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 Legis­  
lature, entitled "An Act to provide a  
charter for the city of Houston, Harris  
county, Texas," and to add to said article  
Section 41a, 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 considera­  
tion, and I am instructed to report it  
back to the House with the recommenda­  
tion that it do pass.  

McKamy, Chairman.  

On motion of Mr. Tarver, the House,  
at 6 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock  
am. 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 mem­  
bers present:  

Present—102.  

Adams.  
Allen of Hopkins.  
Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Barbee.  
Barrett.  
Bean.  
Beaty.  
Blount.  
Brown.  
Caldwell.  
Calvin.  
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Cole.  
Collins.  
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Crawford.  
Cross.  
Decker.  
Derden.  

Maxwell.  
McAnally.  
McClellan.  
McDowell.  
McKamy.  
McKellar.  
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Perry.  
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Pitts.  
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Wells, Robertson of Bell.  
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Rogers.  
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Scluter.  
Scurry.  
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Sheburne.  
Shropshire.  
Smith of Grayson.  
Smith of Collin.  
Staples.  
Stewart.  
Sutherland.  
Tarkington.  
Tarver.  
Tate.  
Teagle.  
Terrell.  
Thomas of Wise.  
Thomas of Fannin.  

Tucker.  
Vaughan.  
Walton.  
Wells.  
Wheless.  
Willacy.  
Willrodt.  
Wooten.  
Wright.  

Absent—Excused.  

Allen of Colorado.  
Bolin.  
Bridgers.  
Culp.  
Dean.  
Gill.  
Grubbs.  
Hamilton.  
Lake.  

A quorum was announced present.  
Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.  
Pending reading of the Journal of yester­  
day.  

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
conclude to suspend the rules and consider the appropriation bill (No. 111) in the House instead of the Committee of the Whole, that during such consideration of said bill the motion to table be suspended, and that before invoking the "previous question" each side of any question may have at least two speeches, and on important questions not less than thirty minutes may be permitted to each side.

[Signed—Ayers, Powell, Bailey, Henderson of Lamar.]

The report was read and laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Decker moved to reconsider the vote by which the following amendment by Mr. Shropshire to House bill No. 495, "Amend by inserting after the word 'land,' in line 24, page 1, the following, 'after he has resided upon such land continuously for three years,'" (see yesterday's proceedings, page 1028) was adopted yesterday, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

RESOLUTION.

By Mr. Savage:
Resolved, That the rule requiring the House to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole when considering bills carrying appropriations be and is hereby suspended with reference to House bill No. 111, and that the previous question shall not be moved on more than one item at one time;
Resolved further, That it is the sense of the House that no motion to table be made while discussing said bill.

[Signed SAVAGE, STAPLES.]

Read second time, and laid on the table subject to call.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved to take up House bill No. 391, relating to payment of the Hogg-Robertson fee, for the purpose of making it a special order for next Monday, April 17, 3:30 p. m.

The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Tarver, the House went into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering, on its engrossment, Substitute House bill No. 111, the general appropriation bill.

(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 11, 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 AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. McFarland:
House bill No. 790, A bill to be entitled "An Act to render more effective and efficient the present road law of the State of Texas in its application and operation in the county of Calhoun, and to authorize and empower the said county to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways within the said county, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Murray:
House bill No. 791, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that where the law requires the sheriff or any constable of any county in this State to make a deed of conveyance to any property sold under execution or order of sale where such conveyance is required under the law of the United States to be stamped with internal revenue stamps, the amount of stamps so required shall be taxed as cost in the case, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Kittrell:
House bill No. 793, A bill to be entitled "An Act to render more effective and efficient the present road law of the State of Texas in its application and operation in the county of Calhoun, and to authorize and empower the said county to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways within the said county, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Monroe:
House bill No. 792, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide against a public calamity affecting the inhabitants of Starr county, Texas, by relieving the inhabitants and property in said county from the payment of taxes levied for State purposes for the year 1899, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Kittrell:
House bill No. 793, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 37, of an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being 'An Act to provide a special charter for the city of Houston, Harris county,
of cotton exchanges, chambers of commerce and boards of trade.'"

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Pitts:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44:

Whereas, Several hundred citizens of Hill county have petitioned the United States Congress for legislative relief from the existing evils of market gumbling, as evidenced by the petition hereewith presented; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, the Senate concurring, That Congress be memorialized to give to said petition their earnest and considerate attention and to grant to the people of Texas relief from such evils as exist by such legislation as may in the judgment of Congress be wise and just.

(This resolution is accompanied by a petition signed by 263 citizens of Hill county, Texas, praying for its passage.)

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

RESOLUTION ORDERED PRINTED.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35, relating to certain leases (reported favorably), on motion of Mr. Caldwell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 683, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3006 and 3007, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to injunctions."

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, April 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. 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, and which went into effect on the 22d day of March, 1899, entitled 'An Act to amend Subdivision 50, of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to change the times 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,'"

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 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. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring and making all mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts and other obligations in writing, whereby land or real property situated in the State of Texas, is made security for the payment of debts, to be land or real property for the purpose of assessment and taxation; to provide for the assessment thereof for taxation, and to provide for the sale thereof for such taxes."

Senate bill No. 224, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a commission to be known as the Texas State Historical Commission, and to define the duties and powers of said commission," with engrossed rider.

Senate bill No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the several counties in this State to invest the permanent school fund belonging to such counties in their own bonds, and to use the proceeds thereof for general county purposes, and to make the county liable for such investment."

Senate bill No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jack, 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," with Senate amendments.

J. P. POOL, Secretary of the Senate.

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 severally, the following bills:

House bill No. 305, "An Act to amend Article 1731, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

House bill No. 330, "An Act to require
railway companies to receive and transport all freights coming to them from steamships, steamboats and other water craft and vessels, without discrimination for or against any other steamship line, steamboat line, owner or company, or the owner or owners of any other water craft or vessel.

House bill No. 830, "An Act to amend Chapter 12, of Title XVII, Revised Criminal Code of Procedure, so as to place Bowie county under the provisions of this chapter, relating to the recovery of stolen animals and the detection and punishment of thieves, and create an emergency."

House bill No. 710, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Bell county, Texas."

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following bills reported from the Senate today were read first time, and referred to appropriate committees, viz.: Senate bills Nos. 203 and 224, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 187, to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dies moved to take a recess until 2:30 p.m. today, Mr. Cross until 3 p.m. today, and Mr. Oliver until 2 p.m. today.

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 12:22 p.m., took a recess until 3 o'clock p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Pending question—

House bill No. 496, relating to certain public lands, on engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Childers to strike out the enacting clause pending.

SPECIAL ORDER FIXED.

House bill No. 447, relating to county finances, and providing that in counties without banking facilities a certificate of the cashier of any reputable bank of this State may be considered as actual cash, for next Friday, April 14, 4 p.m., on motion of Mr. Peery.

On motion of Mr. Greenwood the regular order of business was suspended to take up, and place on its second reading, House bill No. 785, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require peddlers of clocks, agricultural implements, cooking stoves or ranges, wagons, buggies, carriages, surreys and other similar vehicles, washing machines and churns, and peddlers of all other merchandise of every description, to pay an annual occupation tax."

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

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the words 'thirty dollars' where they appear in Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof 'ten dollars.' Strike out 'fifteen dollars' and insert 'seven dollars and fifty cents.'"

Accepted.

Question recurring on the amendment as substituted, on motion of Mr. Blount it was tabled.

Mr. Thomas of Wise offered the following amendment:

"Amend line 22 by adding 'fruits' after the word 'vegetables.'"

Accepted.

Mr. Shelburne offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'exclusively' in Section 1, page 1, line 23, the words 'or vendors of earthenware or tinware exclusively.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. Palmer moved the previous question, and the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Oliver offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding at the end of Section 1: 'Provided, the provisions of this act shall not apply to peddlers who exchange goods and wares for poultry and country produce.'"

Mr. Greenwood moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Smith of Collin and Mr. Graham.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Calvin.  Childs.  Sansom.
Ellis.  Evans.  Stewart.
Greenwood.  Teagle.
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Nays—73.

Adams. Meitzen.
Allen of Hopkins. Mercer.
Bailey. Monroe.
Barbee. Morris.
Bean. Morrow.
Bennett. Murphy.
Blount. Murray.
Browne. Neff.
Caldwell. Nolan.
Children. Oliver.
Cole. Palmer.
Cross. Peery.
Derden. Pitts.
Eckols. Powell.
Frost. Robertson, Harrison
Goodlett. Rochelle.
Gordon. Rogers.
Graham. Russell.
Henderson, Brazos. Savage.
Henderson, Lamar. Schluter.
Howard. Scurry.
Jones. Smith of Collin.
Kennedy. Sutherland.
Kittrell. Tarkington.
Lillard. Tarver.
Little. Tate.
Looney. Terrell.
Loyd. Thomas of Wise.
Marsh. Vaughan.
Maxwell. Wells.
McAnally. Willrodt.
McClellan. Wooten.
McDowell. Wright.
McKellar. Absent.

Absent—Excused.

Allen of Colorado. McKamy.
Bolin. Pfeuffer.
Dean. Masterson. Willacy.

Chambers. Pfeuffer.
Garner. Staples.
Garrett. Thomas of Fannin.
Goodman. Tucker.
Masterson. Willacy.

Yeas—78.

Barbee. Lillard.
Bean. Little.
Beaty. Looney.
Bennett. Loyd.
Mount. Maxwell.
Browne. McClellan.
Caldwell. McCullar.
Chambers. McCollin.
Childs. McFarland.
Cocke. McKamy.
Cole. McKellar.
Collins. Meitzen.
Conoly. Mercer.
Crawford. Monroe.
Cross. Morris.
Decker. Morrow.
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Gordon. Oliver.
Grogan. Palmer.
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Howard. Pfeuffer.
Jones. Pitts.
Kennedy. Powell.

I vote to table the amendment, because, by a decision of the Supreme Court
just read, it would render the bill unconstitutional.

"ADAMS."

Question recurred on the amendment
by Mr. Oliver, whereupon, the Speaker
announced as special order for the hour,
3:30 p.m., on engrossment, with amend-
ment pending.

House bill No. 677, relating to public
roads.

On motion of Mr. Conoly, further
action on House bill No. 677 was post-
poned until 5 p.m. today.

Returning to consideration of House
bill No. 785, on engrossment, with amend-
ment by Mr. Oliver pending.

Mr. Schluter offered the following
amendment to the amendment by Mr.
Oliver:

"Amend the amendment by adding
there to the following: 'Exclusively and
who do not sell otherwise for cash or on
a credit.'"

Lost.

Mr. Oliver, by consent, emended his
amendment by adding thereto the word
'exclusively.'

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas offered the
following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'ex-
clusively' in line 23, page 1: 'Provided,
that each peddler of poultry, eggs, vege-
tables or country produce, who exchanges
goods for same, or sells goods while thus
engaged, shall pay $2.50 per annum.'"

Lost.

Question recurring on the amendment
by Mr. Oliver as emended, yeas and nays
were demanded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Wells
and Mr. Smith of Collin.

The amendment was adopted by the
following vote:

Yeas—78.

Barbee. Lillard.
Bean. Little.
Beaty. Looney.
Bennett. Loyd.
Mount. Maxwell.
Browne. McClellan.
Caldwell. McCollin.
Chambers. McFarland.
Childs. McKamy.
Cocke. McKellar.
Collins. Meitzen.
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Crawford. Monroe.
Cross. Morris.
Decker. Morrow.
Derden. Murphy.
Eckols. Neff.
Frost. Nolan.
Gordon. Oliver.
Grogan. Palmer.
Mr. Sansom moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Greenwood moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 785 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Mr. Thomas of Wise offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the words 'exclusively religious in character' in line 21."

Mr. Blount moved to table the amendment, and the motion was lost.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—94.
Adams. MeKellar.
Allen of Hopkins. Moitzen.
Ayers. Monroe.
Bailey. Morris.
Barbee. Morrow.
Beatty. Murphy.
Bennett. Murray.
Browne. Neff.
Caldwell. Nolan.
Chambers. Oliver.
Childs. Palmer.
Clements. Parish.
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Garner. Shelburne.
Gordon. Shropshire.
Greenwood. Smith of Grayson.
Grogan. Staples.
Henderson, Lamar. Stewart.
Howard. Sutherland.
Hurley. Tarver.
Jones. Tate.
Kennedy. Teagle.
Kittrell. Terrell.
Lillard. Thomas of Wise.
Little. Tompkins.
Looney. Tucker.
Loyd. Vaughan.
Marsh. Walton.
Maxwell. Whelers.
McAnally. Willacy.
McClellan. Willrodt.
McFarland. Wooten.
McKamy. Wright.
Nays—10.
Bean. Goodlett.
Blount. Graham.
Calvin. Rogers.
Childers. Tarkington.
Dies. Wells.

Mr. Greenwood moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 785 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for the hour, 5 p. m., House bill No. 677, relating to working county convicts on public roads, with amendment by Mr. Shelburne pending.

Mr. Decker moved to postpone the pending business, and to make it a special order for next Friday, 3 p. m.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Morrow offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out all of line 15, after the words 'shall read,' and all of lines 16 and 17 and insert in lieu thereof of the following, 'For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, permitting a tax to kill prairie dogs, and that of those voting against the amendment shall read, 'Against amendment to Section 9, Article 8, permitting a tax to kill prairie dogs.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Schluter offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding at the end of Section 1, line 12, page 2, the following, 'provided nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to apply to non-resident land owners whose lands are enclosed and being used by any other person, firm or corporation when such other person, firm or corporation pay no rent
for the use of such lands, and in all such cases the tax herein authorized shall be assessed against and collected from such person, firm or corporation so using such lands of such non-resident owner.

Adopted.

Mr. Ayers offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'tax,' in line 7, page 2, the words, 'and provided that no tax for such purpose shall be levied on any school, university, asylum or other lands held by the State or any county of this State.'"

Mr. Childs moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, and the motion was lost.

On the amendment by Mr. Ayers, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Decker, Mr. Smith of Collin and Mr. Barrett.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 51.

Allen of Hopkins. Marsh.
Ayers. Maxwell.
Bebee. McNally.
Beaty. McKellar.
Bennett. Morris.
Blount. Morrow.
Caldwell. Murray.
Calvin. Nolan.
Chambers. Oliver.
Childers. Powell.
Cocke. Robertson, Harrison.
Conoly. Robertson of Bell.
Crawford. Sansom.
Cross. Savage.
Derden. Schluter.
Dies. Shannon.
Dorroh. Shropshire.
Eckols. Staples.
Ellis. Stewart.
Frost. Teagle.
Garner. Terrell.
Graham. Tompkins.
Henderson, Brazos. Wells.
Hurley. Willacy.
Jones. Willrodt.
Loyd.

Nays - 40.

Barrett. Little.
Bean. Looney.
Childs. McClellan.
Clements. McKamy.
Cole. Meiten.
Decker. Mercer.
Evans. Murphy.
Goodlett. Neff.
Gordon. Parish.
Grogan. Peery.
Howard. Pitts.
Kennedy. Rochelle.
Kittrell. Rogers.
Lillard. Russell.

Scurry. Tucker.
Shelbourne. Vaughan.
Smith of Collin. Wooten.
Tate. Wright.
Thomas of Wise. Walton.

Absent.

Adams. Monroe.
Browne. Palmer.
Collins. Pfeuffer.
Garrett. Sutherland.
Goodman. Tarkington.
Greenwood. Tarver.
McDowell. Thomas of Fannin.
McFarland. Weless.

Absent - Excused.

Allen of Colorado. Lake.
Bolin. Lane.
Bridgers. Livey.
Dean. Poole.
Gill. Prince.
Grubbs. Ratcliff.
Hamilton. Stripling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Substitute Senate bill No. 195, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant relief to certain teachers who taught during the school year of 1895-6 in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of the State of Texas, the said services of teachers terminating with the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring the county of Greer from the State of Texas and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma," 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.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 265, 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 taking 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 be passed.

COLE, Chairman.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3972, 3973, 3973c, 3974 (1) and (2), 3974c, 3976c and 3980, Chapter 43, Title LXXXVI, Revised Statutes, 1895, relating to boards of examiners and teachers."

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.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor and Commissioner of the General Land Office to appoint not more than two agents for the public school lands of this State to investigate and report upon the location, condition, use or occupancy of the unsold and unleased public school lands of this State, reporting the same to the Governor and said Commissioner."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Senate bill No. 222 do pass in lieu of the original bill, and that Senate bill No. 222 be printed.

WRIGHT, Chairman.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4218q, of Chapter 12a, of Title LXXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the sale of timber lands."

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 the bill by striking out the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:"

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act to amend Section 16, of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of all lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the public free schools and the several asylums, and the lease of such lands and of the public lands of the State, and the patenting of any part of said lands for church, cemetery or school sites, and to prevent the free use, occupancy, unlawful enclosure or unlawful appropriation of such lands, and to prescribe and provide adequate penalties therefor," passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, being Chapter 47 thereof, and said Section 16, being known as Article 4218q, of the published Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895.'"

"Strike out the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:"

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:"

"Section 1. That Section 16, of the act entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of all lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the public free schools and the several asylums, and the lease of such lands and of the public lands of the State, and the patenting of any part of said lands for church, cemetery or school sites, and to prevent the free use, occupancy, unlawful enclosure or unlawful appropriation of such lands, and to prescribe and provide adequate penalties therefor," passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, and being Chapter 47 thereof, and Section 16, being known as Article 4218q, of the published Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, be and the same is hereby amended as hereafter to read as follows: "Section 16."

"Strike out the words 'under Chapter 3, Title LXXXVII.' at the end of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'As provided by law; provided further, that all sales of land made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office under said Section 16, where the land and timber thereon has been fully paid for, or which may be paid for as in said Section is provided, by the purchaser or his vendee of such land and timber, at the price fixed by virtue of pre-existing law, is hereby validated: this to apply to lands upon which the timber was sold by the State prior to the above mentioned Act of 1895, as well as to lands upon which the timber was so sold after
the passage of said act; provided further, that any actual settler upon any of such land may have the right to purchase the land after the removal of the timber at not less than $1.00 per acre nor more than $1.50 per acre, by paying to such purchaser of the land and timber one-fifth of the purchase price in cash, and one-fifth annually thereafter of the balance of such purchase money, with interest at six per cent. per annum; provided, that such settler shall not have the right to buy any of said lands that are actually improved or occupied by such purchaser of the land and timber in the first instance, or his assigns; and provided, said actual settler shall buy not less than one hundred and sixty acres."

WRIGHT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 710, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Bell 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 such road commissioners, and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for commutation of time for good behavior and good service, and providing for a reward to be offered for the recapture of an escaped county convict, and taxing said reward and all actual costs of capture and delivery of said convict against said convict, and providing for a penalty for the escape of a county convict, and providing the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams, plows, scrapers and wagons, and providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes, and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads and relieving them from the performance of said work by the payment of the sum of three dollars, and providing further, making this law cumulative of the general laws, and in case of a conflict this act to govern as to Bell county, Texas,"

Have carefully examined said bill, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:15 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1737, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to qualification of voters at elections."

Have carefully examined said bill, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:15 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 350, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require railway companies to receive and transport all freights coming to them from steamships, steamboats and other water craft and vessels without discrimination for or against any other steamship line, steamboat line, owner or company, or the owner or owners of any other water craft or vessel."

Have carefully examined said bill, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:15 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred
House bill No. 530, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, of Title XVII, Revised Criminal Code of Procedure so as to place Bowie county under the provisions of this chapter, relating to the recovery of stolen animals and the detection and punishment of thieves."

Have carefully examined said bill, and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 12:15 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Mr. Conoly moved to adjourn until 9 a.m. tomorrow, and Mr. Grogan until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 5:47 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.