Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 12, 1899.

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

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

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:20 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Saturday, May 13, 1899.

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

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Present—97.


A quorum was announced present.

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

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, On motion of Mr. Poole, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Browne for today, on motion of Mr. Peery. Mr. Morris until next Monday, on motion of Mr. McDowell. Mr. Pfeuffer until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Greenwood. Mr. Garrett until next Friday, on motion of Mr. Culp. Mr. Adams until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. McCalman. Mr. Willacy until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Rochelle. Mr. Allen of Colorado until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Dean. Mr. Gill until next Monday on motion of Mr. McKamy.
Mr. Wooten until next Monday on motion of Mr. McKamy.
Mr. Grubbs until next Monday on motion of Mr. Tarver.
Mr. Dies until next Monday on motion of Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Stripling until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Lake until next Monday on motion of Mr. Robertson of Harrison.
Mr. Lane until next Monday on motion of Mr. Meitzen.
Mr. Murphy until next Monday on motion of Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Tompkins until next Monday on motion of Mr. Willrodt.
Mr. Barbee until next Monday on motion of Mr. Ratcliff.
Chief Clerk Rountree for yesterday and until next Monday on motion of Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Murray until next Tuesday on motion of Mr. Clements.
Mr. Russell until next Monday on motion of Mr. Monroe.
On account of sickness:
Mr. Stewart until next Tuesday on motion of Mr. Dean.
On account of sickness in his family:
Mr. Savage until next Monday on motion of Mr. Sutherland.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

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

Senate bill No. 268, "An Act to amend Sections two (2), six (6), ten (10) and fourteen (14), of the Special Laws of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas,' and to add to said act Section forty-oneA (41a), to provide for the extension of the corporate 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."

Senate bill No. 284, "An Act to amend Article 1880, Chapter 4, Title XXXIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted by the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas."

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, setting forth the fact that the State of Texas has a valid claim against the United States government, and authorizing the Governor to take steps toward collecting the same.

Senate bill No. 5, "An Act to amend Chapter 4, Title VII, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 525a, providing for the issuance of process for witnesses residing in the county before the meeting of the district court, to testify before the grand jury."

SPECIAL ORDER FIXED.

House bill No. 483, relating to school districts, and providing a manner of changing the boundary lines of school districts in cases where a change is desired by patrons of the district school, for next Monday, May 15, 3 p.m., on motion of Mr. Little.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 32, A resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas to pay the Hogg & Robertson fee.

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.

POWELL, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 7, A joint resolution to amend Sections 7, 8, 15, 19, 21 and 29, of Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the judiciary.

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 minority report be printed also.

POWELL, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: A minority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 7,

Do not concur in the report of the ma-
jority, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass, but that the House pass in lieu thereof.

House Joint Resolution No. 27, being a resolution to amend Sections 7, 13, 21, 24, 25, 26, of Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the creation of district courts, and authorizing the Legislature to create one or more district courts in counties of more than 25,000 inhabitants, and conferring the jurisdiction of the county court on such district courts, permitting the judges' salary to be paid out of the county funds, and creating corporation courts, corporation attorneys and fixing jurisdiction and the regulation of the same.

SMITH of Collin, POWELL.

Committee Room,
Austi, Texas, May 13, 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. 344, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the issuance of patents to lands which, under the rule of the Land Office and the decisions of the courts, belong to the public school fund of the State, and which may have been applied for and purchased as public domain under the provisions of Title LXXXVII, Chapter 11, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, prior to May 23, 1898, and to provide for the disposition of the proceeds, and to declare 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.

MRRONE, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 719, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2941, 2943, 2946, 2948, and 2949, Title LIV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to repeal Articles 2942, 2943, 2944, 2947 and 2948, 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 to declare an emergency,"

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 10:20 o'clock a.m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred Resolution No. 60, A resolution hereto attached (here Clerk read original).

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.

POWELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 307, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Titus county, and to confirm the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change."

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.

CULP, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 13, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 822, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to limit one term of the District Court of Nueces county to the transaction of civil business only, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

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.

CULP, Acting Chairman.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, 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 said respective county.”

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Bailey moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 790 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading, Senate bill No. 347, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Section 6, of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature, entitled ‘An Act to create and maintain a more efficient road system for Cass county.’”

Read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Oliver moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 347 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yea—93.
Allen of Hopkins. Grogan.
Ayers. Hamilton.
Bailey. Henderson, Brazos.
Bean. Hurley.
Beatty. Jones.
Bennett. Kennedy.
Blount. Kittrell.
Bolin. Lillard.
Briggers. Little.
Collin. Livesey.
Chambers. Looney.
Childers. Loyd.
Clements. Marsh.
Cole. McAnally.
Collins. McClennan.
Conoly. McDowell.
Crawford. McKamy.
Cross. McKellar.
Culp. Meitzen.
Dean. Mercer.
Decker. Monroe.
Eckols. Morrow.
Ellis. Noff.
Evans. Nolan.
Frost. Oliver.
Goodlett. Palmer.
Goodman. Parish.
Gordon. Peery.

Poole. Sutherland.
Powell. Tarkington.
Ratcliff. Terrell.
Robertson, Harrison. Thomas of Wise.
Robertson of Bell. Tolbert.
Rochelle. Tucker.
Rogers. Vaughan.
Sansom. Wells.
Schluter. Smith of Grayson.
Tarkington. Smith of Collin.
Ratcliff. Willrodt.
Robertson. Staples.
Harrison. Absent.
Tate. Childs.
Robertson of Bell. Prince.
Terrell. Garner.
Sanburn. Maxwell.
Ratcliff. Absent—Excused.
Robertson. Adams.
Harrison. Allen of Colorado.
Tate. Allen of Smith.
Tate. Barrett.
Terrell. Bean.
Wells. Beatty.
Smith of Eastland.
Shropshire. Beaty.
Walton. Bennett.
Smith of Grayson.
Wright. Blount.
Little.
Calvin.
Bright.

Senate bill No. 347 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, House bill No. 817, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend an act of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, providing for a more efficient road system for Liberty county, providing for the issuance of bonds by said county for the erection of roads and bridges, and prescribing certain duties of the commissioners court of said county.”

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Sansom moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 817 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 827, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Section 40 of an act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas, the same being Chapter 7, of the Special Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and to repeal all laws and parts
of laws in conflict herewith, and to declare an emergency.

Read second time, and

Mr. Kittrell offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted seriatim:

(1) "Amend caption by inserting after the word 'Legislature' in line 9, the words 'and to add thereto Section 40A, authorizing the creation of the office of boiler inspector; and Section 40B, empowering the city council to provide for refunding money heretofore paid for paving assessments under the front foot rule heretofore existing.'"

(2) "Amend line 16, page 1, by adding at end these words: 'And that Section 40A and 40B be added thereto.'"

(3) "Amend line 17, page 1, by striking out the word 'assess,' and by inserting after the word 'and,' in same line, the words 'provide for the assessment and collection of,' and by striking out the word 'collect,' in line 18."

(4) "Amend line 21, page 1, by striking out the word 'assess' and the word 'collect,' in line 21, and insert before the word 'annually,' in line 22, the words 'and provide for the assessment and collection.'"

(5) "Amend at end of line 15, page 2, by adding the following: 'Provided, that no sale shall be made for taxes which have been due for four years or more before said seizure is made.'"

(6) "Amend by adding after the word 'property,' in line 10, page 3, the following: 'Provided, said taxes for which said lien is sought to be foreclosed shall not have been due four years or more before such proceedings to foreclose are begun.'"

(7) "Amend line 31, page 5, by inserting after the word 'sale' where it first occurs the words 'but not before.'"

(8) "Amend line 11, page 7, by inserting after the word 'together' the word 'with.'"

(9) "Amend line 30, page 7, by inserting after the word 'shall' the word 'not.'"

(10) "Amend by adding before the word 'same,' in line 5, page 7, the word 'the,' and after it the words 'as if,' and by striking out the word 'had' in said line 5 where it now occurs, and insert the same word 'had' after the word 'proceedings' and after the word 'thereof.'"

(11) "Amend by adding after the word 'intervene,' in line 20, page 9, the following: 'Provided said city shall not have the right to so intervene for any taxes which may have been due and payable four years or more before said intervention is attempted.'"

(12) "Amend line 3, page 10, by inserting after the word 'for' the word 'the,' and change the word 'or' in same line to 'of.'"

(13) "Amend by adding between Sections 1 and 2, page 11, the following: "Section 40A. The city council of Houston shall have the power to create by ordinance the office of boiler inspector, and to vest such officer with power to inspect steam boilers, and to examine engineers as to their capacity to understand and operate stationary engines, and shall prescribe the duties of such boiler inspector, and define the scope of his authority and powers he may exercise, and fix the amount and nature of his compensation. Such boiler inspector shall be appointed by the mayor, and be confirmed by the council, and shall hold his office for two years from the date of his qualification, and until his successor shall have qualified; provided, that the boiler inspector who shall first be appointed after this shall have become a law, shall hold only until after the next general election for mayor and aldermen in the city of Houston, and until his successor shall have qualified.

'No person shall be appointed boiler inspector under the provisions of this section who is not a practical stationary engineer of at least five years experience as such.'"

(14) "Amend by adding after Section 40A as heretofore added:

'Section 40B. The city council shall have power to provide by ordinance for the gradual refunding of money heretofore paid by persons for pavements in front of their property according to the front foot rule heretofore in existence, and to provide how and to whom such money shall be refunded and the amount to be refunded, and to provide how the same shall be paid, and for that purpose shall have the power to authorize the city council to reduce the rate of taxation on, or to reduce the valuation of, the property in front of which such pavements were made.'"

(15) "Amend line 23, page 4, by striking out the word 'due' and inserting the word 'done.'"

(16) "Amend line 25, page 5, by striking out the word 'course' and insert the word 'force.'"

(17) "Amend line 26, page 1, by striking out the word 'that,' before the word 'year,' and insert the words 'any one,' and by inserting after the word 'year' the words 'levying the taxes for that year.'"

(18) "Amend line 32, page 2, by inserting the word 'prescribed' for the word 'described.'"

(19) "Amend line 30, page 5, by..."
striking out ‘two years’ and inserting ‘30 days.’”

(20) “Amend lines 15 and 16 by striking out the words ‘whether said suit has been heretofore or’ and inserting the word ‘which’ after or.”

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Kittrell moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 827 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—85.**

Allen of Hopkins.  
Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Barrett.  
Bennett.  
Blount.  
Bolin.  
Bridgers.  
Caldwell.  
Calvin.  
Chambers.  
Childers.  
Clements.  
Cocke.  
Collins.  
Conoly.  
Crawford.  
Cross.  
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Eckols.  
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Goodlett.  
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Gordon.  
Graham.  
Greenwood.  
Grogan.  
Hamilton.  
Henderson, Brazos.  
Henderson, Lamar.  
Howard.  
Hurley.  
Jones.  
Kennedy.  
Kittrell.  
Lillard.  
Little.  
Livsey.  
Looney.  
Loyd.  
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**Nays—1.**

Bean.  
Childs.  
Cole.  
Culp.  
Frost.  
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Absent—Excused.

Adams.  
Allen of Colorado.  
Barbee.  
Browne.  
Dorsey.  
Dorroh.  
Garrett.  
Gill.  
Grubbs.  
Lake.  
Lane.  
McDowell.  
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House bill No. 827 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.  

Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—86.**

Allen of Hopkins.  
Ayers.  
Bailey.  
Barrett.  
Beaty.  
Bennett.  
Blount.  
Bolin.  
Bridgers.  
Caldwell.  
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Sanborn.  
Shelburne.  
Vaughan.  
Wheless.  
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Absent.  

Garner.  
Marsh.  
Masterson.  
McFarland.  
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Tarrant.  
Tarver.  
Tate.  
Terrell.  
Thomas of Wise.
Mr. Kittrell moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 827 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Peery called up House bill No. 447, relating to county finances, with Senate amendments.

The bill was laid before the House, and the amendments were read.

Mr. Peery moved that the House non-concur in the Senate amendments, and that a Free Conference Committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on said bill.

The motion to non-concur prevailed.

In accordance with above action, the Speaker announced the following Free Conference Committee on part of the House: Messrs. Peery, Chambers, Dean, Barrett and Decker.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading, Senate bill No. 307, read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Bolin moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 307 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—85.

Allen of Hopkins. Looney.
Ayres. Loyal.
Ayres. Maxwell.
Barrett. McNally.
Bean. McClellan.
Beatty. Meitzen.
Bennett. Mercer.
Blount. Monroe.
Bolton. Morrow.
Bridgers. Nef.
Calvert. Nolan.
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Pfeiffer. Oney.
Browne. Pitts.
Browne. Poole.
Brown. Powell.
Crawford. Ratcliff.
Cross. Robertson, Harrison.
Culp. Robertson of Bell.
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Dean. Rogers.
Dean. Schlater.
Ellis. Shannon.
Evans. Shropshire.
Frost. Smith of Grayson.
Goodlett. Smith of Collin.
Gordon. Sutherland.
Greenwood. Tarleton.
Grogan. Tarver.
Hamilton. Tate.
Henderson, Brazos. Thomas of Wise.
Henderson, Lamar. Thomas of Fannin.
Howard. Tolbert.
Jones. Tucker.
Kittrell. Vaughan.
Lillard. Walton.
Little. Wells.
Livsey. Wilkrod.

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The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Howard. Tolbert.
Jones. Tucker.
Kittrell. Vaughan.
Lillard. Walton.
Little. Wells.
Livsey. Wilkrod.
Senate bill No. 307 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Bolin moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 307 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 822, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the District Court of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to limit one term of the District Court of Nueces county to the transaction of civil business only, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read second time, and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Monroe moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 822 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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<th>Absent—Excused.</th>
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| Lane. McDowell. Morris. Murphy. | Alley. |}

House bill No. 822 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading, House bill No. 829, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the jurisdiction of the County Court of Carson county, and declaring an emergency."

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

"Amend the bill by striking out the word 'criminal,' lines 6 and 24, page 1, and by adding after the word 'causes,' line 24, page 1, the words 'civil and criminal,' and by adding at the end of line 25, page 1, the words 'except as provided in Section 1 of this act,' and by adding after the word 'criminal,' line 5, page 2, the words 'and civil,' and by striking out of line 14, page 2, the words 'against the"
The bill was ordered engrossed.

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. 829 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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House bill No. 829 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Decker moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 829 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading:

House bill No. 783. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title II, Article 3, Section 5, of the charter of the city of Galveston."

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

"Amend the bill by adding just preceding the emergency clause, the following: The provisions of this act shall not go into effect until submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the city of Galveston, in an election to be ordered for that purpose by the city council of said city. If at such election a majority of the qualified voters voting thereat, shall be in favor of adopting the provisions of this act, then the method of electing aldermen in said city shall thereafter be as herein provided."

Signed "WHEELER, "LIVESY."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Nolan moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that House bill No. 783 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Teagle. Wooten.
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Mr. Nolan moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 783 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

Senate bill No. 349, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize, enable and permit school district No. fourteen (14) of the county of Jefferson, and State of Texas, to incorporate as an independent school district for free school purposes only, to be known as the Port Arthur Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for school purposes only."

Read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Cole moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 349 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—89.


Mr. Nolan moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 783 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

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Read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Cole moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 349 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—88.

Adopted.
The bill was ordered engrossed.
The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

Senate bill No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 496, Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to irrigating canals, wells, reservoirs, etc., and the protection thereof."

Read second time, and passed to a third reading.

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

House Joint Resolution No. 10, To amend Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring persons of foreign birth who may be residents of the State of Texas on or before the 31st day of December, 1899, to declare their intention to become citizens of the United States, six months before any election at which such persons may offer to vote; and requiring persons of foreign birth who shall immigrate to the State of Texas, or who shall remove from any State or Territory of the United States to the State of Texas, after the 31st day of December, 1899, to become citizens of the United States before they can vote at any election held in said State.

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

Question being—Shall the resolution be ordered engrossed?
Mr. Meitzen moved to postpone further consideration until next Tuesday, May 16, 3 p. m., and that it be made a special order for that hour.
The motion was lost.

On engrossment of the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Tarver, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Beaty.

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas offered the following amendment:
"Amend by adding to the caption, after line 14, page 1, the following, 'also the payment of poll taxes.'"
"Also add after the word 'elector,' in line 23, page 1, 'no person in this State shall be entitled to vote at any election except he shall have paid his poll tax three months prior to an election.'"

Mr. Lillard moved to table the amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Phillips of Lampasas, Mr. Chambers and Mr. Rochelle.
Tabled by the following vote:
(Mr. Schluter in the chair.)
May 15, 1899

Yeas—57.

Allen of Hopkins.  Mercer.
Barrett.  Monroe.
Beaty.  Nolan.
Bennett.  Oliver.
Blount.  Palmer.
Bolin.  Peery.
Bridgers.  Phillips of Camp.
Clements.  Pitts.
Conoly.  Poole.
Culp.  Powell.
Decker.  Robertson, Harrison.
Eckols.  Rogers.
Ellis.  Sansom.
Goodlett.  Savage.
Graham.  Schuler.
Hamilton.  Shannon.
Henderson, Brazos.  Smith of Grayson.
Howard.  Staples.
Hurley.  Sutherland.
Jones.  Tarkington.
Kennedy.  Tarver.
Kittrell.  Tatum.
Lillard.  Tate.
Little.  Thomas of Fannin.
Looney.  Toberth.
McAnally.  Tucker.
McKamy.  Vaughtan.
Meitzen.

Nays—28.

Ayers.  Grogan.
Bailey.  Loyd.
Bean.  Maxwell.
Caldwell.  McClellan.
Calvin.  Morrow.
Chambers.  Neff.
Cole.  Ratcliff.
Collins.  Robertson of Bell.
Crawford.  Rochelle.
Cross.  Terrell.
Frost.  Thomas of Wise.
Dean.  Wells.
Gordon.  Willrodt.

Absent.

Childs.  McFarrand.
Cocke.  McKellar.
Evans.  Parish.
Goodman.  Secory.
Greenwood.  Shelburne.
Livsey.  Walton.
Marsh.  Wheless.
Masterson.

Absent—Excused.

Adams.  Gill.
Allen of Colorado.  Grubbs.
Barbee.  Loke.
Browne.  Lane.
Derden.  McDowell.
Dies.  Morris.
Dorroh.  Murphy.
Garrett.

Pfeuffer.  Tompkins.
Russell.  Willby.
Stewart.  Wooten.
Stripling.  Wright.
Tegle.

Question being—Shall House Joint Resolution No. 30 be ordered engrossed.

Yeas and nays being already demanded, the Clerk was directed to call the roll.

The Chair announced that there was not a quorum voting, there being 63 yeas
and 15 nays.

Whereupon Mr. Conoly moved a call

of the House.

The call was not seconded.

Mr. A.C.Anally moved to adjourn until
9 a. m. next Monday, and Mr. Grogan to take a recess until 3 p. m. today.

Question being on the longest time first,

the motion prevailed, and the House, at
12:15 p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock
a. m. next Monday.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, May 15, 1899.

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

Speaker Sharp in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Present—90.

Adams.  Gordon.
Ayers.  Grogan.
Barbee.  Hamilton.
Barrett.  Henderson, Brazos.
Bean.  Henderson, Lamar.
Beaty.  Howard.
Bennett.  Hurley.
Blount.  Jones.
Bolton.  Kilgore.
Bridgers.  Lillard.
Caldwell.  Maxwell.
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Ekcols.  Nolan.
Ellis.  Oliver.
Frost.  Palmer.
Gill.  Parish.
Goodlett.  Peery.