him either by affinity or consanguinity within such a degree as may be prescribed by law, or when he shall have been counsel in the case. When the supreme court, court of criminal appeals or any member of either shall be thereby disqualified to hear and determine any case or cases in said court, the same shall
be certified to the governor of the State, who shall immediately commission the requisite number of persons learned in the law for the trial and determination of such cause or causes. When a judge of the district court is disqualified by any of the causes above stated, the parties may, by consent, appoint a proper person to try said cause; or, upon their failing to do so a competent person may be appointed to try the same in the county where it is pending, in such manner as may be prescribed by law. And the district judges may exchange districts, or hold courts for each other when they deem it expedient, and shall do so, when required by law. This disqualification of judges of inferior tribunals shall be remedied and vacancies in their offices filled, as may be prescribed by law."

POWELL,  SMITH of Collin.

Committee Room,  Austin, Texas, March 10, 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. 10, A resolution to amend Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, governing the judicial department by substituting therefor a complete article bearing the same number and title, but providing for the judicial system to be composed of one supreme court and such other inferior courts as the Legislature may from time to time ordain and establish.

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.

Committee Room,  Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 213. A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of bonds, certificates and other evidences of indebtedness against the Republic of Texas that were valid claims or might have been upon proper presentation and proof valid claims against the United States government under the Act of Congress approved February 1, 1836, and to provide for their proof and verification."

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

CHILDs, Chairman.

Committee Room,  Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 687, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate $131.25 to pay back to the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant, Texas, for State occupation tax collected from it, the same not being authorized by law."

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

CHILDs, Chairman.

Committee Room,  Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 716, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of fees of district clerks in tax suits under the Colquitt tax act, where the suits were dismissed by the State, and to make appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency."

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

CHILDs, Chairman.

Committee Room,  Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred
House bill No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Comptroller of the State of Texas to pay a certain sum to Dr. W. C. Bobbit for services rendered the State of Texas as a physician."

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 it is unaccompanied by the notice of publication as required by the Constitution.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act to refund to the various counties of this State the State's pro rata for compiling the delinquent tax records," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CHILDS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 232, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of forty thousand and one hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-six cents for the purpose of repaying and restoring to the United States government an excess of money that was under mistake paid to the State of Texas in the payment of a balance due this State under an Act of Congress approved February 28, 1855," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CHILDS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 228, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and confirming an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Galveston on the fourth day of February, 1899, entitled 'An Ordinance abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain streets, avenues and alleys of the city of Galveston, and authorizing and empowering Collis P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, perpetually to construct and maintain piers on the shores of Galveston bay, within the corporate limits of the city of Galveston, upon certain specified conditions,' and conditionally relinquishing any claim the State of Texas may have to a part of the property therein described."

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 Public Lands and Land Office.

BROWNE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35, To empower and direct the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to cancel and amend the lease contract now in force between the State of Texas and the Austin Dam and Suburban Railroad Company and the Bachman Foundry and Machine Company, of all that portion of the State's property located in Austin, Texas, known as the old court house square, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be adopted with the following amendment: "Amend by striking out '$37.00,' and insert 'one hundred dollars ($100.00),'"

Caldwell, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36, To authorize the lease of 64 feet of land out of the north half of Block No. 122, city of Austin, Texas, belonging to the State of Texas, to the trustees of the Tenth Street Methodist Church of Austin, Texas, for ninety-nine years for the sum of twenty-five dollars," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Caldwell, Chairman.
Committee Room, Austin, Tex., March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred House bill No. 481, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 837, Title XXIII, Act of April 6, 1846, and August 21, 1856, and February 11, 1854, Civil Statutes of 1879, relating to the boundary lines of Lavaca county."

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

DIES, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Tex., March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 677, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the working of certain convicts upon the public roads of this State, to provide stockades and prisons for the confinement of such convicts, and to provide for levy of special tax to defray the necessary expense of same."

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

"Amend Section 1 of the bill by adding thereto the following: Provided that counties having a voting population of three thousand or more, shall constitute a road district under the provisions of this act."

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Tex., March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, 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, 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 of the State of Texas, and add Sections 96a, 116a, 116b, 116c, 116d, 116e, 116f, 179a and 179b thereof."

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

Mcanally, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Tex., March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 173, a bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Parker 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 providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm, as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court, and making provision of act applicable as far as practicable to convicts when worked on county farms, and to provide for the summoning of terms for road work, and for an allowance of time of 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 Parker county, and to authorize the commissioners court of Parker county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and highways for Parker county, and to provide for the election of said superintendent, and defining his duties."

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10:40 o'clock a.m., presented the same to the Governor.

Collins, Chairman.
March 21, 1899

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas. March 21, 1899.

Hon. J. S. Sherrell, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 441. A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Raines and Grimes counties from the community school system to the district system, and to authorize and empower the said counties to organize and conduct all of their public free schools under the district system as provided by the laws now in force."

Have carefully examined said bill, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10:40 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at expiration of recess, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Pending question— Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574, relating to pensions of ex-Confederate soldiers, on engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Decker pending, and motion of Mr. Ayers to postpone to next Friday at 10 a. m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the following free conference committee on part of the House on Senate bill No. 20: Messrs. Grogan, Decker, Wright, Bolin and Garner.

Mr. Terrell moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and it was not seconded.

After further consideration by the House, Mr. Calvin moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and the main question was ordered.

The motion to postpone was lost.

On motion of Mr. Tarver, the amendment by Mr. Decker was tabled.

Mr. Kittrell offered the following amendment:

"Amend Section 2 by adding after the word 'judge,' in line 31, the following words, 'and where there is an organized camp of United Confederate Veterans in said county a copy of said application shall be delivered to the commander of such camp within thirty days before said application is acted on.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Goodman.

Mr. Childers moved the previous question and it was not seconded.

Mr. Barbee offered the following amendment:

(1) "Amend the bill, Section 10, page 4, line 4: Strike out the word 'two' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'one,' and add after the word 'therein,' Section 10, page 4, line 5, 'to be paid by applicant.'"

Mr. Stewart offered the following amendment to the amendment:

(2) "Amend Section 10, page 4, line 5, by adding after the word 'therein' the following, i. e.: 'Said fee to be paid by the applicant, and before hearing of application is had thereon; provided, that all fees received by such county judge shall be reported as other fees of office, and be otherwise controlled by the law as it now exists regulating the fees of county judges.'"

Mr. Decker offered the following substitute for both amendments:

"Amendment to Substitute House bill No. 160: Amend the bill by striking out all of Section 10, page 4."

Mr. Masterson moved to table the substitute, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Decker, Mr. Scurry and Mr. Barrett.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—56:

Barbee.
Bolin.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Collins.
Crawford.
Cross.
Ellis.
Evans of Fannin.
Frost.
Garrett.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Goodman.
Gordon.
Greenwood.
Grogan.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamer.
Howard.
Jones.
Lillard.
Looney.
Loyd.
Masterson.
Maxwell.
Meitzen.

Nays—38:

Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Bean.
Beatty.
Bridgers.
The amendment by Mr. Stewart to the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Murphy offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend by striking out 'one dollar' and inserting 'two dollars.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Adams.

On the amendment as amended, Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Monroe called for a division of the question.

Question then first recur ed on the amendment (1) by Mr. Barbee, and it was lost.

Question then next recur ed on amendment (2) by Mr. Stewart, and it was adopted.

Mr. Allen of Hopkins offered the following amendment:

"On page 4 amend by adding at end of Section 13, in line 30, the following: 'Provided, that on the 1st day of January, 1900, and on the 1st days of January and July of each succeeding year, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall pro rata the amounts appropriated for each year among the pensioners whose claims to pensions has been established and filed with the Comptroller under the provisions of this act, and the Comptroller shall issue his warrant for the amount due each pensioner. All pensions shall begin on the 1st day of January and July after the establishment and filing of the applications herein provided for.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Staples offered the following amendment:

"Amend in line 12, page 2, after the word 'exceed' by striking out the word 'three' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'five.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Morrow offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding the following to Section 6:

'To be entitled to a pension under this act the proof must establish, if relating to surviving soldier—

'1st. That he served in the Confederate army or navy for a period of at least three months, and was regularly discharged or served until the end of the war, and did not desert.

'2nd. That he is in indigent circumstances as defined by Section 2 of this act, and

'3rd. That he is a bona fide resident of this State, and has been since January 1, 1880, and

'4th. That by reason of disability he is unable to earn a support for himself, and if he is under sixty years of age it must further appear that his disability is the proximate result of his services in said army or navy for a period of at least three months.

'If the proof relates to the application of a widow it must establish—

'1st. That she is the widow of a Confederate soldier or sailor who served in the Confederate army for at least three months, and was regularly discharged or served until the end of the war, and did not desert, and that she is dead, and

'2nd. That she was married to said soldier or sailor anterior to March 1, 1866, and that she has never remarried, and

'3rd. That she is and has been a bona fide resident of Texas since March 1, 1880, and

'4th. That she is in indigent circumstances, as defined in Section 2 of this act, and is unable to earn a support for herself.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Shannon.

Mr. Garner offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting after the word 'sort,' in line 23, page 2, the following, and that said applicant never deserted at any time during the Confederate war.'"

Adopted.
Mr. Cocke offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'all­visable,' in line 21, page 3, the followin...
and if approved he shall issue his war­
rent as provided for in Section 4 of this
act.'"

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved the
previous question, and the main question
was ordered.

Question first recurred on the amend­
ment by Mr. Cocke, and it was adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

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

House bill No. 179, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 4542, of the
Revised Civil Statutes of the State of
Texas, relating to passage fare on all
railroads in this State,'"

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

Mr. Kennedy offered the following
amendment:

"Amend by striking out line 8, page 1,
the enacting clause.

[Signed "KENNEDY,
"SHROPSHIRE."]

Mr. Decker moved the previous ques­
tion, and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr.
Smith of Collin, Mr. Staples and Mr.
Shropshire.

Adopted by the following vote (which
killed the bill):

Yeas—57.

Adams. Monroe.
Ayers. Morrow.
Barrett. Neff.
Beaty. Palmer.
Calvin. Parish.
Chambers. Peery.
Collins. Powell.
Conoly. Prince.
Crawford. Ratcliff.
Cross. Robertson of Bell.
Dean. Rochelle.
Decker. Russell.
Ellis. Schluter.
Frost. Scurry.
Gill. Shannon.
Gordon. Shropshire.
Greenwood. Shropshire.
Henderson, Brazos. Stewart.
Jones. Sutherland.
Kennedy. Tarkington.
Kittrell. Tarver.
Lillard. Teague.
Little. Thomas of Fannin.
Loyd. Tucker.
McKamy. Walton.
McKellar. Wells.

Wheless. Wright.
Allen of Hopkins. Maxwell.
Dean. McLain.
Bolin. McDowell.
Bridgers. McFarland.
Browne. Meitzen.
Caldwell. Mercer.
Cocke. Murphy.
Culp. Phillips or Camp.
Derdan. Poole.
Dies. Sansom.
Garner. Savage.
Goodlett. Smith of Grayson.
Goodman. Smith of Collin.
Grubbs. Staples.
Hamilton. Tate.
Howard. Terrell.
Lane. Thomas of Wise.
Livsey. Willrodt.
Masterson. Absent.

Allen of Colorado. Marsh.
Bennett. McClellan.
Blount. Morris.
Childs. Murray.
Clements. Oliver.
Dorrough. Pfeuffer.
Graham. Rogers.
Hurley. Stripling.
Lake. Tompkins.

“I vote against the passage of House
bill No. 179 for the principal reason that
inasmuch as the law permits the rail­
roads to charge three cents a mile pas­
senger fare, they should be allowed to ex­
ercise such reasonable checks or rules in
their business as will tend to insure to
them the collection of the fullest amount
possible of the fares which they are
justly entitled to. As a general rule,
the present law is not a hardship on the
public. In nearly every instance travel­
ers have time to purchase tickets before
going on trains, and when they have
not they can get a ticket or have the con­
ductor to get them one at the next sta­
tion if they are going a long distance.
Should a ticket agent not be in his office
so as to sell a ticket to a passenger I do
not think a conductor could legally
charge him more than three cents a mile
to the next station.

"LILLARD."
Mr. Shropshire moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wright, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 743, A bill to be entitled "An Act to name the several counties composing the Fifty-first and Thirty-third Judicial Districts, and to fix the time for holding the district courts therein, and to attach the unorganized county of Schleicher to the county of Menard until its organization, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Bill laid before the House.

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Wright moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 743 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Childers, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties, or in any subdivision of said counties, viz: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Wharton, Fayette, Johnson, Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Bexar, Denton, Falls, Navarro, Paninn, Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson, Dallas, Austin and Brazos."

Bill laid before the House.

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Childers moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 595 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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:

Senate bill No. 176, "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1899, by amending Section 25 of said act, and by adding Section 31a thereto."

Senate bill No. 64, "An Act for the better protection of the farmer in the purchase of commercial fertilizers and commercial poisons and for other purposes."

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Grubbs:

House bill No. 752, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 877, Section 2, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the issuance of county bonds."

(The bill provides that counties may issue bonds for the purpose of building school houses and providing necessary machinery, apparatus and furniture therefor, and for supplying the county school fund when deemed necessary.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on County Government and County Finances.

By Mr. Grubbs:

House bill No. 753, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 466, Chapter 4, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the issuance of bonds by towns and cities."

(Amends by providing that towns and cities may issue bonds for the purpose of building school houses and for the purchase of such necessary machinery and apparatus for the establishment of industrial schools for boys and girls, as they may from time to time deem expedient.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Mr. Caldwell:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40, Granting to M. M. Johnson permission to sue the State in the County Court of Travis county, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, balance due him on salary as bailiff of the Supreme Court of Texas, from February 1, 1895, to June 30, 1897.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that M. M. Johnson be and he is hereby granted permission to sue the State of Texas in the County Court of Travis county, for the sum of $250, claimed to be the balance due him on salary as bailiff of the Supreme Court of Texas, from February 1, 1895, to June 30, 1897.

Be it further resolved, that the sum of $300, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated to pay off the judgment and costs, provided any judgment shall be rendered against the State of Texas in said suit; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as a recognition of the justness of this claim, on the part of this Legislature.
Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Phillips of Lampasas:

Whereas, There is considerable demand through the State for information regarding the condition and management of the State Reformatory, and

Whereas, Such information is not obtainable through the medium of the press, therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of the investigating committee that visited the State Reformatory, which was printed in the House Journals of March 1, 3, and 9, be printed together in today's Journal, and that five hundred extra copies of said Journal be printed for the use of the members.

Read second time and adopted.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED

For consideration of the following bills:

House bills Nos. 704, 612, 569, 643, 429, 477, on request of Mr. Schutte, chairman of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 744, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3964 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, as amended by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and providing for the taking of the scholastic census biennially,” have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

COLE, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: We, a minority of your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 744, do not concur with the majority of your committee, and beg leave to recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

“That the Governor appoint a commission of three members to locate said Orphan Home, and to accept any donations of land or buildings which may be offered for such institution.”

TERRELL, MERCER, COLE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 528, A bill to be entitled “An Act to authorize the commissioners court of each county to appropriate money out of the county available school fund to pay to independent school districts the amounts due them from the income arising from the county school funds.” 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.

COLE, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 744, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3964 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, as amended by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and providing for the taking of the scholastic census biennially,” have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

COLE, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: We, a minority of your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 744, do not concur with the majority of your committee, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass.

DIES, SAVAGE, SUTHERLAND.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 733, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI. of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding thereto Article 3975a, relating to teachers certificates," 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.

COLE, Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 563, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of schools for industrial and manual training in the public schools 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.

COLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 238, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 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."

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

MéCANALLY, Acting Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred House bill No. 751, a bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate $100,000 to pay the officers and men of the Texas Volunteers, prior to the mustering into the service of the United States in the late war with Spain; to pay those who were rejected; to pay for the necessary supplies, subsistence, transportation, prior to their being mustered into service; to authorize the Governor to collect from the United States all monies expended under this act."

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

CONOLY, Acting Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: A minority of your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred House bill No. 731, do not concur with the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass.

BEATY.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 595, a bill to be entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties or in any subdivision of said counties, viz.: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Wharton, Fayette, Johnson, Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Bexar, Denton, Falls, Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson, Dallas, Austin and Brazos."

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

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Loyd, the House, at 6 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o’clock a.m.
m. tomorrow.

SIXTY-SECOND DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, March 22, 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—114.
- Adams.
- Allen of Hopkins.
- Ayers.
- Bailey.
- Barbee.
- Barrett.
- Bean.
- Beaty.
- Bolin.
- Bridgers.
- Browne.
- Caldwell.
- Calvin.
- Chambers.
- Cooke.
- Cole.
- Collins.
- Conoly.
- Crawford.
- Cross.
- Culp.
- Dean.
- Decker.
- Derden.
- Dies.
- Eckols.
- Ellis.
- Evans of Fannin.
- Frost.
- Garner.
- Garrett.
- Gill.
- Goodlett.
- Goodman.
- Gordon.
- Graham.
- Greenwood.
- Grogan.
- Grubbs.
- Hamilton.
- Henderson, Brazos.
- Henderson, Lamar.
- Howard.
- Hurley.

Smith of Collin.
Staples.
Stewart.
Stripling.
Sutherland.
Tarkington.
Tarver.
Tate.
Teagle.
Terrell.
Thomas of Wise.

Absent.

Allen of Colorado.
Peery.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett.
Blount.
Childs.
Dorrah.
Lake.

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 business:
Mr. Peery for today, on motion of Mr. Conoly.

Mr. Allen of Colorado for today, on motion of Mr. Monroe.

Mr. Powell until Monday, on motion of Mr. Barrett.

Mr. Robertson of Harrison for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Allen of Hopkins.

Mr. Pitts for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Shropshire.

On account of sickness in his family:
Mr. Eckols for today, on motion of Mr. Beaty.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 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:

Senate bill No. 218, A bill to be entitled “An Act authorizing the board of managers of the Southwest Texas Lunatic Asylum at San Antonio, Texas, to lease the sulphur water flowing from the artesian wells on the grounds belonging to said asylum.”

Senate bill No. 223, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 4445, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of