NINETY-SIXTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Friday, May 5, 1899.

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

In the absence of Speaker Sherrill, who has been called home on account of important business,
Chief Clerk Lee J. Rountree called the House to order.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Present—121.

Adams. Lane.
Allen of Colorado. Lillard.
Allen of Hopkins. Little.
Ayers. Looney.
Bailey. Loyd.
Barbee. Marsh.
Barrett. Masterson.
Beaty. Maxwell.
Blount. McAnally.
Bolin. McClellan.
Bridgers. McDowell.
Caldwell. McKamy.
Calvin. McKellar.
Chambers. Meitzen.
Childers. Monroe.
Clements. Morris.
Cocke. Morrow.
Cole. Murphy.
Collins. Murray.
Conoly. Neff.
Crawford. Nolan.
Cross. Oliver.
Culp. Palmer.
Dean. Parish.
Decker. Peery.
Derden. Pfeiffer.
Dorroh. Phillips of Camp.
Eckols. Pitts.
Evans. Pool.
Frost. Powell.
Garrett. Prince.
Gill. Rateiff.
Goodlett. Robertson, Harrison.
Goodman. Robertson of Bell.
Graham. Rochelle.
Greenwood. Rogers.
Grogan. Russell.
Grubbs. Sansom.
Hamilton. Savage.
Henderson, Brazos. Schulte.
Henderson, Lamar. Scurry.
Howard. Shannon.
Hurley. Shelburne.
Jones. Shropshire.
Kennedy. Smith of Grayson.
Kittrell. Smith of Collin.
Lake. Staples.

Stripling. Tucker.
Tarkin. Vaughn.
Tarver. Walton.
Tate. Wells.
Teagle. Whelless.
Terrell. Willacy.
Thomas of Wise. Willrodt.
Thomas of Panin. Wootten.
Tobert. Wright.
Tompkins. Absent.

Childs. Stewart.
Ellis. Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Sutherland.
Gordon. Absent—Excused.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.
The Chief Clerk, whose duty it is to preside temporarily (see Rule 5) when the Speaker is absent at a time to which the House has adjourned, announced that Speaker Sherrill had been called home on account of important business, and that nominations for Speaker pro tem. were in order, to serve during the temporary absence of the Speaker.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEM.

Mr. Grogan nominated Hon. Cecil Smith of Grayson county.
Mr. Savage nominated Hon. L. S. Schulte of Marion county.
Mr. Childers nominated Hon. R. E. Prince of Navarro county.
The nomination of Cecil Smith was seconded by Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Grubbs.
Mr. Prince, by consent of the second, withdrew his name.
The nomination of Mr. Schulte was seconded by Mr. Blount, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Peery, Mr. McClellan, Mr. Murray, Mr. Teagle and Mr. Looney.
On motion of Mr. Conoly, nominations were closed.
The Chair appointed the following tellers:
To take up the ballots—Messrs. Whelless, Rochelle, Livsey and Meitzen.

To count the ballots—Messrs. Shannon, Blount, Thomas of Wise and Kennedy.
The Chair announced the result of the ballot as follows:
Hon. Cecil Smith received 37 votes.
Hon. L. S. Schulte received 77 votes.
Hon. Pat M. Neff received 2 votes.

The Chair then announced that Hon. L. S. Schulte having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly and constitutionally elected Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, to serve.
The following members were appointed by the Chair a committee to escort the Speaker pro tem-elect to the chair: Messrs. Robertson of Bell, Sansom and Tarver.

Mr. Tarver then, for the committee, in a few appropriate words, presented Mr. Schluter to the House as their Speaker pro tem-elect.

The oath of office prescribed in the Constitution was then administered to Mr. Schluter by the Chief Clerk.

The Chief Clerk then handed to Mr. Schluter the gavel as the emblem of authority.

Mr. Schluter accepted the gavel, assumed the chair, thanked the members for the honor conferred, and declared the House ready to proceed with business.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Blount, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business: Speaker Sherrill until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar.

Mr. Stripling until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Ellis until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Kennedy.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Stewart until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Garner.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 833, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars to pay per diem of officers, members and employees of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, 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 pass, and that it be not printed.

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its second reading, House bill No. 833 (see committee report above).

On motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar, House Rule No. 73, requiring that all bills carrying appropriations should be considered in a Committee of the Whole House, was suspended for the purpose of considering this bill.

The bill was read second time, and was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 833 be put upon its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-105.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayers.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaty.
Blount.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Browne.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Clements.
Cook.
Cole.
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Crawford.
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Frost.
Garner.
Garrett.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Goodman.
Graham.
Grogan.
Grubbs.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Hurley.
Jones.
Kittrell.
Lane.
Lillard.
Little.
Livingston.
Looney.

The bill was laid before the House.

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Yeas-105.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayres.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaty.
Blount.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Browne.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Clements.
Cook.
Cole.
Collins.
Conoly.
Crawford.
Cross.
Culp.
Decker.
Derden.
Dies.
Dorroh.
Eckols.
Frost.
Garner.
Garrett.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Goodman.
Graham.
Grogan.
Grubbs.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Hurley.
Jones.
Kittrell.
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Lillard.
Little.
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Looney.

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**Nays—4.**

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| Childers. | Morris. |
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| Hamilton. | Parish. |
| Kennedy. | Staples.  |
| Maxwell. | Stewart.  |

**Absent—Excused.**

| Bennett. | Gordon. |
| Ellis.   | Stripling. |
| Evans.   | Sutherland. |

House bill No. 833 laid before the House on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

| Yeas—100. |
| Allen of Colorado. | Lillard. |
| Allen of Hopkins. | Livey. |
| Ayers. | Looney. |
| Barrett. | Loyd. |
| Beatty. | Marsh. |
| Blount. | Masterson. |
| Bolin. | McAnally. |
| Bridgers. | McClellan. |
| Caldwell. | McDowell. |
| Calvin. | McFarland. |
| Chambers. | McKany. |
| Childers. | McKellar. |
| Clements. | Meitzen. |
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| Crawford. | Murphy. |
| Cross. | Murray. |
| Culp. | Neff. |
| Decker. | Nolan. |
| Derden. | Oliver. |
| Dies. | Palmer. |
| Dorroh. | Parish. |
| Eckols. | Peery. |
| Frost. | Pfeuffer. |
| Gill. | Pitts. |
| Goodlett. | Poole. |
| Goodman. | Prince. |
| Graham. | Ratliff. |
| Grogan. | Robertson of Bell. |
| Grubbs. | Rogers. |
| Henderson, Brazos. | Russell. |
| Henderson, Lamar. | Sansom. |
| Howard. | Savage. |
| Hurley. | Scurry. |
| Jones. | Shannon. |
| Kittrell. | Shelburne. |

| Shropshire. | Tompkins. |
| Smith of Grayson. | Tucker. |
| Smith of Collin. | Vaughan. |
| Tarver. | Walton. |
| Tate. | Wells. |
| Teagle. | Wheless. |
| Terrell. | Willacy. |
| Thomas of Wise. | Willrodt. |
| Thomas of Fannin. | Wooten. |
| Tolbert. | Wright. |

**Nays—5.**

| Adams. | Greenwood. |
| Bean. | Powell. |

**Absent.**

| Bailey. | Little. |
| Barbee. | Maxwell. |
| Browne. | Morris. |
| Childs. | Robertson, Harrison |
| Hamilton. | Staples. |
| Kennedy. | Stewart. |
| Lake. | Tarkington. |

**Absent—Excused.**

| Bennett. | Gordon. |
| Ellis. | Stripling. |
| Evans. | Sutherland. |

"I vote 'no,' because I believe the only way to adjourn is to stop their pay."

"ADAMS."

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 833 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.**

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, May 5, 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:

Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," with Senate amendments.

Senate bill No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act to ratify, confirm and validate a title granted by the Mexican government to David Choate, which said title was issued on the 12th day of August, 1835, by George (or Jorge) Antonio Nixon, special commissioner for issuing titles to colonists in Zavala's and Vehelein's colonies, for one league of land
now situated partly in Hardin and partly in Jefferson counties, Texas.”

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

(Mr. Smith of Grayson in the chair.)

The Chair laid before the House, as pending business, on its passage to engrossment, Substitute House bill No. 111, the general appropriation bill, the Quarantine Department being the part of the bill under consideration.

Mr. Decker offered the following amendment:

“Amend the bill by adding to line 19, page 28, after Quarantine Department, the following, viz.: ‘Live Stock Sanitary Commission—For expenses Live Stock Sanitary Commission, $4000-$4000.’”

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.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

It becomes my painful duty to inform the Legislature that the Honorable George W. Finger, Commissioner of the General Land Office, died at Marlin, Texas, at 8 o’clock p. m. yesterday. He will be buried at Arlington, Texas, on tomorrow at 11 a. m.

In the death of Mr. Finger the people have lost a most valuable public servant. Courteous, painstaking, industrious, honest and capable, he gave promise of discharging with rare success every duty incumbent upon him by reason of the official position to which he was elected.

Joseph D. Sayers,
Governor.

After consideration by the House, Mr. Wooten moved the previous question on the amendment by Mr. Decker, and the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Blount, Mr. McLellan and Mr. Oliver.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—49.

Allen of Colorado. Caldwell.
Bailey. Chambers.
Barrett. Clements.
Bridgers. Cole.

Crawford.
Dean.
Decker.
Garner.
Gill.
Greenwood.
Gregan.
Grubbs.
Henderson, Brazos.
Hurley.
Jones.
Kittrell.
Marsh.
McFarland.
Mckamy.
Mckellar.
Monroe.
Morrow.
Murphy.
Murray.
Nolan.

Parish.
Peery.
Pfeuffer.
Pitts.
Powell.
Rogers.
Russell.
Sansom.
Scurry.
Shannon.
Shelburne.
Staples.
Tate.
Tolbert.
Tompkins.
Vaughan.
Wells.
Willacy.
Wooten.
Wright.

Nays—53.

Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Barbe.
Bean.
Beaty.
Blount.
Blolin.
Browne.
Calvin.
Childers.
Cocke.
Coroly.
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Deren.
Dies.
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Eckols.
Goodman.
Graham.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Lake.
Lane.
Lillard.
Little.
Livy.

Looney.
Loyd.
McAnally.
McClellan.
McDowell.
Meitzent.
Morris.
Neff.
Oliver.
Palmer.
Phillips, Lampasas.
Phillips of Camp.
Poole.
Ratchiff.
Robertson, Harrison.
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Savage.
Schulter.
Tarkington.
Terrell.
Thomas of Wise.
Thomas of Fannin.
Tucker.
Walten.
Willrodt.

Absent.

Ayers.
Childs.
Collins.
Frost.
Garrett.
Goodlett.
Hamilton.
Kennedy.
Masterson.

Maxwell.
Mercer.
Prince.
Shropshire.
Smith of Collin.
Stewart.
Tarver.
Teagle.
Wheless.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett.
Ellis.
Evans.

Gordon.
Stripling.
Sutherland.
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PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Allen of Hopkins:

The undersigned voters and taxpayers of Hunt and Hopkins counties, Texas, do hereby petition your honorable body to consider the propriety of a general re-trenchment in the salaries of State, district and county officers to a more commensurate ratio with the decline of produce and labor generally.

(The petition is signed by J. N. Newland of Hunt county, J. N. Nesbitt of Hopkins county and W. A. Green of Kaufman county, and sixty other qualified voters of Hopkins, Hunt and Kaufman counties.)

Read, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Speaker Sherrill:

Petition from twenty-two citizens of San Patricio, San Patricio county, Texas, protesting against the passage of an Act repealing and abolishing the charter of the town of San Patricio, being Senate bill No. 321.

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

By Mr. Parish:

Petition of forty-nine citizens of Precinct No. 8, Robertson county, Texas, urging the passage of the anti-trust bill, being House bill No. 804.

Read, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Grubbs:

House bill No. 834, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1, Title LV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the celebration of marriage by adding thereto Article 2962a."

(The new article is as follows: "Article 2962a. Marriages hereafter entered into, performed and celebrated shall be so done in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and those not so entered into, performed and celebrated in the manner as provided in this chapter shall be void.")

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

By Mr. Kittrell and Mr. Browne:

House bill No. 835, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of one hundred acres of land known as the Magnus T. Habermehl homestead in the Arthur McCormick league so that the State of Texas may own and preserve the San Jacinto battle grounds."

(The bill provides that the commissioners heretofore appointed by the Governor are authorized to act herein, and in the event of the agreement between said commissioners and heirs of Magnus T. Habermehl as to valuation and price the said commissioners are empowered and directed to purchase the land mentioned for the State; provided, that before said purchase is consummated the matter shall first be submitted to the Governor and Attorney-General for approval, and unless the approval of the Governor and Attorney-General is had said purchase shall not be made. In event agreement as to value cannot be reached, then the commissioners are directed to institute condemnation proceedings against the owners of said land, and proceed to acquire the same by condemnation; provided, before said land is acquired by condemnation the Governor and Attorney-General approve the award and damages as fair, just and reasonable. The unused portion of the $10,000 appropriated at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature for the purpose of acquiring 250 acres and enclosing same may be used, or so much thereof as necessary, in the discretion of said commissioners, subject to the approval of the Governor and Attorney-General for the purchase of 100 acres mentioned.)

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

Mr. Morris offered the following

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The attention of the public mind is being turned to the subject of industrial education as it never has been before, and

Whereas, A system of organized State work has been commenced, and the State has been districted for that purpose, and a State committee appointed to direct the work of organization; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, that the Hon. V. W. Grubbs, Chairman of the State Committee on Industrial Educational Work, be invited to address the House of Representatives on next Tuesday night, May 9th, at 8:30 o'clock, and that the Honorable Senate heads of the various departments and the public be invited to be present on said occasion.

[Signed—Morris, Morrow, Lillard, Adams, McFarland, McKellar, Pfenninger, Murray.]

Read second time, and Mr. Kittrell offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting 'Saturday, the 6th,' in lieu of 'Tuesday, the 9th.'"

Adopted.
Mr. Cole offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'Grubbs' the word 'Neff.'"

Adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 833, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay per diem of members, officers and employees of the Twenty-sixth Legislature,"

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 832, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3433, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the organization of militia."

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

VAUGHAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 785, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title II, Article 3, Section 5, of the charter of the city of Galveston,"

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.

At 12:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Phillips of Lampasas, the House took recess until 2:30 o'clock p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

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

House bill No. 819, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of corporations for the purpose of the storage and transportation and purchase and sale of oil and gas; to provide the manner and method of organizing such corporations; to prescribe the rights, powers, privileges and duties of such corporations; to authorize such corporations to construct, operate and maintain pipe lines, tanks, buildings, machinery, apparatus and devices as may be necessary to own, use and occupy lands, easements, buildings and structures; to empower such corporations to condemn lands and other property for the uses and purposes of such corporations, and to provide the method therefor; issue stocks and bonds and to borrow money and mortgage its franchises and property."

The bill was laid before the House.

Mr. Prince then moved to substitute for the bill Senate bill No. 332, on same subject.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

Senate bill No. 332, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of corporations for the purpose of the storage and transportation of oil and gas; to provide the manner and method of organizing such corporations; to prescribe the rights, powers, privileges and duties of such corporations; to authorize such corporations to construct, operate and maintain pipe lines, tanks, buildings, machinery, apparatus and devices as may be necessary to own, use and occupy lands, buildings, easements and structures; to empower such corporations to condemn lands and other property for the uses and purposes of such corporations, and to provide the method therefor; issue stocks and bonds, and to borrow money and mortgage its franchises and property."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 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 bill, towit:

House bill No. 833, A bill to be entitled
An Act appropriating thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay per diem of members, officers and employees of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

Respectfully, J. P. Pool, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Prince moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 332 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Allen of Hopkins. McKellar.
Ayers. Meitzen.
Barbee. Monroe.
Barrett. Moriss.
Bean. Morrow.
Beaty. Murphy.
Bolin. Murray.
Browne. Neff.
Caldwell. Noln.
Calm. Oliver.
Childers. Palmer.
Clements. Parish.
Collins. Peery.
Conoly. Pfueffer.
Culp. Pitts.
Dean. Poole.
Decker. Powell.
Derdan. Prince.
Dyes. Ratcliff.
Eckols. Robertson of Bell.
Evans. Rochelle.
Garner. Russell.
Gill. Sansom.
Goodlett. Savage.
Goodman. Schuler.
Greenwood. Seurry.
Grubbs. Shannon.
Hamilton. Shelburne.
Henderson, Lamar. Shropshire.
Howard. Smith of Grayson.
Hurley. Staples.
Jones. Tarkington.
Kennedy. Tarver.
Kittrell. Tate.
Lane. Terrell.
Lillard. Thomas of Wise.
Little. Thomas of Fannin.
Livsey. Tolbert.
Looney. Tucker.
Loyd. Vaughan.
Marsh. Walton.
McAnally. Wells.
McClellan. Willacy.
McDowell. Willrodt.
McFarland. Wooten.
Me Wright.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Bogg.
Ellis. Stripling.
Gordon. Sutherland.

Senate bill No. 332 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Adams. Adams.
Allen of Hopkins. Ayers.
Ayers. Barbee.
Barbee. Barrett.
Bean. Bean.
Bolin. Bolin.
Browne. Bridges.
Caldwell. Caldwell.
Calvin. Calvin.
Childers. Childers.
Conoly. Conoly.
Crawford. Crawford.
Culp. Culp.
Dean. Dean.
Decker. Decker.
Derdan. Derden.
Dyes. Dyes.
Eckols. Eckols.
Evans. Evans.
Gill. Gill.
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Hamilton. Hamilton.
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Hurley. Hurley.
Jones. Jones.
Kennedy. Kennedy.
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Little. Little.
Livsey. Livsey.
Looney. Looney.
Loyd. Loyd.
Marsh. Marsh.
McAnally. McAnally.
McClellan. McClellan.
McDowell. McDowell.
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Mr. Prince moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 332 was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its final passage, House bill No. 46, known as the ten pin alley bill.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Lampasas pending business was suspended to take up, on its second reading, House bill No. 808, a bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Section 1, of ‘An Act granting permission to B. F. Gohlson and J. W. Benson, or their assigns, to bring suit against the State of Texas in the District Court of Lampasas county to ascertain the amount, if any, due them for services rendered the State of Texas as rangers or soldiers,’ passed on the 13th day of March, 1899, and became a law on the 24th day of March, 1899.”

The bill was laid before the House, was read second time, and ordered engrossed. Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 808 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—98.**


**Absent—Excused.**

Bennett.  Rogers.
Ellis.  Stripling.
Gordon.  Sutherland.

The bill was laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.
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Marsh.                  Willacy.
Masterson.              Willrodt.
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McNally.                Wright.
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Childs.                 Lake.
Coke.                   Neff.
Cole.                   Palmer.
Collins.                Pitts.
Crawford.               Robertson, Harrison.
Dean.                   Smith of Collin.
Garrett.                Stewart.
Grogan.                 Teagle.
Hamilton.               Tompkins.
Henderson, Brazos.      Wheless.

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 808 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, 3 p.m., on its passage to engrossment,

House bill No. 218. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, page 39, of the General Laws passed at the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 1069 and 1070, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to reduce the expenses of the State government,' relating to the disqualification of district judges, to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency clause."

With amendment by Mr. Shropshire to strike out the enacting clause, pending.

On motion of Mr. Russell further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Monday, May 8, 3 p.m., and it was made a special order for that hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 6, 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 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to attend the funeral of the late Hon. Geo. W. Finger.

Also Senate concurs in House amendment to Senate bill No. 306.

Also refuses to concur in House amendment to Senate bill No. 175, and asks for a Free Conference Committee, and that Senators Lloyd, Turvey, Atlee, Wayland and Johnson have been appointed on said committee on the part of the Senate.

Also Senate refuses to concur in House amendment to Senate bill No. 286. A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and define the limitation of time wherein suits for taxes may be brought, and to declare that taxes for the recovery of which suit is not brought within such time shall be conclusively presumed to
have been paid, and to forbid any action therefor, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully,

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Shropshire moved to suspend pending business to take up, and place on its second reading, House bill No. 600, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require any person, firm, partnership, association or joint stock company doing a mercantile reporting business within the State of Texas, to obtain a permit from the Secretary of State; to give bond and designate a representative residing within the State of Texas before engaging in such business, and to provide penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act, and for other purposes."

The motion to suspend was lost.

The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for the hour, on its passage to engrossment, House bill No. 804, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing the punishment of pools, trusts and conspiracies to control prices, and as to evidence and prosecution in such cases,"

With amendment by Mr. Kennedy and substitute for the amendment by Mr. Wooten pending.

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

Question first recurred on the substitute by Mr. Wooten.

While Mr. Wooten was addressing the House,

Mr. Bridgers, by consent, moved to reconsider the vote by which the House had ordered the main question.

Mr. Powell raised the point that it was not in order to entertain a motion to reconsider a vote ordering the main question, and stated that House Rule No. 46 is plain and precludes any motion whatever, and that House Rule No. 55 so shows.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

Mr. Lane appealed from the ruling of the Chair, which was duly seconded, and the House sustained the Chair.

Question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Bridgers to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Cross, Mr. Lane and Mr. Looney.

The motion to reconsider was lost by the following vote:

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Bennett.  
Ellis.  
Gordon.  
Absent—Excused.

Rogers.  
Stripling.  
Sutherland.  

"I vote 'yea' to reconsider the vote by which the previous question was ordered as the anti-trust bill by its operation will be as momentous as it will be eventful to the people of the State. I believe the substitute is more far-reaching than the Arkansas bill, but the previous question being ordered has prevented discussion. As a rule hasty legislation is unsafe, and as this bill will affect every man, woman and child in Texas, I think a free and full discussion should be had on all questions affecting the rights of the people. I am strictly in favor of the most drastic bill that can be drawn, as no other will accomplish its purpose."

"CRAWFORD."

Pending consideration, Mr. Wooten yielding the floor,

Mr. Ayers, by unanimous consent, called up

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26:

Whereas, The Hon. G. W. Finger, late Land Commissioner of the State of Texas, died on yesterday, May 4, A. D. 1899, and will be buried at the town of Arlington, Tarrant county, Texas, on May 6, A. D. 1899; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee, composed of three members of the Senate and five members of the House, be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House to accompany the remains and to attend the said burial.

The resolution was laid before the House, and was read second time. Mr. Adams moved that it be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

In accordance with above resolution, the Chair announced the following committee on part of the House: Messrs. Ayers, Smith of Grayson, Barbee, Adams and Garner.

The House resumed consideration of the pending bill, question being—Shall the substitute by Mr. Wooten be adopted?

Yea—Yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. McAnally, Mr. Cross and Mr. Savage.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yea—48.

Allen of Colorado.  
Bridgers.  
Allen of Hopkins.  
Calvin.  
Ayers.  
Clements.  
Barbee.  
Cole.  
Barrett.  
Conoly.  
Bolin.  
Crawford.

Nay—Nays—55.

Adams.  
Maxwell.  
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Wells.  
Loyd.  

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.  
Murray.  
Childs.  
Pfeuffer.  
Dorroh.  
Robertson, Harrison.  
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Whelss.  
Mcfarland.

"We vote 'no,' because the only possible chance to obtain any anti-trust law at this session is to adopt the original bill,
as the Senate is close and the friends are adhering to said original bill, and only by a united effort can we hope to win. Again, the substitute and Kennedy amendment are long, very radical in some respects, and embrace our present law, and the near approach of the end of this session, in our opinion, renders action extremely dangerous, especially so when we propose to put the law in effect January 31, 1900, and at the Special Session we can amend and make fuller, if need be.

"POWELL, "WELLS."

Question next recurred on the amendment by Mr. Kennedy, and it was lost. The Speaker laid before the House, as special order for 5 p. m. this afternoon (but which was temporarily set aside by pending business), on its passage to engrossment, 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,”

With amendment by Mr. Decker pending.

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature has learned with regret of the death, at 8 o'clock, May 4, 1899, of the Hon. George W. Finger, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas; and

Whereas, It is becoming that this House do express its grief, occasioned by his death, and its sympathy to his bereaved family; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House do appoint a committee of five members of this House to draft suitable resolutions expressive of its feelings, and report the same to this House on Wednesday next. And that when this House adjourn today it shall be out of respect to the deceased, and that it stand adjourned until Monday, May 8, 1899, at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

[Signed AYERS, HENDERSON of Lamar.]

The resolution was read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Dies, was adopted by a rising vote.

In accordance with above resolution, the Chair appointed the following committee: Messrs. Ayers, Wooten, Thomas of Fannin, Decker and Pitts.

Mr. Decker moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 495 be put on its third reading and final passage. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—90.
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Allen of Hopkins.
Ayers.
Barrett.
Bean.
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Loyd.
Marsh.

[Named members]

Nays—2.

Hurley.

Absent.

Dorroh.
Garrett.
Greenwood.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Brazos.
Lakel.
than six months, or both, and in addition any person who has suffered injury by

a. m. next Monday.

The following bills received from the House on third reading and final passage.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Mr. Pitts:

House bill No. 337, "An Act to provide for the sale 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."

Senate bill No. 337, "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."

Senate bill No. 19 AND 175. The Speaker announced the following appointments:

Conference Committee on part of the Senate on bill No. 18: Messrs. Prince, Barbee, Shelburne, Frost and Oliver.

Conference Committee on part of the House on Senate bill No. 175: Messrs. Monroe, Morrow, Cole, Garner and Tate.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

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

House bill No. 833, "An Act to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars to pay per diem of officers, members and employees of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Senate bill No. 337, "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."

Senate bill No. 314, "An Act to amend Subdivision 2 of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, so as to extend the time of the terms of the District Court of Nacogdoches county, and change the time of holding district courts in Angelina and Cherokee counties."

Senate bill No. 294, "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-fourth Judicial District of Texas, to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court therein, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Senate bill No. 48, "An Act to amend Chapter 134, Sections Nos. one (1), seven (7), and fifteen (15), of the General Laws of the Twenty-fourth Legislature,
of an act to create a more efficient road system for Hill, Coke, Hunt, Jackson, Bee and Victoria counties, Texas.”

Senate bill No. 319, “An Act to incorporate the city of Beaumont, to grant it a special charter and fix its boundaries.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 264, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a more efficient road system for Lamar county, regulating the fees of officers where convicts serve their time by labor on such public roads, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith,” Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 264, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a more efficient road system for working the public roads of Lamar county, regulating the fees of officers where convicts serve their time by labor on such public roads, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith,” Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 771, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, adopted 1897, by adding Section ‘A’ to said act, so as to provide that commissioners’ courts shall not make contracts for the building of bridges and improvements unless they have cash or bonds to pay for the same.” 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.

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 808, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Section 1 of an act granting permission to B. F. Gohlson and J. W. Benson, or their assigns, to bring suit against the State of Texas in the District Court of Lampasas county to ascertain the amount, if any, due them for services rendered the State of Texas as rangers or soldiers, passed on the 13th day of March, 1899, and became a law on the 24th day of March, 1899.” Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

Mcanally, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 264, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a more efficient road system for Lamar county, regulating the fees of officers where convicts serve their time by labor on such public roads, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith,” Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BARBEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 5, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 264, A bill to be entitled “An Act to provide a more efficient road system for Lamar county, regulating the fees of officers where convicts serve their time by labor on such public roads, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith,” Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BARBEE, Chairman.
ststitution of the State of Texas, fixing the legal and contract rate of interest.

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

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Mr. Dies moved to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Powell moved to take a recess until 8:30 p. m. today for the purpose of an evening session to continue consideration of the general appropriation bill.

Question being on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 6:45 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

NINETY-SEVENTH DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives

Austin, Texas, Monday, May 8, 1899.

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

Speaker Pro Tern Schluter in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Present—99.

Adams. Hurley.
Bailey. Kennedy.
Barrett. Kittrell.
Bean. Lake.
Beatty. Lillard.
Blount. Little.
Bridgers. Lively.
Caldwell. Looney.
Calvin. Marsh.
Chambers. Masterson.
Childers. Maxwell.
Childs. McNally.
Cole. McClellan.
Collins. McDowell.
Crawford. McKellar.
Cross. Mercer.
Culp. Monroe.
Dean. Morris.
Decker. Morrow.
Deren. Murray.
Eckola. Neff.
Ellis. Nolan.
Evans. Oliver.
Frost. Palmer.
Garner. Parish.
Garrett. Peery.
Gill. Pfeuffer.
Goodman. Pitts.
Graham. Poole.
Grogan. Powell.
Grubbs. Prince.
Hamilton. Ratcliff.
Henderson, Brazos. Robertson, Harrison.
Henderson, Lamar. Robertson of Bell.
Howard. Rochelle.
Russell. Tarver.
Sassom. Tate.
Savage. Terrell.
Schulter. Thomas of Wise.
Scurry. Tolbert.
Shannon. Tompkins.
Shelburne. Vaughan.
Shropshire. Walton.
Smith of Grayson. Wells.
Smith of Collin. Willacy.
Staples. Willrodt.
Sutherland. Wooten.

Absent.

Ayers. McKamy.
Barbee. Meitzen.
Bolin. Murphy.
Clements. Stewart.
Coke. Striping.
Conoly. Teague.
Dies. Thomas of Fannin.
Dorroh. Tucker.
Greenwood. Whelless.
Lane. Wright.
Loyd.

Absent—Excused.

Bennett. Rogers.
Gordon.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of last Friday, on motion of Mr. Tarkington, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Browne for today, on motion of Mr. Peery.
Mr. Conoly for today, on motion of Mr. Peery.
Mr. Whelless for last Friday and today, on motion of Mr. Bailey.
Mr. McKamy until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Bailey.
Mr. Clements for today, on motion of Mr. McKellar.
Mr. Greenwood until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Murray.
Mr. Bolin until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Oliver.
Mr. Wright until next Friday, on motion of Mr. Monroe.
Mr. Tucker until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Walton.
Mr. Meitzen for today, on motion of Mr. Willrodt.
Mr. Teagle for today, on motion of Mr. Maxwell.
Mr. Dies for today, on motion of Mr. Chambers.
Mr. Jones for today, on motion of Mr. Beaty.