Absent—Excused.

Barbee. McKellar.
Bennett. Mercer.
Bies. Morris.
Jarrett. Pfeuffer.
Kittrell. Sansom.
Lane. Teagle.
Masterson. Wright.
McDowell.

“I vote ‘no,’ because the substitute does not allow the employe of corporations in Dallas to hold office in that city, but simply allows him to pursue his legitimate business which nothing in the charter seeks to deprive him of. "Tarver."

Question then recurring on the amendment as substituted, it was adopted.

Mr. Vaughan offered the following amendment:

“Amend by striking out the words ‘by the Governor of the State’ in line 18, page 75, Section 201, and insert the words ‘by the county judge of Dallas county.’”

Mr. Peery moved to adjourn until 9:30 o’clock A. M. tomorrow.

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

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, that in the future deliberations of this body, no member who has spoken on any question shall have the right to move the previous question and cut off debate.

Read second time, and referred to the Committee on Rules.

NOTICE.

Mr. Schluter gave notice that he would tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o’clock, call up a motion by Mr. Decker to reconsider the vote by which Section 1, of Substitute House Bill No. 130, etc., the general occupation tax bill, was so amended as to make the annual occupation tax bill therein provided for payable quarterly, which motion was spread on the Journal of February 24th.

At 5:45 p.m., on motion of Mr. Peery, the House adjourned until 9:30 o’clock A. M. tomorrow.
Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.
On motion of Mr. Poole, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:
Mr. Bridgers until Monday, on motion of Mr. Cross.
Mr. Tarkington for today, on motion of Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Little for yesterday, on motion of Mr. McAnally.
Mr. Masterson for today, on motion of Mr. Calvin.
Mr. Conoly for today, on motion of Mr. Poole.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Bolin for today, on motion of Mr. Allen of Hopkins.
Mr. Bailey indefinitely, on motion of Mr. McAnally.
Mr. Sansom for today, on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson.

PENDING BUSINESS.

When the House adjourned yesterday it had under consideration,
House bill No. 342, the Dallas City Charter, on engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Vaughan pending.
The Speaker laid the same before the House.
Mr. Pitts offered the following substitute for the amendment:
"Substitute in line 18, page 75, of Section 201, so as to read down to the word 'as,' in said line, as follows: 'Sec. 201. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city of Dallas.'"
(Pending consideration, Mr. Smith of Grayson, occupied the chair.)
After consideration by the House Mr. Calvin moved the previous question and the main question was ordered.
Question first recurred on the substitute by Mr. Pitts, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Little and Mr. Jones.
The substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—40.
Adams. Lane.
Allen of Colorado. Little.
Barbee. McAnally.
Barrett. McKellar.
Blount. Meitzen.
Chambers. Murphy.
Cocke. Murray.
Crawford. Parish.
Eckols. Pitts.
Ellis. Poole.
Frost. Ritches.
Graham. Rogers.
Hamilton. Russell.
Howard. Sutherland.
Hurley. Teagle.
Jones. Wells.
Kennedy. Willrodt.
Lake.

Nays—64.
Allen of Hopkins. Morris.
Ayres. Morrow.
Bean. Neff.
Bolin. Oliver.
Browne. Palmer.
Caldwell. Peery.
Calvin. Powell.
Childers. Prince.
Cole. Ratliff.
Collins. Robertson, Harrison.
Dean. Robertson of Bell.
Decker. Savage.
Doroh. Schulte.
Evans. Scurry.
Garner. Shanson.
Gill. Shelburne.
Gill. Smith of Grayson.
Goodman. Smith of Collin.
Groom. Staples.
Grubbs. Stewart.
Grogan. Stripling.
Henderson, Brazos. Tate.
Henderson, Lamar. Terrell.
Kittrell. Thomas of Wise.
Lillard. Thomas of Fannin.
Livesey. Tompkins.
Loyd. Tucker.
Marsh. Vaughan.
Maxwell. Walton.
McDowell. Weless.
McFarland. Willacy.
McKamy. Wooten.
Monroe.

Absent.
Beaty. McClellan.
Childs. Nolan.
Clements. Pfefuer.
Gidiet. Shropshire.
Greenwood. Tarver.

Absent—Excused.
Bailey. Bridgers.
Bennett. Conoly.
Question next recurred on the amendment by Mr. Vaughan, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Little and Mr. Jones.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yea—18.

Adams. Hurley.
Barrett. Jones.
Blount. Lake.
Cocke. Little.
Cross. McNally.
East. Murphy.
Frost. Pitts.
Graham. Teagle.
Howard. Vaughan.

Nays—83.

Allen of Colorado. Morris.
Allen of Hopkins. Morrow.
Ayres. Murray.
Barbee. Neff.
Bean. Oliver.
Bolin. Palmer.
Brown. Parish.
Caldwell. Peery.
Chambers. Phillips of Camp.
Children. Pool.
Cole. Powell.
Collins. Prince.
Crawford. Ratcliff.
Culp. Robertson, Harrison.
Dean. Robertson of Bell.
Derden. Rochelle.
Dorob. Rogers.
Ellis. Russell.
Evans. Savage.
Garner. Schuler.
Gill. Scurry.
Goodlett. Shannon.
Goodman. Shurtle.
Gordon. Smith of Grayson.
Grogan. Smith of Collin.
Grubbs. Staples.
Hamilton. Stewart.
Henderson, Brazos. Stripling.
Henderson, Lamar. Sutherland.
Kittrell. Tate.
Lane. Terrell.
Lillard. Thomas of Wise.
Lively. Tompkins.
Loyd. Tucker.
Marsh. Walton.
Maxwell. Wells.
McDowell. Whelss.
McKamy. Willacy.
McKellar. Willrodt.
Meitzen. Wooten.

Absent.

Beay. McClellan.
Childs. McFarland.
Clements. Nolan.
Decker. Pfeiffer.
Greenwood. Shropshire.
Kennedy. Tarver.
Looney. Thomas of Fannin.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey. Masterson.
Bennett. Mercer.
Bridgers. Sansom.
Conoly. Tarkington.
Dies. Wright.
Garrett.
The Chair stated that it appears from the Journal of March 11, that the bill was read on that day, and overruled the point of order.

On engrossment of the bill yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Jones, Mr. Little and Mr. Vaughan.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—65.


Absent.


PAIR ED.

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

Mr. McDowell (present), who would vote yea, with Mr. McClellan (absent), who would vote nay.

"I vote for the engrossment of the Dallas charter bill, under protest as to the commission feature. I believe this commission should be elected by the people of Dallas. I further believe that to have this commission appointed by the Governor of this State is a departure from long established democratic principles, and tends toward centralization of power, and is against that time-honored doctrine known as local self-government. I do not dispute the right of any city to formulate any charter they may want, so long as its provisions are all local; but I do not believe that a city should seek to depart from the principles of self-government.

"I am not willing to say that the people of Dallas, or any other Texas city, can be bought or sold as cattle, but I do believe that they can and should be treated to elect these commissioners the same as other elective city officers. But as this bill, in the main, is a wholesome one, and to which I could not object, except as above stated, I shall therefore give it my support.

"SUTHERLAND."

"In the discussion of the bill granting the city of Dallas a new charter, I have learned the following facts, viz.:

1. That the mayor and city council of Dallas are democrats.

2. That the police force of Dallas, composed of about forty men, are immoral and not fit to hold office.

3. That the mayor and city council of Dallas are corrupt and cannot be trusted.

4. That the voters of the city of Dallas are dominated by corporations, are ignorant and corrupt, and cannot be trusted in choosing their officers.

"With all of these great evils, viz.: Democracy, immorality, corruption, in-
competency and ignorance dominating the good people of Dallas, I am constrained to believe that something radical in the shape of a new charter is absolutely necessary, and the proposed charter being as radical a measure as perhaps could have been written. I vote for the bill.

"TOMPKINS."

"We vote against House bill No. 342, believing as we do, that the mayor of that city should have jurisdiction and power to try all cases as provided for in Section 24. We oppose the city superseding the laws of the State as provided for in Section 199. We are also against the commission as appointed by the Governor in Section 201. We also oppose supervisory powers which is vested in them in Section 202. We believe in local self-government which is democratic.

"POOLE, "PARISH, "PHILLIPS of Camp."

"I vote 'nay' on House bill No. 342, for the following reasons:

1. Because it provides for the appointment of certain commissioners by the Governor, who should, in my opinion, be elected by the people whom they will have to serve.

2. It is true I voted for the Austin city charter, which carried with it this same provision, but the State capital and several of the State institutions are located in the city of Austin. It is also the home of the Governor.

"PHILLIPS of Lampasas."

"I vote 'no' on House bill No. 342, for the reason that it is, in my judgment, anti-American, undemocratic and violative of every principle of local self-government. To pass this bill is to re-enact the alleged principles of reconstruction in the days of carpet-baggism, when the appointive power ran rampant over the rights of the people and against the peace and dignity of the State, and can only be justified by the dangerous theory of government by injunction, to which I object.

"CRAWFORD."

"I vote 'no' on this bill because I believe it is a direct blow at the fundamental principles of republican form of government and to establish a monarchical form of government in its stead.

"BLOUNT."

Mr. McKamy moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 342 be put on its third reading and final passage.

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

Yeas—66.
Bean. Palmer.
Bolin. Parish.
Browne. Peery.
Caldwell. Powell.
Calvin. Prince.
Childers. Ratcliff.
Collins. Robertson, Harrison
Cross. Robertson of Bell.
Dean. Savage.
Dorroh. Scanluter.
Evans. Scurry.
Garner. Shannon.
Pillsbury. Shelburne.
Gill. Shropshire.
Goodman. Smith of Grayson.
Gordon. Smith of Collin.
Grogan. Staples.
Grubbs. Stewart.
Henderson, Brazos. Stripling.
Henderson, Lamar. Sutherland.
Kittel. Tate.
Lillard. Terrell.
Livsey. Thomas of Wise.
Loyd. Thomas of Fannin.
March. Tompkins.
Maxwell. Tucker.
McDowell. Walton.
McKamy. Wells.
Monroe. Wholes.
Morris. Willacy.
Morrow. Wooten.
Nays—36.
Allen of Colorado. Lake.
Barbee. Little.
Barrett. McAnally.
Chambers. McKellar.
Cocke. Meitzer.
Cole. Murphy.
Crawford. Murray.
Eckols. Phillips of Camp.
Ellis. Pitts.
Frost. Poole.
Goodlett. Rochelle.
Graham. Rogers.
Howard. Russell.
Hurley. Teagle.
Jones. Vaughan.
Kennedy. Willrodt.
Nolan. Absent.

Adams. Hamilton.
Beaty. Lane.
Childs. Lomney.
Clements. McClellan.
Decker. Nolan.
Dies. Pfeuffer.
Greenwood. Tarver.
The Speaker signed in the presence of the House this forenoon, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following bills:

House bill No. 542, "An Act to regulate the drilling, operation and abandonment of petroleum oil, natural gas and mineral water wells, and to prevent certain abuses connected therewith."

House bill No. 233, "An Act to prohibit railroad companies, their officers, agents and employees from making excessive charges for carrying and transporting freight, goods, wares and merchandise, and to require said companies, their officers, agents and employees to deliver freight, goods, wares and merchandise on payment of the freight charges due, as shown by the bill of lading and to provide penalties for the violation of this act."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 28, 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 concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a uniform method of electing school trustees in independent districts."

Also the Senate has adopted the Free Conference Committee report on Senate bill No. 130.

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 27, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and fix the time of holding courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, known as House bill No. 167 during its passage."

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

CULP, 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. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan, under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery, or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in the State of Texas."

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574, A bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor."

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 27, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan, under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery, or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when ship-
Mr. Walton moved to table the substitute, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Lillard, Mr. Ratcliff and Mr. Terrell.

The substitute was tabled by the following vote:

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Nays—39

Allen of Colorado. Loyd
Ayers. McKamy.
Barrett. Morris.
Chambers. Neff.
Childs. Palmer.
Crawford. Pfeuffer.
Culp. Powell.
Decker. Robertson of Bell.
Evans. Rochelle.
Garner. Savage.
Gill. Seurry.
Goodman. Shelburne.
Gordon. Smith of Grayson.
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Absent.

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Question recurred on the amendment by Mr. Garner. Mr. Childers offered the following amendment: "Amend by striking out the enacting clause." Tabled on motion of Mr. Blount. Mr. Culp offered the following amendment to the amendment by Mr. Garner: "Amend by striking out 'September and October.'" Mr. Livsey moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered. The amendment by Mr. Culp was lost. On the amendment by Mr. Garner, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Lillard, Mr. Beaty and Mr. Terrell. The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—61.

Allen of Colorado. Looney.
Allen of Hopkins. Loyd.
Ayers. McClellan.
Barrett. Murray.
Caldwell. Neff.
Calvin. Oliver.
Chambers. Palmer.
Childs. Peery.
Clements. Pfeuffer.
Cole. Powell.
Crawford. Prince.
Cross. Robertson, Harrison.
Culp. Robertson of Bell.
Decker. Rochelle.
Dorroh. Rogers.
Evans. Russell.
Frost. Savage.
Garner. Schluter.
Gill. Scurry.
Goodman. Shannon.
Gordon. Sheilburne.
Graham. Smith of Grayson.
Greenwood. Smith of Collin.
Grogan. Stewart.
Grubbs. Tate.
Henderson, Brazos. Thomas of Wise.
Henderson, Lamar. Wells.
Kittrell. Willacy.
Lake. Willrodt.
Livsey. 

Nays—52.

Adams. Beatty.
Barbee. Bennett.
Bean. Blount.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
ON SENATE BILL NO. 130.

Mr. Collins, Chairman, on part of the House, submitted the following report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 27, 1899.

To the Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

We, the undersigned, your Free Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 130, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2, of Chapter 153, of the general laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water streams and lakes of this State otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale or shipment of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, and to exempt the counties of Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto from the provisions of said chapter,'" have had the same under considera-
tion, with the House amendments, and
beg to report back as follows:

1. That the Senate concurs in all
House amendments except amendment
No. 3.
2. That the House agrees to strike
out of amendment No. 3 the counties of
Cherokee and Chambers, and that with
this change the Senate concurs in said
amendment No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN,
LINN,
ROSS,
LLOYD,
Committee on part of the Senate.

COLLINS,
PHILLIPS of Lampasas,
FROST,
CHAMBERS,
Committee on part of the House.

The report was laid before the House
and read.

Mr. Collins moved that it be adopted.
Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—101.
Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayers.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Bean.
Bennett.
Blount.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Childers.
Childs.
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Grogan.
Grubbs.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.

Schluter.
Scurry.
Shannon.
Shelburne.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Smith of Collin.
Staples.
Stewart.
Stripling.
Sutherland.
Tarkington.

Tarver.
Tate.
Teagle.
Thomas of Wise.
Thomas of Fannin.
Tompkins.
Vaughan.
Walton.
Weless.
Wracly.
Willrodt.
Wooten.

Beaty.
Murray.
Terrell.

Rogers.

Bailey.
Bolm.
Bridgers.
Conoly.
Dies.

Garrett.
Masterson.
Mercer.
Wright.

Mr. Collins moved to reconsider the
vote by which the Free Conference
Committee report on Senate bill No. 130 was
adopted, and to table the motion to recon-
consider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Cross the regular
order of business was sus-
pended to take up and place on its third reading and
final passage,

House bill No. 204, A bill to be entitled
"An Act authorizing mutual insurance
companies to insure against burglary and
robbery, and against the loss of money
and securities in transportation, when
shipped by mail," on its second reading,
with amendment by the committee.

Laid before the House on third reading
and final passage.

Read third time and passed.

Mr. Decker called up the motion of Mr.
Murphy to reconsider the vote by which Substitute House bill No. 160, etc., the
Confederate pension bill, was ordered
engrossed, and which motion to reconsider
was spread upon the Journal March 22.

On motion of Mr. Shropshire, the
motion to reconsider was tabled.

On motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar,
the regular order of business was sus-
pended to take up and place on its third
reading and final passage,

Substitute House bills Nos. 160, 501
and 574, relating to granting a pension
to ex-Confederate soldiers.
Bill laid before the House on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and Mr. Sutherland offered the following amendment:

"Amend Section 2, on page 1, by striking out all of lines 27, 28, 29 and 30, and line 31 to the word ‘judge,’ inclusive.'"

Tabled, on motion of Mr. Decker.

Mr. Teagle offered the following amendment:

"Amend Section 13, line 24, by striking out the words ‘there shall be appropriated’ and insert the words ‘there is hereby appropriated.’ And by striking out the words ‘that there be appropriated,’ line 27, Section 13, and insert the words ‘there is hereby appropriated.’"

Mr. Powell moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded.

The amendment by Mr. Teagle was adopted.

Mr. Lane offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word ‘law,’ in line 24, page 3, the following: ‘And that the conditions which existed at the time of making his application, and on which the pension was originally granted, still exist.’"

Adopted.

Mr. Murphy offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out of line 15, page 2, the word ‘was,’ and insert in lieu thereof the following: ‘and has been continuously.’"

Adopted.

Mr. Murphy offered the following amendments:

(1) "Amend Section 1, line 12, thus: ‘October, January, April and July.’"

(2) "Amend Section 2, line 25, by inserting after the word ‘himself’ the words ‘and (if he is not sixty years old) when, where, and how said disability occurred.’"

(3) "Amend line 31, same section, by inserting after the word ‘husband,’ the words, ‘the date of her marriage.’"

(4) "Amend Section 3 by adding thereto the words ‘as to his service in the army or navy.’"

(5) "Amend Section 6, line 19, by striking the word ‘sent’ out between the words ‘be’ and ‘by,’ and inserting the word ‘filed,’ and by striking out the word ‘to’ between the words ‘him’ and ‘the,’ and inserting the word ‘with,’ and in line 20, after the word ‘shall’ by inserting the words ‘refer the same to a commission composed of two qualified voters of this State, who must be ex-Confederate soldiers, each of whom shall receive a salary of $5.00 per day for the days they may work, under the direction of the Comptroller, which commission shall be appointed by the Governor and be a part of the force of the Comptroller’s department, and who shall.’"

(6) "Amend line 21 by striking out the word ‘him’ between the words ‘to’ and ‘appears,’ and inserting the word ‘then.’"

(7) "Amend Section 7, line 26, by inserting between the words ‘residence’ and ‘and’ the words ‘and postoffice address.’"

(8) "Amend line 25 by striking out the word ‘some’ between the words ‘of’ and ‘other’ and inserting the word ‘two.’"

(9) "Amend Section 7, line 29, after the word ‘due’ the words ‘and deliver the same to pensioner, or his order.’"

(10) "Amend Section 9, line 1, by striking out the word ‘five’ between the words ‘than’ and ‘dollars’ and inserting the word ‘ten.’ And add to Section 9 the following: ‘The contract for a fee, not to exceed ten dollars, between the applicant and his agent, must be filed with the Comptroller, and, if the pension is granted, said fee to be retained by the Comptroller out of the first quarter due the pensioner and paid by him to said agent.’"

(11) "Amend Section 13, line 12, on last page of engrossed bill, by striking out the word ‘January’ and inserting the word ‘October.’"

(12) "Amend line 13, same page and section, by striking out the words ‘January’ and ‘July,’ and inserting the words ‘October’ and ‘April.’"

(13) "Amend line 24, same page and section, by striking out ‘January’ and ‘July’ and inserting the words ‘October’ and ‘April.’"

Tabled, on motion of Mr. Blount.

Mr. Cocke offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word ‘judge,’ line 9, page 4, ‘and said judge shall thereupon return to said Comptroller a list of all pensioners who received pensions from his county at the last quarter, giving therein (under the head of remarks), all deaths, removals and present locations, as nearly as possible, of such pensioners.’"

Tabled, on motion of Mr. Shropshire.

Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after ‘1880,’ in line 16, page 2, the following: ‘Or that who originally enlisted in the Confederate
Resolved, That Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, March 30th inst., having been fixed as the time for conducting Memorial Services in honor of Hon. S. P. Evans, a Representative in the House from Grayson county, lately deceased, an invitation is hereby extended to the Honorable, the Senate, the Governor, the Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Civil Appeals, the heads of the various departments, and all Representatives and Senators from Texas in the United States Congress, to attend and participate in said ceremonies, to be conducted in memory of our deceased brother.

[Signed—Bailey, Dies, McKamy, Savage, Collins.]

Read second time, and Mr. Tarver moved to adopt by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Speaker laid before the House, on engrossment, House bill No. 130, relating to the fees and taxes to be collected by the Secretary of State, with amendment by Mr. Bailey and substitute by Mr. Decker for the amendment.

(Pending consideration, Mr. Schluter occupied the chair.) Speaker in the chair, Mr. Peery moved the previous question, and it was not seconded.

Mr. Powell moved to adjourn to 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Greenwood:

Petition of fifty citizens of the State of Texas, requesting a change in the law regarding the fees of teachers’ certificates and qualifications of teachers. Read, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Murray:

Petition of thirty-eight citizens of Karnes county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 181, known as the round bale bill. Read, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Mr. Derden:

Petition from 200 citizens of Bosque and Somervell counties, asking for a reduction of the occupation tax on flying jennets or hobby horses. Read, and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Adams:

Petition from 125 citizens of Wharton, Matagorda and Brazoria counties, protesting against the exemption of their counties from the provisions of Senate...
bill No. 68, prohibiting hunting on the enclosed lands of another. 

Read, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Palmer and Mr. Gordon:

House bill No. 762. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 29 of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to change the time of holding the district court in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District, except in Coryell county, and to extend the time of holding the court in the county of Erath."

(The object of the bill is to prevent a conflict in the time of holding district court in the counties of Hood and Palo Pinto, and an emergency is declared.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Childs:

House bill No. 763. A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Sections 22, 23, 24 and 25, of Chapter 5, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, enacted at the Sixty-Fifth Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and approved June 15th, 1897, and making the same inoperative in so far as concerns the fees of the clerks of the district courts, clerks of the county courts, sheriffs and justices of the peace, in civil cases only, in counties having a less voting population than 3500, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

(The bill declares an emergency.)

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

By Mr. Frost:

House Joint Resolution No. 33, to amend Section 24, of Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for working the public roads by the levy of an ad valorem tax and a poll tax on all male citizens of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years.

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

By Mr. Tarver:

House Joint Resolution No. 34, To amend Section 5, Article 10, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the consolidation of railway corporations owning parallel or competing lines.

(Amends the Constitution by permitting the consolidation of parallel or competing lines of railway by special act of the Legislature.)

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

By Mr. Powell:

Whereas, There appears in the Journal of February 20th, on page 457, a resolution adopted by the House inquiring into the delay of printing for the House, and it having developed that the resolution was introduced through a misunderstanding of the facts, and;

Whereas, To let same remain in the permanent Journal would likely injure the business reputation of the State printing contractors; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said resolution is hereby recalled, and that the same be expunged and left out of the permanent Journal.

Read second time and adopted.

By Mr. Bennett:

Whereas, Some time ago Grimes county, without my knowledge or consent, and without the knowledge or consent of her people, and against their expressed will and purpose, was changed from the community to the district school system; and

Whereas, The Governor of the State has said that if called upon by the House that he would send this bill back to the House in order that Grimes county be again restored to the community system by striking it out of said bill; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House that we ask the Governor to return said bill, No. 441, back to the House for that purpose.

Read second time and adopted.

At 6:18 p. m., on motion of Mr. Powell, the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

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**SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY.**

Hall of the House of Representatives,

Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, March 29, 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—119.

Adams. Bennett.
Ayers. Browne.
Barbee. Caldwell.
Barrett. Calvin.
Bean. Chambers.
Beaty. Childers.