ines in Texas, and to define the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance of this State in relation thereto; providing for the incorporation of such societies, and declaring an emergency."

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

McAnally, Acting Chairman.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its second reading, House Joint Resolution No. 28, To amend Section 1, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage, and making the payment of a poll tax a prerequisite to the exercise of the right of suffrage, with majority favorable report without amendment, and minority favorable report with amendment.

Mr. Mercer moved to suspend pending business to take up, and place on its second reading, House bill No. 796, relating to authorizing the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate certain other railways, etc.

Pending consideration of the motion to suspend,

On motion of Mr. Little, the House, at 5:55 p.m., took a recess until 8:30 p.m. today.

EVENING SESSION.

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

The Speaker laid before the House, on its passage to engrossment, Substitute House bill No. 111, the general appropriation bill, the items pertaining to the University of Texas, on pages 10 and 11, being that part of the bill under consideration.

(Mr. Smith of Grayson in the chair.)

Mr. Dies offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out "$50," in line 5, of page 11, and insert in lieu thereof "$30."

Mr. Shropshire offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by striking out all of lines 29, 30, 31, 32, page 10; all of lines 3, 4, 5 and 6, page 11, and insert: 'The available University fund, including interest on bonds, interest on land notes, income from land leases, and fees from students to be fixed by the Regents at $10 for academic department from each student, with such laboratory fees as the Regents shall fix, and $30 from each law student.'"

Accepted.

The amendment as substituted was adopted.

Mr. Dies offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding between lines 6 and 7, page 11, the following: 'To supplement the available fund in support and maintenance of the Main University from the general revenue, 1899-1900, $40,000; 1900-1901, $40,000.'"

Mr. McAnally offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by adding between lines 6 and 7, page 11, the following: 'To supplement the available fund in support of the Main University from the general revenue, 1899-1900, $75,132.76; 1900-1901, $75,132.76.'"

Pending consideration of the substitute,

Mr. Grubbs yielding the floor, Mr. Tarver moved to adjourn until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 10:30 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Wednesday, April 26, 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—116.

Adams. Culp.
Allen of Colorado. Dean.
Allen of Hopkins. Derden.
Ayers. Dies.
Bailey. Dorroh.
Barbee. Eckols.
Barrett. Ellis.
Bean. Evans.
Beaty. Frost.
Bennett. Garner.
Bolin. Garrett.
Bridgers. Gill.
Brown. Goodlett.
Caldwell. Goodman.
Calvin. Gordon.
Chambers. Graham.
Childers. Grogan.
Childs. Grubbs.
Clements. Hamilton.
Cocke. Henderson, Brazos.
Collins. Howard.
Conoly. Hurley.
Crawford. Jones.
Crawford. Kennedy.
April 26, 1891

On account of sickness in his family:
Mr. Tarkington for yesterday and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Teagle, by unanimous consent, offered the following

RESOLUTION.
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Whereas, House bill No. 444, providing a more efficient road system for Liberty county, and now in the hands of the Governor, contains an objectionable feature, relating to the issuance of bonds of said county; therefore, be it
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to return House bill No. 444 until the proper amendments to the same can be passed.
(Mr. Schluter in the chair.)
The resolution was read second time, and adopted.

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The bill was laid before the House, was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Savage moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Substitute Senate bill No. 316 be put upon its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—107.
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Barbee. Cole.
Barrett. Collins.
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Bennett. Crawford.
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Brown. Dean.
Caldwell. Derden.
Calvin. Dies.
Chambers.
Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved the previous question on the amendment, and the motion was not seconded. On motion of Mr. Staples, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Frost offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the words 'survey and fraction of survey' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'sections or fractions of sections' wherever they occur in the bill.'"

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Frost, Mr. Childers and Mr. Lillard.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—70.

Barbee. McAnally.
Bean. McClellan.
Beatty. McDowell.
Bennett. Meitzen.
Browne. Morrow.
Calwell. Neff.
Calvin. Nolan.
Chambers. Oliver.
Childers. Parish.
Conoly. Phillips of Lampasas.
Cross. Poole.
Culp. Powell.
Dean. Prince.
Derden. Ratcliff.
Dorothy. Robertson, Harrison.
Ekols. Rochelle.
Ellis. Russell.
Evans. Sansom.
Frost. Shannon.
Goodlett. Shelburne.
Goodman. Shropshire.
Gordon. Smith of Collin.
Graham. Smith of Grayson.
Grubbs. Staples.
Hamilton. Stewart.
Henderson, Brazos. Stripling.
Henderson, Lamar. Tarver.
Howard. Teagle.
Hurley. Terrell.
Jackson. Thomas of Wise.
Kennedy. Thomas of Fannin.
Lake. Tompkins.
Little. Tucker.
Livingston. Vaughan.
Liddard. Walton.
Livingston. Wells.
Livingston. Willacy.
Merrill. Wright.
McKamy. Absent.
McDowell. Absent—Excused.
McKelvie. Sutherland.
McKinney. Tarkington.
Meitzen. Tate.
Meitzen. Willrodt.
Neff. Ayers.
Nolan. Bolin.
O'Brien. Bridgers.
Oliver. Clements.
Palmer. Dies.
Patrick. Garrett.
Phillips, Lampasas. Gill.
Murphy. Monroy. Murpny. 
Scurry. Wright. Scurry. 

Absent. Staples. Smith of Grayson. 

Cocke. Pitts. 
Collins. Robertson of Bell. Collins. 

Mr. Powell offered the following amendment: 

"Amend the bill by adding the following words on page 1, in line 30, after the figures '1875,' "except El Paso, Pecos and Presidio counties.""

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

Mr. Childers offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend the bill by striking out the enacting clause."

Mr. Tarver moved to table the substitute, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Childers, Mr. Henderson of Lamar and Mr. Smith of Collin.

The substitute was tabled by the following vote:

Yea-74.
Cocke. Lane. Cocke. 
Dean. Marsh. Dean. 
Gill. Morris. Gill. 

Nay-25.
Beaty. Lake. Beaty. 
Caldwell. McClellan. Caldwell. 
Calvin. McDowell. Calvin. 
Derdan. Poole. Derdan. 
Eckols. Ratcliff. Eckols. 

Absent-Excused.
Blount. Sutherland. Blount. 
Decka. Tarkington. Decka. 
Greenwood. Tate. Greenwood. 
Peery. Willrodt. Peery. 
Rogers. Willrodt. Rogers. 

Question then recurred on the amendment by Mr. Powell, and after consideration by the House, Mr. Tarver moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Powell, and it was lost.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yea-76.
Bennett. Dean. Bennett. 
Calvin. Ellis. Calvin. 
The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Savage moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 316 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 26, 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. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 388, Chapter 6, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of 1895, defining the offense of burglary;" Senate bill No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the city councils or boards of aldermen in each village, town or city in this State that may hereafter be granted a special charter by Act of the Legislature to submit such special charter to the qualified voters of such village, town or city for their approval or rejection at an election to be held for that purpose, and providing that such special charter shall be ratified at such election by a majority of the qualified voters participating or voting at such election before such charter can go into effect."

Substitute Senate bill No. 220, A bill to be entitled "An Act to punish any person who shall knowingly purchase for another or sell any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication."

Senate bill No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, by adding after Article 418 Article 418a, empowering cities and towns incorporated under the general law and by special charter to condemn private property for use in laying water pipes and mains, establishment of public wells, pumps and pumping stations and reservoirs, providing a method for such condemnation, and declaring an emergency."

Senate bill No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 496, of Chapter 12, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to irrigation canals, wells, reservoirs, etc., and the protection thereof."

Senate bill No. 313, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the county commissioners court of any county or city council of any incorporated city or town in the State to submit propositions for the..."
issuance of bonds to a vote of the qualified tax-payers of such county or incorporated city or town, and to repeal the provisions of all city and town charters in conflict herewith."

Senate bill No. 337, A bill to be entitled "An Act to consolidate Soule University of Chappell Hill, Washington county, Texas, and Chappell Hill Female College of the same place under the name of Chappell Hill Female College, and to incorporate Chappell Hill Female College and defining its powers and duties, and declaring an emergency."

House Concurrent Resolution No. 51, requesting the Governor to return to the House, House bill No. 444.

Senate bill No. 327, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Fort Worth, and to grant a new charter to said city."

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PART OF THE HOUSE ON SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 68.

The Chair announced the following committee on part of the House, Messrs. Bailey, Willacy, Walton, Wright and Jones.

The bill was laid before the House, as special order for the hour, the report of the Free Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 144, with majority and minority reports thereon, with motions pending to adopt said reports.

On motion of Mr. Dies, the pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

Senate bill No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Beaumont, to grant it a special charter, and fix its boundaries."

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

Mr. Kennedy rose to a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker: I make the point of order that we can not now pass this bill to its third reading, for the reason that it has not been read. As a member of this House I demanded that the plain mandates of the Constitution be complied with. This the Clerk has refused to do."

The Chair overruled the point of order.

Mr. Dies offered the following amendment:

"Amend Section 3, page 3, line 7, by striking out the words 'the next city election' in line 7, of page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'The time of their election and until their successors shall qualify, or in the event of their election or appointment, at a time other than a regular election, then they shall hold their offices until the next regular city election and until their successors shall qualify.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Clements offered the following amendment:

"Amend the bill by adding at the end of Section No. 84, page 50, line 22, the following: 'Provided, that the uniform system of school books adopted by the proper State authorities shall be used in said free schools.'"

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

(Returning House bill No. 444.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, April 26, 1899.

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives.

In compliance with the request of the Legislature, I herewith return House bill No. 444.

JOSEPH D. SAYSERS,
Governor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, April 26, 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. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate a railway extending from a point in or near the town of Tyler, in Smith county, to a point in or near the town of Lufkin, in Angelina county, with its franchises and appurtenances, known as the Tyler Southeastern Railway, and to authorize the Tyler Southeastern Railway Company, and the owners thereof, to sell the same, and to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to assume the payment of the indebtedness of the Tyler Southeastern Railway Company and to own and operate the property so purchased."

House bill No. 402, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin a
block of land within said city for public free school purposes."  
House bill No. 742, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Coke county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change."  
House bill No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of Revised Civil Statutes of Texas," with amendments.  
J. P. Poona, Secretary of the Senate.

Returning to consideration of Senate bill No. 319, with amendment by Mr. Clements pending.

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

Mr. Shelburne called for a division of the question.

Question was then put—Shall the main question be ordered on the amendment?  
The main question was ordered.

Question was then put—Shall the main question be ordered on passage of the bill to a third reading?  
The main question was ordered.

Question then first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Clements, and it was lost.

The bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Dies moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 319 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—90.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayers.
Barbee.
Bennett.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Childers.
Childs.
Cocke.
Collins.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cross.
Culp.
Dean.
Derden.
Dies.
Doroh.
Eckols.

Meitzen.
Monroe.
Morris.
Morrow.
Murphy.
Murray.
Neff.
Oliver.
Palmer.
Parish.
Phillips of Camp.
Poole.
Powell.
Prince.
Ratcliff.
Robertson, Harrison Vaughan.
Robertson of Bell.
Rockelle.
Russell.
Sansom.
Sansom.

Savage.
Schrler.
Scurry.
Shannon.
Sheburne.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Smith of Collin.
Staples.
Stewart.
Stripling.
Teagle.
Terrell.
Thomas of Fannin.
Tucker.

Nays—5.

Bean.
Beaty.
Clements.

Grogan.
Kennedy.

Absents.

Bailey.
Brown.
Cole.
Ellis.
Goodlett.
Grubbs.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Hurley.
Jones.
Lake.
Lane.

McFarland.
Mercer.
Nolan.
Pfeuffer.
Phillips, Lampassas.
Pitts.
Tarver.
Thomas of Wise.
Tompkins.
Watson.
Willacy.

Absent—Excused.

Blount.
Decker.
Greenwood.
Peery.
Rogers.

Sutherland.
Tarkington.
Tate.
Willrodt.

Senate bill No. 319 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

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

"Amend Section 11, page 8, by striking out all after the word 'city,' in line 8, all of line 9, and all of line 10 to and including the word 'disturbance.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Murphy.

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

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—88.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayers.
Barbee.
Childers.

Bolin.
Bridgers.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Childers.
Mr. Dies moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 319 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Oliver moved to suspend the pending business to take up, on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

Senate bill No. 335, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to acquire, by purchase or lease, the railroad of the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, extending from the city of McKinney, in Collin county, to the city of Jefferson, in Marion county, and any extension thereof from said city of Jefferson to the eastern line of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, together with the property and franchises pertaining thereto, and to own, operate and maintain the same as a part of its line, with the right to extend the same, and construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter, under the general laws of the State of Texas, and investing said companies, and each of them, with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to effect such sale or lease; also to authorize the said Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, before such sale or lease, or the said Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway of Texas, after such sale or lease, when the said railroad so to be purchased or leased has been extended from the city of Jefferson to the eastern line of the State of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, to connect with any railroad extending to said city of Shreveport, and to acquire from the owner or owners of such line of railroad in the State of Louisiana, by lease, trackage or running rights agreement, the use of such line to the said city of Shreveport; and further, to authorize the said Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, before such sale or lease, or the said Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, to acquire necessary terminal facilities in the said city of Shreveport."

On the motion to suspend, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Staples, Mr. Garner and Mr. Smith of Grayson.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Ayers.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaty.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Collins.
Conley.

Nays—6.

Bean.
Beatty.
Grogan.

"I vote 'nay' on Senate bill No. 319, for the same reasons stated by me on the Dallas city charter.

"PHILLIPS of Lampasas."

Nays—20.

Absent.

Absent—Excused.

Mr. Vaughan moved to take a recess until 2:30 p.m. today, and Mr. Smith of Grayson until 3 p.m. today.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following bills reported from the Senate today, were read first time, and referred to appropriate committees, viz.: Senate bill No. 220, to Judiciary Committee No. 1. Senate bills Nos. 238, 182, 337 and 327, to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations. Senate bill No. 84, to Judiciary Committee No. 2. Senate bill No. 320, to the Committee on Finance. Senate bill No. 313, to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office. Senate bill No. 297, to the Committee on Irrigation. Senate bill No. 334, to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

At 12:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Smith of Grayson, the House took a recess until 3 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 second reading and passage to a third reading, Senate bill No. 333, with majority favorable and minority adverse report thereon, same having been taken up by suspension of the pending business just before the House took recess for noon today.
The bill was read second time, together with the majority and minority reports.

Mr. Wooten rose to a point of order, and said:
"MR. SPEAKER: I make the point of order that the Chair having stated and held that the pending bill is substantially the same as Senate bill No. 154 on the same subject, which has been vetoed by the Governor, and is now pending on reconsideration in the Committee on Internal Improvements, the House cannot consider this bill:
"(1) Because the Constitution and Rules of the House do not authorize the consideration of a new bill when a bill on the same subject has been passed and vetoed and is pending on reconsideration under the veto, but the vetoed bill must be first disposed of.
"(2) The original bill is in contemplation of law a defeated bill, because it has been vetoed and the House has not overridden the veto nor acquiesced in it.
Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend Section 5, page 6, by adding: 'Should the said Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company purchase the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway, then the said Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company shall build, equip and operate their road from McKinney, Texas, west through the counties of Collin, Denton and Wise so as to connect with the Rock 14th Railroad Company at Bridgewater, in Wise county, provided, that said counties of Collin, Denton and Wise shall donate sufficient right-of-way, together with all necessary depot grounds without cost to said Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Little.

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

Mr. Cocke offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'extended,' in line 15, page 6, the following, 'from San Marcos via New Braunfels.'"

Mr. Dies moved the previous question on the amendment, and the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Maxwell offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by adding after the words "San Antonio," in line 15, page 6, by way of Austin, San Marcos and New Braunfels; provided, a right-of-way be donated.'"

Tabled on motion of Mr. Childers.

On motion of Mr. Childers, the amendment by Mr. Cocke was tabled.

Mr. Garner offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the word 'which,' in line 1, page 7, and all of line 2, on page 7."

Mr. Murphy moved to table the amendment upon which motion ayes and nays were demanded by Mr. Goodman, Mr. Shelburne and Mr. Childers.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yea—44.

Allen of Colorado. Frost.
Barrett. Greenwood.
Bolin. Grubbs.
Caldwell. Hamilton.
Chambers. Hurley.
Childs. Jones.
Clements. Looney.
Conoly. Loyd.
Crawford. Masters.
Dorrough. Maxwell.
Eckols. Mckamy.
Ellis.
Mr. Thomas of Wise asked unanimous consent (and it was granted) to have the following memorial and proceedings of a mass meeting of citizens in Wise county printed in the Journal:

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Wise county held at the court house in said county on April the 19, 1899, for the purpose of giving expression to their wishes relative to the pending anti-trust bill. Judge J. T. Johnson called the meeting to order, and stated the object of the meeting, when Hon. J. T. Buckaloo was called to the chair, and on motion J. M. Basham was chosen secretary of the meeting.

On motion, the chair appointed R. E. Carswell, J. T. Johnson and A. J. Clendenen a committee on resolutions, who retired, and while absent the meeting was addressed by Judge S. G. Tankesley and A. B. Rogers.

The committee, by its chairman, R. E. Carswell, reported the following resolution:

"Whereas, Trusts and combinations are the order of the day; and

"Whereas, The same as a rule are formed without this State, for the purposes of practicing extortion and oppression upon the people of this State; and

"Whereas, The people are now beginning most seriously to feel the effects of the same; and

"Whereas, A bill has been introduced in our Legislature designed in some part to suppress the same; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the people of Decatur and Wise county in mass meeting assembled, that we endorse said measure to its fullest extent, and hereby exhort our representatives in the Legislature to stand steadfast in support of said measure and to use all honorable means to secure its passage, and to that end we endorse the bill now before the Legislature."

R. E. CARSWELL, Chairman,
J. T. JOHNSON,
A. J. CLENDENEN.

After the reading of said resolutions, Hon. R. E. Carswell addressed the meeting in support of same, and moved their adoption, which motion was unanimously carried.

On motion, secretary is directed to furnish our representatives with copies of these resolutions.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. T. BUCKALOO, Chairman.
J. M. BASHAM, Secretary.
COMMITTEE REPORTS.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 26, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the venue of suits upon written contract where the amount in controversy is less than five hundred dollars,

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

WOOTEN, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 26, 1899.

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

Sir: We, a minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 93, Do not concur in the report of the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do pass.

RUSSELL, STAPLES, DERDEN, BARRETT, DIES, KITTRELL.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 26, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate the railway extending from a point in or near the town of Tyler, in Smith county, to a point in and near the town of Lufkin, in Angelina county, with its franchises and appurtenances, known as the Tyler Southwestern Railway; and to authorize the Tyler Southwestern Railway Company, and owners thereof, to sell the same; and to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to assume the payment of the indebtedness of the Tyler Southwestern Railway Company, and to own and operate the property so purchased;"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and that the same be not printed for the reason that it is the same bill as Senate bill No. 796, which has already been printed and distributed. SMITH of Grayson, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 26, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4323, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the salary of the State Health Officer,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be returned to the calendar and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 26, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 816, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5323, Title CIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, changing the number of pounds of unshucked corn in the ear, from seventy-two pounds to seventy-four pounds, and declaring an emergency,"

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

WILLACY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 26, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 802, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4990, Title CIII, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the prevention of hogs, sheep and goats running at large in counties and subdivisions of counties in the State, and to authorize lessors of land for not less than five years and owners of lands adjoining lands on which the running at large of hogs, sheep and goats have been only prohibited, to attach such land
leased or owned as aforesaid to such lands on which sheep, hogs or goats have been prohibited from running at large and subject the same to the operations of said law."

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.

WILLACY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 25, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 719, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2941, 2945, 2946, 2948 and 2949, Title LIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to repeal Articles 2942, 2943, 2944, 2947 and 2950, Title LIV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to place the House of Correction and Reformatory under the management and control of the Governor and Board of Penitentiary Commissioners of the State of Texas; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 26, 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. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, by adding after Article 418, Article 418a, empowering cities and towns incorporated under the general law and by special charter to condemn private property for use in laying water pipes and mains, establishment of public wells, pumps and pumping stations, and reservoirs; providing a method for such condemnation, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, and that the same be not printed for the reason that House bill No. 722, which is identical, has been printed and laid upon the desks of members of this House some days since.

McKAMY, Chairman.