ize the owners of each of said railroads, and its franchises and its appurtenances, to sell the same; and to authorize said Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to issue additional mortgage bonds to the amount of the value of the railways, franchises and appurtenances so purchased as fixed, or as the same may be fixed, by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of such properties and the operations thereof."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that substitute herewith do pass in lieu thereof.

The committee recommend that only the substitute herewith be printed.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

APPOINTMENT.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Harry Curl as page in place of John Robert Foster, resigned.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

House bill No. 774, on motion of Mr. Bailey (by request of Mr. Kittrell, the author).

On motion of Mr. Powell the regular order of business was suspended to take up, and place on its second reading, House Joint Resolution No. 24, To amend Section 11, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, fixing the legal and contract rate of interest."

The resolution was laid before the House, and was read second time, together with a favorable committee report recommending amendment.

Mr. Mercer raised the point that there was not a quorum present; and the Speaker directed the Clerk to count the members present.

The Clerk announced that he had counted seventy-three members in the Hall, whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tarkington, the House, at 12:10 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Monday, April 10, 1899. The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Sherrill in the chair. Roll called, and the following members present:

Present—95.


Absent.


Absent—Excused.

A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of last Saturday.

On motion of Mr. Conoly, further reading was dispensed with.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

On account of important business:

Mr. Greenwood for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Tarrver.
Mr. Eckols for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Tarrver.
Mr. McClellan for today, on motion of Mr. Adams.
Mr. Gill for today, on motion of Mr. Clements.
Mr. Bailey until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Garner.
Mr. Bolin until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Allen of Hopkins.
Mr. Kittrell for today, on motion of Mr. Evans.
Mr. Ratcliff until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Barbee.
Mr. Murphy for today, on motion of Mr. Parish.
Mr. Walton until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Meltzen for today, on motion of Mr. Willrodt.
Mr. Prince until next Friday, on motion of Mr. Caldwell.
Mr. Bridges until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Jones.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Goodman for today, on motion of Mr. Rochelle.
Mr. Livsey indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Collins.
Mr. Sutherland for today, on motion of Mr. Terrell.
Mr. Masterson for today, on motion of Mr. Shelburne.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved that the House go into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering Substitute House bill No. 111, the general appropriation bill, on its second reading.

Mr. Blount moved as a substitute for above motion that House Rule No. 73, requiring the House to go into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering bills carrying appropriations be suspended for the purpose of considering this bill.

The motion to suspend was lost.

The motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar prevailed, and the House went into a Committee of the Whole House.

(In Committee of the Whole House, Mr. Smith of Grayson in the chair.)

After considering the bill, the committee rose, and through Mr. Smith of Grayson, Chairman, submitted the following report:

(In the House, Speaker in the chair.)

Austin, Texas, April 10, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred Substitute House bill No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for the two years beginning March 1, 1899, and ending February 28, 1901, and for other purposes."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report progress, and beg leave to sit again generally.

SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read several times, the following bills:

House bill No. 381, "An Act to amend an act known as Senate bill No. 236, Chapter 57, of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, regulating the time of holding the district courts in Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to reduce the terms in Tyler and Newton counties, and to extend the terms in Jefferson county."

House bill No. 370, "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of San Saba county, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

House bill No. 124, "An Act to amend Chapter 6, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Articles 5001a and 5001b, providing for elections in a county or subdivision of a county to determine whether hogs, sheep, and goats shall be permitted to run at large in such county or subdivision."

House bill No. 249, "An Act to amend Article 1012, Title XXVII, Chapter 14, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the employment of stenographers and typewriters by the courts of civil appeals, and reducing the salary thereof from $1500 per annum to $500 per month."

House bill No. 540, "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Shelby county, to
conform to the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith.

House bill No. 147, "An Act to amend Article 22, Title IV, Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, by adding thereto Section 55, creating a judicial district in Galveston county additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein, to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts, and the disposition of the business therein, and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof, and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 578, "An Act to fix the time for holding the district courts in the Fiftieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Kittrell:
House bill No. 788, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting a pension to E. B. Ragsdale, a veteran of the Republic of Texas."

(The preamble states that the applicant, E. B. Ragsdale, served in the army of the Republic of Texas at the battle in La Plantic Land or Nueces river, and has never received the bounty allowed to veterans for such service.)

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Mr. Bean:
House bill No. 789, A bill to be entitled "An Act to encourage the freedom of trade and to forbid the issuance by any person, firm, association of persons, corporations or agents of either, of any ticket, check or writing obligatory, re- deemable or payable only in goods or merchandise by the said person, firm, association of persons or corporation issuing the same, and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act."

Provides as penalty a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than five nor more than sixty days.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Mr. Blount moved to take a recess until 3 o'clock p. m. today, and Mr. Little until 2:30 p. m. today.

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 12:30 p. m., took recess until 3 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

SPEAKER’S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 762, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, which went into effect on the 22nd day of March, 1899, 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 Twentieth Judicial District, except in Coryell county, and to extend the time of holding the court in the county of Erath."

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Year—86.

Beaty. Beaty.  
Browne. Browne.  
Caldwell. Caldwell.  
Calvin. Calvin.  
Chambers. Chambers.  
Childers. Childers.  
Childs. Childs.  
Clements. Clements.  
Cocke. Cocke.  
Collins. Collins.  
Comoly. Comoly.  
Decker. Decker.  
Derden. Derden.  
Dorroh. Dorroh.  
Eckols. Eckols.  
Ellis. Ellis.  
Evans. Evans.  
Frost. Frost.  
Gordon. Gordon.  
Graham. Graham.  
Greenwood. Greenwood.  
Grogan. Grogan.  
Henderson, Brazos. Henderson, Brazos.  
Hurley. Hurley.  
Jones. Jones.  
Kennedy. Kennedy.  
Lillard. Lillard.  
Little. Little.  
Looney. Looney.  
Loyd. Loyd.  
Marsh. Marsh.  
McAnally. McAnally.  
Mc Dowell.  
McFarland.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Merrcer.  
Monroe.  
Morris.  
Murray.  
Naff.  
Nolan.  
Oliver.  
Palmer.  
Peery.  
Pfeiffer.  
Phillips, Lampasas.  
Pitts.  
Powell.  
Robertson, Harrison.  
Robertson of Bell.  
Rochelle.  
Russell.  
Sansom.  
Savage.  
Scurry.  
Shannon.  
Shelburne.  
Shropshire.  
Smith of Grayson.  
Smith of Collin.  
Tarkington.  
Tarver.  
Tate.  
Teagle.  
Terrell.  
Thomas of Wise.  
Thomas of Fannin.  
Tucker.  
Vaughan.  
Wells.
On motion of Mr. Robertson of Bell, Substitute House bill Nos. 136, etc., the general occupation tax bill, which was set as special order for this afternoon, 3 p.m., was postponed until next Friday, April 14, 3 p.m. (Mr. Smith of Grayson in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Shropshire, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 720, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 4002, Chapter 15, Title LXXXVI, Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, with reference to the collection of taxes in independent school districts incorporated for free school purposes only."

The bill was laid before the House on its third reading and final passage. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Beaty.  
Absents—Excused.  
Allen of Colorado.  
Bailey.  
Bolin.  
Bridgers.  
Crawford.  
Dean.  
Dies.  
Gill.  
Goodman.  
Grubbs.  
Hamilton.  
Howard.  
Kittrell.  
Lake.  
Lane.  

Nays—2.  
Beaty.  
Cocke.  
Absent.  
Bennett.  
Blount.  
Culp.  
Garrett.  
Goodlett.  
Absents—Excused.  
Allen of Colorado.  
Bailey.  
Bolin.  
Bridgers.  
Crawford.  
Dean.  
Dies.  
Gill.  
Goodman.  
Hamilton.  
Howard.  
Kittrell.  
Lake.  
Lane.  

Yeas—87.  
Adams, Barbee, Ayers.  
Allen of Hopkins, Barrett, Ayers.  
Bean.
Mr. Shropshire moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 720 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Decker, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate and quiet titles to public free school, university and asylum lands purchased prior to January 1, 1899, to provide for patents, and to prescribe limitation for bringing suits for the recovery of such lands."

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

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

"Amend page 1, line 30, by striking out all after the word 'fee,' lines 30 and 31."

Mr. Wright offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by adding in line 18, after the word 'standing' the following: 'Upon the application of the purchaser, accompanied by his affidavit and the affidavit of two credible citizens of the county in which said land is situated, that the purchaser is then a bona fide resident on the land so purchased.'"

Pending consideration of the above amendments, the Chair laid before the House, as special order for this hour, 4 P. M., on engrossment, Substitute House bill Nos. 30, etc., relating to public weighers, with amendment by Mr. Smith of Grayson and substitute for the amendment by Mr. Rochelle.

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

Question first recurred on the substitute by Mr. Rochelle, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blount, Mr. Shropshire and Mr. Calvin.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—75.


Absents—Excused.


Nays—1.


Absents—Excused.

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Loyd.
Marsh.
McAnally.
McDowell.
McFarland.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Meitzen.
Mercer.
Monroe.
Morris.
Morrow.
Neff.
Oliver.
Palmer.
Parish.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Phillips.
Pills.
Powell.

Nays—11.

Ayers.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Derden.
Dorroh.
Ellis.

Absent.

Childs.
Culp.
Garner.
Garrett.

Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colorado.
Bailey.
Bolin.
Bridgerson.
Crawford.
Dean.
Dies.
Gilli.
Goodman.
Grubbs.
Hamilton.
Howard.
Kittrell.
Lake.
Lane.

Question next recurred on the amendment as substituted, and it was adopted.

Mr. Powell offered the following amendment:
"Amend the bill by striking out in line 27, on page 1, all after the word 'election' and substitute therefor the following, viz.: 'One or more suitable persons for public weighers for said justice precinct, the number of weighers for any one precinct to be determined by said court.'"

Mr. Tarver moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill, and the motion was not seconded.

After further consideration, Mr. Tate moved the previous question on the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rochelle offered the following amendment:
"Amend the bill by adding in line 25, on page 3, after the word 'approved' the following, viz.: 'And recorded in the same manner as the bonds of county officers.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Henderson of Brazos offered the following amendment:
"Amend by adding after the word 'statements,' line 13, page 5, the following, viz.: 'Provided, it shall be unlawful for any public weigher or deputy public weigher to weigh cotton or any produce or any article of commerce at his own warehouse or place of business, or to weigh such articles for his private employer.'"

Mr. Tarver moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill, and the motion was not seconded.

On motion of Mr. Blount the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Morrow offered the following amendment:
"Amend by inserting the words 'Section 2' before the first line on page 6, and by adding to line 2, on page 6, the following: 'Provided, that this act shall not be construed to affect the right of any public weigher now duly elected or appointed and qualified to hold his office to the end of the term for which he was elected or appointed, subject, however, to the provisions of this act.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Meitzen offered the following amendment:
"Amend by adding after the words 'public weigher' in line 14, page 2, the following: 'Provided further, that such commissioners court, if they deem it necessary, may divide any justice's precinct into two public weighers precincts, and to provide for the election of public weighers in such precincts.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Wills.

Mr. Shropshire offered the following amendment:
"Amend by adding the following after the word 'grain' in line 9, page 3: 'Butter, pecans, pork or bacon, peas, beef, lard, honey.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Thomas of Wise.

Mr. Wills offered the following amendment:
"Amend by striking out in line 1, on
page 3, the words 'county judge' and substitute therefor the following words: 'Commissioners court'; amend further by striking out, in line 20, on page 5, the words 'to be approved by and'; and amend also by adding in line 27, after the word 'be' the following words, viz.: 'Approved by the commissioners court and.'

[Signed]

"ROCHELLE,

"WELLS,

"POWELL."

Adopted.

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding the words 'each wagon load of pecans' after the word 'hay,' in line 9, page 3, and line 11, page 5."

Adopted.

Mr. Barbee offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting at the end of Article 4309, the following: 'Provided, that any person or persons not a public weigher, who weighs cotton, meal, sugar, grain or pecans for the public, shall enter into and give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of two thousand dollars, payable to the county judge and his successors in office, conditioned that he will keep or give accurate weights to all persons weighing upon his scales, and said person or persons shall keep an accurate record of all weights kept or given by him, and said record or books containing a record of said weights shall be kept constantly open for the free inspection of any and all persons who may desire to inspect or scrutinize the same; and shall also take the oath provided for public weighers.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Neff.

Mr. Cross offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the words 'or other produce' in line 18, page 3, and in lines 17 and 18, on page 5."

[Signed]

"ROCHELLE,

"CROSS."

Mr. Shelburne moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Cross, and it was adopted. On engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Shropshire, Mr. Henderson of Brazos and Mr. Garner. The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

**Yeas—60.**

Adams.  
Allen of Hopkins.  
Barrett.  
Bean.  
Beaty.  
Blount.  
Browne.  
Calvin.  
Chambers.  
Childers.  
Childs.  
Clements.  
Collins.  
Conoly.  
Cross.  
Decker.  
Derden.  
Eckols.  
Evans.  
Frost.  
Gordon.  
Graham.  
Henderson, Lamar.  
Hurley.  
Little.  
Loyd.  
Marsh.  
McAuly.  
McDowell.  
McFarland.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Metzen.  
Mercer.  
Monroe.  
Morris.

**Nays—17.**

Ayers.  
Barker.  
Caldwell.  
Coke.  
Dorroh.  
Ellis.  
Garner.  
Goodlett.  
Henderson, Brazos.  
McFarland.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Metzen.  
Mercer.  
Monroe.  
Morris.

**Absent.**

Bennett.  
Culp.  
Garrett.  
Greenwood.  
Grogan.  
Jones.  
Maxwell.  
Robinson.  
Prince.  
Ratcliff.  
Schluter.  
Smith of Grayson.  
Teagle.  
Wright.  
Willrodt.  
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Wells.  
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**Absent—Excused.**

Allen of Colorado.  
Allen of Hopkins.  
Barrett.  
Blount.  
Browne.  
Caldwell.  
Coke.  
Dorroh.  
Ellis.  
Garner.  
Goodlett.  
Henderson, Brazos.  
McFarland.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Metzen.  
Mercer.  
Monroe.  
Morris.

**Yeas—60.**

Adams.  
Allen of Hopkins.  
Barrett.  
Bean.  
Beaty.  
Blount.  
Browne.  
Calvin.  
Chambers.  
Childers.  
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Monroe.  
Morris.

**Nays—17.**

Ayers.  
Barker.  
Caldwell.  
Coke.  
Dorroh.  
Ellis.  
Garner.  
Goodlett.  
Henderson, Brazos.  
McFarland.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
Metzen.  
Mercer.  
Monroe.  
Morris.

**Absent.**

Bennett.  
Culp.  
Garrett.  
Greenwood.  
Grogan.  
Jones.  
Maxwell.  
Robinson.  
Prince.  
Ratcliff.  
Schluter.  
Smith of Grayson.  
Teagle.  
Wright.  
Wright.
gessed, and to table the motion to re-
consider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as
pending business, an engrossment,
House bill No. 495, relating to certain
public lands.

With amendment by Mr. Adams and
substitute by Mr. Wright for the amend-
ment, which was under consideration
when the hour arrived for considering
the above special order.

Mr. Wright, by consent, withdrew his
substitute and offered the following as
substitute for the amendment by Mr.
Adams:

"Amend the bill by striking out all of
line 30, after the word 'fee,' and all of
line 31, page 1, and insert in lieu thereof
the following: 'Provided, all purchasers
whose applications to purchase are dated
after April 1, 1896, shall be required to
make proof of three years occupancy of
such lands before patent shall issue
therefor.'

[Signed "DECKER,
"WRIGHT."]

The substitute was adopted, and the
amendment as substituted was adopted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following
amendment:

"Amend Section 1, page 1, lines 23, 24,
25 and 26, by striking out all after the
word 'county,' in line 23, down to and
including the word 'thereof,' in line 26,
and insert in lieu thereof the following:
'and from and after the filing of such
certificate the purchaser of such land
shall not be required to make further
proof except as to occupancy as provided
by law.'"

Mr. Shropshire offered the following
substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by inserting after the word
'land,' in line 24, page 1, the following:
'after he has resided upon such land con-
tinuously for three years.'"

Accepted.

The amendment as substituted was
adopted.

Mr. Childers offered the following
amendment:

"Amend by striking out the enacting
clause."

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

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

BILL RECOMMENDED.

Senate bill No. 354 (reported favora-
ibly with amendments) to the Committee
on Public Lands and Land Office.

On motion of Mr. Wright.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 432, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to appropriate and set apart to
the public free school fund of the State
of Texas all the unappropriated public
domain of the State of Texas, including
the lands reserved and appropriated by
the Act of July 14, 1879, and to provide
for the survey, sale, lease and classifica-
tion thereof, and the patenting of home-
stead pre-emption surveys made prior to
May 23, 1898, and to repeal Articles
4209, 4201, 4202, 4203, 4204, 4205, 4206
and 4207, Chapter 11, Title LXXVII,
of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State
of Texas, and declaring an emergency,
Have carefully examined said bill, and
find the same correctly engrossed.

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 341, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to prevent officials, employes or
agents of the State of Texas from re-
ceiving fees, perquisites, gifts or emolu-
ments not stipulated by law, and provid-
ing a penalty for same."

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

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of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 775, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to change and fix the times for
holding courts in the Thirty-ninth Judi-
"Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 370, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to appropriate and set apart to
the public free school fund of the State
of Texas all the unappropriated public
domain of the State of Texas, including
the lands reserved and appropriated by
the Act of July 14, 1879, and to provide
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of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 370, A bill to be entitled
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“An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of San Saba county; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith.”

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 578, A bill to be entitled “An Act to fix the time for holding the courts in the Fiftieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,”

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 249, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 1012, Title XXVII, Chapter 14, Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the employment of stenographers by the Courts of Civil Appeals.”

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 540, A bill to be entitled “An Act to fix the time for holding the courts in the First Judicial District of Texas, composed of Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to change the terms in Tyler and Jefferson counties.”

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled “An Act to create a judicial district in Galveston county, additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein, to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts, and the disposition of the business therein; and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof.”

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 147, A bill to be entitled “An Act to create a judicial district in Galveston county, additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein, to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts, and the disposition of the business therein; and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof.”

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.
Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections two (2), six (6), ten (10), and fourteen (14), of the Special Laws of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas,' and to add to said article Section 4la, to provide for the extension of the corporation limits for purposes of improving Buffalo Bayou, and providing that the land embraced in said extension shall not be subject to taxation by said city."

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

McKAMY, Chairman.

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

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 11, 1899.

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

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Present—102.


Absent—Excused.


A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Tarkington, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Gill for today, on motion of Mr. Clements.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Sutherland for today, on motion of Mr. Terrell.

Mr. Culp for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Grogan.

PRIVILEGED REPORT.

Mr. Powell, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

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

Sir: Your Committee on Rules beg to make the following suggestions, viz.:

That in the event the House should