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“Amend after the word ‘suspended,’ line 20, page 2, by adding the following, and the same is hereby suspended.’’

Adopted.

On engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Rochelle, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Robertson of Harrison.

The Chair announced that there was no quorum voting, there being 74 yeas and 7 nays.

Whereupon, Mr. Bridgers moved to adjourn until 9 a. m. tomorrow. Mr. Blount until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, and Mr. Morrow to take a recess until 8:30 p. m. today.

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 5:37 p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH DAY.**

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Wednesday, May 17, 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—111.

Adams. Gill.
Allen of Colorado. Goodlett.
Ayers. Graham.
Bailey. Greenwood.
Barbee. Grogan.
Barrett. Grubbs.
Beaty. Hamilton.
Bennett. Henderson, Brazos.
Bolin. Howard.
Bridgers. Hurley.
Browne. Jones.
Caldwell. Kennedy.
Calvin. Kittrell.
Chambers. Lake.
Childers. Lillard.
Clements. Little.
Coe. Livsey.
Cole. Looney.
Collins. Loyd.
Conoly. Marsh.
Crawford. Masterson.
Cross. Maxwell.
Culp. McNally.
Dean. McClellan.
Decker. McDowell.
Derdan. McKamy.
Dies. Meitzen.
Eckols. Mercer.
Ellis. Monroe.
Frost. Morrow.
Garner. Murray.
Neff. Smith of Grayson.
Nolan. Smith of Collin.
Oliver. Stewart.
Palmer. Stripling.
Parish. Sutherland.
Pevry. Tarkington.
Pfeuffer. Tarver.
Phillips, Lampasas. Tate.
Phillips of Camp. Teagle.
Pole. Terrell.
Rateiff. Thomas of Wise.
Robertson, Harrison. Thomas of Fannin.
Robertson of Bell. Tolbert.
Rochelle. Tompkins.
Russell. Tucker.
Sansom. Vaughn.
Savage. Wells.
Schuler. Wheelers.
Sennry. Willaey.
Shannon. Willrodt.
Shebunrne. Wooten.
Shropshire. Absent.
Childs. Murphy.
Goodman. Pitts.
Lane. Prince.
McFarland. Staples.
Morris. Wright.
Absut—Excused.
Bean. Garrett.
Doroh. McKellar.
Evans. Powell.

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

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

**GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**

On account of important business:

Mr. Prince until next Friday, on motion of Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. Childs for today, on motion of Mr. Allen of Hopkins.

Mr. Lane for today, on motion of Mr. Meitzen.

Mr. Murphy for today and for absence on last Monday and yesterday, on motion of Mr. Mercer.

Mr. Pitts for today, on motion of Mr. Shropshire.

Mr. Staples for today, on motion of Mr. Savage.

Mr. Tompkins for absence on last Monday, on motion of Mr. Derden.

Mr. Rogers for absence on yesterday, on motion of Mr. Goodlett.

Mr. Dies for absence on last Monday and yesterday, on motion of Mr. Crawford.

On account of sickness:

Mr. Goodman for today, on motion of Mr. Vaughan.
APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Leslie G. Bryant, page, in lieu of John Daniel, resigned.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, May 16, 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 grants the request of House for Free Conference Committee on house bill No. 447, and that Senators Goss, Turney, Atlee, Burns and Hanger have been appointed on the part of the Senate on said committee.

Also has passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 58, extending the approval and encouragement of the people of Texas to the promoters of the centennial celebration to be held in the city of St. Louis.

J. P. Pool, Secretary of the Senate.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, Senate bill No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to persons under the age of sixteen years, and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of the same."

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Lillard moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 76 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, Senate bill No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3972, 3973, 3973c, 3974 (1) and (2), 3974e, 3976c and 3980, Chapter 13, Title LXXXV, Revised Statutes, 1895, relating to boards of examiners and teachers."

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

"Amend by adding 'mental science' to the subjects required for first grade certificate."

Mr. Phillips of Lampasas moved to table the amendment, and the motion was lost.

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

Mr. Thomas of Wise offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by adding 'psychology, as applied to teaching,' after 'general history,' in line 30, page 4."

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

Question first recurred on the substitute by Mr. Thomas of Wise.

The motion to reconsider by Mr. Thomas of Wise was lost.

Question next recurred on the amendment by Mr. Grogan, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Livsey, Mr. Grogan and Mr. Barrett.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—37.
Allen of Colorado. Livsey.
Barrett. Leoney.
Beaty. McNally.
Bolin. Meitzen.
Bridgers. Monroe.
Calvin. Morrow.
Childers. Parish.
Dean. Poole.
Dies. Robertson of Bell.
Ekols. Shannon.
Ellis. Shelburne.
Goodlett. Smith of Collin.
Gordon. Stewart.
Grogan. Sutherland.
Grubbs. Terrell.
Henderson, Brazos. Thomas of Wise.
Jones. Walton.
Kennedy. Wooten.
Lillard.

Nays—58.
Adams. Meroer.
Allen of Hopkins. Murray.
Barbee. Neff.
Bennett. Nolan.
Blount. Oliver.
Browne. Peery.
Caldwell. Pfeiffer.
Clements. Phillips of Camp.
Coke. Ratcliff.
Cole. Robertson, Harrison.
Collins. Rochelle.
Comoly. Russell.
Cross. Sansom.
Delham. Savage.
Frost. Shropshire.
Gill. Smith of Grayson.
Greenwood. Tarkington.
Henderson, Lamar. Tarver.
Howard. Teagle.
Hurley. Thomas of Fannin.
Kittrell. Tolbert.
Lake. Tompkins.
Little. Tucker.
Masterson. Vaughan.
Maxwell. Wells.
McDowell. Willacy.
McKamy. Willrodt.
Question next recurred on final passage of Senate bill No. 183, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Thomas of Wise, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Livsey. The bill was passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—52**


**Nays—44**

and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

The motion to suspend was lost.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 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 concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 76.

Also Senate refuses to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 323, and asks for a Free Conference Committee, and that Senators Davidson, Dilrell, Turney, Atlee and Yantis have been appointed on said committee on part of Senate.

Also has passed the following bills:

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."

Senate bill No. 336, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit pawnbrokers, junk shop keepers, second-hand dealers and all other persons who buy, sell or otherwise deal in personal property for profit from buying or receiving same from children under sixteen years of age, or disposing of such personal property brought or sold to them by children except when such children produce a written permit from their parents or guardian giving authority to such children to have, possess or dispose of such personal property."

House Joint Resolution No. 35, Amending Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 20, providing for the organization of irrigation districts, and for the levying and collection of a tax for the construction of reservoirs, dams and canals."

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

Senate bill No. 187 was read second time.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out all of Section 8."

Mr. Masterson offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by striking out all of line 22, page 1, being the enacting clause."

Mr. Schluter moved the previous ques-
SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following bill received from the Senate was read first time, and referred to appropriate committee, viz.:

Senate bill No. 336 to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Browne, pending business was suspended to take up and place on its third reading and final passage, Senate bill No. 350, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to provide for the purchase of one hundred acres of land, known as the Arthur McCormick league, in order that the State of Texas may own and preserve the San Jacinto battle grounds."

Bill laid before the House, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Years—96.


Yeas—96.

Absent—Excused.


Mr. Kittrell moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 350 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

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

Senate bill No. 347, "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 public road system for Cass county.'"

Senate bill No. 307, "An Act to diminish the criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Titus county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change."

 Substitute Senate bill No. 19, "An Act to repeal Subdivision 14, of Article 3049, Chapter 18, Title CIV, of the Acts of the first Called Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to occupation taxes on physicians and surgeons."

 Substitute Senate bill No. 46, "An Act
to amend Article 127, Chapter 1, Title V, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, relating to bribery.

Senate bill No. 282, "An Act to appropriate $100,000 to pay the officers and men of the Texas Volunteers prior to the immustering into the service of the United States in the late war with Spain; to pay for the necessary supplies, subsistence and transportation prior to their being mustered into service; to authorize the Governor to collect from the United States all monies expended under this act."

Senate bill No. 349, "An Act to authorize, enable and permit school district No. 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 free school purposes only."

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 842, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the removal and re-interment of the remains of Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas, and of his sister, Emily Austin Perry; to make an appropriation for that purpose, and to authorize the Governor to carry out said purpose,"

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

SHELBURNE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 320, 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,"

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

HENDERSON of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant leave to G. W. Burkitt of Anderson county, Texas, to bring suit against the State of Texas to redeem from forfeiture and re-sale Section No. 58, Block H, W. & N. W. R. R. Co. survey of land, Abstract No. 852, in Hardeman county, Texas."

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

CLEMMENTS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 159, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4934, Title CII, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the protection of live stock."

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

MCANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 10, Amending 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, 1900, 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, 1900, to become citizens of the United States before they can vote at any election held in said State.
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Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 572, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the bonds of the State of Texas, that mature April 21, 1899, and the appropriation of $26,000 for that purpose, and to constitute a board for that purpose," have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 443, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4785a, Chapter 17, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide for the payment of the bonds of the State of Texas that mature April 21, 1899, and $25,000 August 31, 1899, and $25,000 August 31, 1900, and provide for the investment of a sinking fund, and constitute a board for that purpose," have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly engrossed.

McANALLY, Acting Chairman.

Mr. Clements moved to take a recess until 3 p. m. today. Mr. Adams until 4 p. m. today, and Mr. Smith of Collin until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

Question recurred on the longest time first, the motion was lost.

At 12:12 p.m., on motion of Mr. Clements, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Pending question — Senate bill No. 187, on its passage to a third reading, with amendment by Mr. Bailey pending.

(Mr. Childers in the chair.)

Mr. Schluter offered the following substitute for the amendment:

"Amend by striking out Sections 7 and 8 of the bill, and renumber the succeeding Sections so as to conform to this amendment."

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

(Speaker in the chair.)

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

Question first recurred on the substitute, upon which yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Barbee and Mr. McAnally.

Mr. Little called for a division of the amendment.

Question then recurred on the amendment to strike out Section 7, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-69.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Ayers.
Barrett.
Bailey.
Bolin.
Bridgers.
Browne.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Cocke.
Collins.
Conoly.
Cross.
Dean.
Decker.
Dickerson.
Eckols.
Ellis.
Garner.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Gordon.
Greenwood.
Grogan.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.
Jones.
Kittrell.
Lake.
Little.
Looney.

Yeas-69.

McDonald.
McAnally.
Meeker.
Metcalf.
Murray.
Nolan.
Oliver.
Parish.
Pleuffer.
Phillips of Camp.
Ratcliff.
Robertson, Harrison.
Robertson of Bell.
Rochelle.
Rogers.
Sanborn.
Schulter.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Smith of Collin.
Stripling.
Tarkington.
Tarver.
Tate.
Teague.
Thomas of Fann.
Tolbert.
Tompkins.
Walton.
Question next recurred on the amendment to strike out Section 8 of the bill, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Yea—59.

Adams. Loben. Looney. 
Allen of Colorado. Masterson. 
Allen of Hopkins. Maxwell. 
Bailey. McAnally. 
Barrett. McKamy. 
Bolin. Meitz. 
Bridgers. Mercer. 
Browne. Monroe. 
Calvin. Neff. 
Chambers. Nolan. 
Collins. Oliver. 
Conolly. Parish. 
Dean. Pfeiffer. 
Garner. Ratcliff. 
Gill. Robertson. 
Goodlett. Harrison. 
Gordon. Robertson of Bell. 
Greenwood. Rogers. 
Grogen. Sansom. 
Henderson, Brazos. Schluter. 
Jones. Shropshire. 
Kittrell. Smith of Grayson. 
Lake. Stripling. 

Nays—40.

Ayers. Little. 
Barbee. Livsey. 
Beaty. McClennan. 
Bennett. McDowell. 
Blount. Morrow. 
Caldwell. Murray. 
Childers. Peery. 
Cocke. Poole. 
Cole. Savage. 
Crawford. Shelburne. 
Cross. Smith of Collin. 
Ellis. Stewart. 
Frost. Sutherland. 
Hamilton. Tarkington. 
Howard. Terrell. 
Hurley. Thomas of Wise. 
Kennedy. Tucker. 
Lillard. Vaughn. 

Absent—Excused.

Bean. McKellar. 
Childs. Murphy. 
Doroh. Pitts. 
Evans. Powell. 
Garrett. Prince. 
Goodman. Staples. 
Lane. 

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

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56, granting Hon. Sam R. Scott, judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, thirty days leave of absence from the State.

House Joint Resolution No. 35, Amending Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 20, providing for the organization of irrigation districts, and for the levying and collection of a tax for the construction of reservoirs, dams and canals.
House bill No. 300, "An Act to quiet titles to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or the Confederate States a land certificate for twelve hundred and eighty acres of land,' approved April 9, 1881, and to validate such location and surveys."

House bill No. 822, "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."

Resuming consideration of the pending bill, same being Senate bill No. 187, on its passage to a third reading, Mr. Kittrell offered the following amendments:

1. "Amend Section 3 by striking out of line 6 the words 'shall be the person.'"

Adopted.

2. "Amend same section, line 12, by inserting after the word 'but' the word 'which,' and by striking out of same line the words 'shall be.'"

Adopted.

Mr. Shropshire offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the word 'or,' in line 24, page 1, and insert after the word 'real,' in line 26, page 1, the following, 'or personal.'"

Lost.

Mr. Savage moved to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the bill. Mr. Shropshire moved the previous question on the motion to postpone, and the main question was ordered.

Yea and nays were demanded by Mr. Thomas of Fannin, Mr. Beaty and Mr. Sutherland.

The motion to postpone was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—46.

Nays—52.

Mr. Thomas of Fannin (present) would vote yea, with Mr. Kennedy who would vote nay.
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 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 No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for the two years beginning March 1, 1899, and ending February 28, 1901, and for other purposes," with Senate amendment.

Also Senate bill No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for the county of De Witt."

J. P. Pool,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Schluter called up the communication from the Senate requesting a Free Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on Senate bill No. 323, the anti-trust bill.

The Speaker laid the request before the House, and, on motion of Mr. Schluter, it was granted.

In accordance with the above action, the Chair announced the following committee on part of the House: Messrs. Wooten, Schluter, Smith of Grayson, Garner and Murray.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 447.

Mr. Peery, Chairman, on part of the House, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1899.
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIRS: We, your Free Conference Committee, to whom was referred the differences between the House and Senate on the matter of Senate amendments to House bill No. 447, by Peery, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved March 20, 1897, entitled 'An Act to amend Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to county finances,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that we recommend that the Senate recede from the two amendments offered by Senator Davidson, the same being as follows:

"Amend lines 16 and 17, page 2, by striking out after 'facilities,' and down to 'may,' in line 17, and add the follow-

ning in lieu thereof, 'and if the money of said county is on deposit in another county, that the commissioners court shall delegate to one of their number, commencing with the commissioner of Precinct No. 1, and then 2, 3 and 4, successively, who shall go to the place where monies of said county are on deposit and count in person the said money and make oath in writing to the facts as found by him with reference to said money, and the said statement."

"Amend line 20, page 2, by striking out 'of the bank.'"

The committee further recommends that the Atlee amendment, which reads: "On page 2, add to Section 1 the following, 'provided further, that no deposit of county funds in any bank or in any county shall be withdrawn, in whole or in part, except upon the order of the county treasurer with the county warrant or warrants attached thereto which such order is intended to pay,'" be amended by adding thereto the following, "provided, the provisions of this section shall not be construed so as to prevent said treasurer from changing the place of the deposit of the funds for which he is responsible whenever it appears necessary for the preservation of such funds,'" and that as thus amended it be adhered to.

The committee respectfully asks the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

PEERY,
BARRETT,
CHAMBERS,
DECKER,
DEAN,

On part of the House.

TURNER,
BURNS,
GOSS,
ATLEE,
HANGER,

On part of the Senate.

The report was read, and, on motion of Mr. Peery, it was adopted.

The House resumed consideration of the pending bill, same being Senate bill No. 187, on its passage to a third reading.

Mr. Schluter offered the following amendment to the bill (which amendment is the body of Substitute House bill No. 42):

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

"Section 1. It shall be the duty of the assessor of taxes in each county of this State to assess all liens, mortgages, bonds, notes and other evidences of debt,
secured by deed of trust, lien or mortgage, and of record in the office of the county clerk of his county, and list the same for taxation against the beneficiary under such lien, deed of trust, mortgage, bond or note, and such assessment shall be collected by the tax collector of such county from such beneficiary. And no sale, judicial or otherwise, under such mortgage, lien or deed of trust shall be valid unless such taxes have been paid each year, as is required of other property.'

"Sec. 2. The fact that a large amount of property in this State is escaping just taxation creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Derden offered the following amendment to the bill as amended:

"Amend by inserting the following as Section 2 of the bill:

"Section 2. All contracts whatsoever by a person creating or owing a debt secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, contract or other obligation on land or real property, which in any way, directly or indirectly, create an obligation on such person to pay the taxes assessed or to be assessed against such security or debt, shall be void and of no effect for the amount of such taxes.'"

"Change Section 2 to Section 3."

Mr. Schluter moved to table the Derden amendment, upon which motion yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Derden, Mr. Childers and Mr. Adams.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yea-61.

Adams.
Allen of Hopkins.
Bailey.
Barrett.
Beaty.
Bennett.
Blount.
Bridgers.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Cole.
Collins.
Conolly.
Crawford.
Cross.
Culp.
Dean.
Diel.
Eckols.
Garner.

Pfeuffer.
Stewart.
Robertson, Harrison.
Tarkington.
Robertson of Bell.
Tuggle.
Sansom.
Terrell.
Savage.
Thomas of Fannin.
Schluter.
Sheburne.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Wooten.
Smith of Collin.

Nays-28.

Barbee.
Browne.
Childers.
Clements.
Clemens.
Derden.
Frost.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Lillard.
McClellan.
McDowell.
McDuffie.
Neff.
Oliver.
Palmer.

Absent.

Allen of Colorado.
Ayers.
Bolin.
Cocke.
Decker.
Ellis.
Graham.
Grubbs.
Kennedy.
Little.
Looney.
Loyd.
Marsh.

Mr. Beaty offered the following amendment to the bill as amended:

"Amend by adding after the word 'property,' at the end of Section 3 the following words: All vendors and mortgagee notes shall be rendered for taxes in the county in which the property is situated, to the tax collector of such county, and all bonds shall be rendered for assessment for taxes in the county in which they were issued."

Mr. Little moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered. Question first recurred on the amendment by Mr. Beaty, and it was adopted.

The bill was passed to a third reading.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,
Substitute Senate bill No. 298, A bill to be entitled “An Act providing for the correction and division of unpatented alternate surveys between the individual owner and State school land in conflict with older valid surveys, and to protect the purchasers of school land in conflict therewith, and for patenting the same.”

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Peery moved to reconsider the vote by which Substitute Senate bill No. 298 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, Senate bill No. 297, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 496, of Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to irrigation canals, wells, reservoirs, etc., and the protection thereof.”

Read third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar, pending business was suspended to take up, and place on its second reading and passage to a third reading, Senate bill No. 92. A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3983, Chapter 6, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the investment of the permanent school fund of the State of Texas in county bonds.”

The bill was laid before the House, was read second time, and Mr. Henderson of Lamar offered the following amendment:

“Amend Section 2 to read as follows: ‘Section 2. That this act shall not be so construed as to conflict with an act on the same subject, approved April 20, 1899.’ ”

(Mr. Smith of Grayson in the chair.)

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 92 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—93.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker.


Absent.


Senate bill No. 92 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage. Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—90.

Mr. Henderson of Lamar moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 92 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

Senate bill No. 95. A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for perfecting appeals in criminal cases from convictions had in justice courts, or other inferior courts, to the county court."

The bill was laid before the House.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

Senate bill No. 292 (with adverse majority report and favorable minority report), on motion of Mr. Schluter.

Mr. Bridges moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 292 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate bill No. 95 was then read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Lake moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 95 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yea—86.**

Adams. Hurley.
Bailey. Kennedy.
Barbee. Kittrell.
Barrett. Lillard.
Beaty. Little.
Blount. Livsey.
Bridgers. Maxwell.
Browne. McNally.
Caldwell. McClellan.
Campbell. Childers.
Clements. Collins.
Cole. Collier.
Collins. Conoly.
Conoly. Crawford.
Cross. Derden.
Culp. Decker.
Dean. Eckols.
Den. Ellis.
Deane. Goodlett.
Dedeaux. Graham.
Died. Hamilton.
Died. Loyd.
Died. Marsh.
Died. Masterson.

**Absent—Excused.**

Bean. Lane.
Childs. Murphy.
Dorroh. Pitts.
Evans. Powell.
Garrett. Prince.
Goodman. Staples.

No. 92 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

Senate bill No. 95. A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for perfecting appeals in criminal cases from convictions had in justice courts, or other inferior courts, to the county court."

The bill was laid before the House.

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Mr. Bridges moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 292 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate bill No. 95 was then read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Lake moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 95 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Died. Masterson.

**Absent—Excused.**

Bean. Lane.
Childs. Murphy.
Dorroh. Pitts.
Evans. Powell.
Garrett. Prince.
Goodman. Staples.

No. 92 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

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The bill was laid before the House.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

Senate bill No. 292 (with adverse majority report and favorable minority report), on motion of Mr. Schluter.

Mr. Bridges moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 292 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate bill No. 95 was then read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Lake moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 95 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Bailey. Kennedy.
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**Absent—Excused.**

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Garrett. Prince.
Goodman. Staples.

No. 92 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

Senate bill No. 95. A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for perfecting appeals in criminal cases from convictions had in justice courts, or other inferior courts, to the county court."

The bill was laid before the House.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

Senate bill No. 292 (with adverse majority report and favorable minority report), on motion of Mr. Schluter.

Mr. Bridges moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 292 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate bill No. 95 was then read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Lake moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that Senate bill No. 95 be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yea—86.**

Adams. Hurley.
Bailey. Kennedy.
Barbee. Kittrell.
Barrett. Lillard.
Beaty. Little.
Blount. Livsey.
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Dedeaux. Graham.
Died. Hamilton.
Died. Loyd.
Died. Marsh.
Died. Masterson.

**Absent—Excused.**

Bean. Lane.
Childs. Murphy.
Dorroh. Pitts.
Evans. Powell.
Garrett. Prince.
Goodman. Staples.
Senate bill No. 95 laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time, and passed.

Mr. Kittrell moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 95 was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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

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

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following bill, received from the Senate, was read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, viz.:

Senate bill No. 274, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senate bill No. 203 was then laid before the House, on its second reading.

Mr. Vaughan moved to suspend pending business to take up Senate bill No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Railroad Commission of Texas to charge fees for all copies of papers in its office, except such as may be furnished to some department of the State government, and to prescribe the amount of such fees," for the purpose of making it a special order for tomorrow, 11 a. m.

The motion to suspend was lost.

Mr. Shropshire moved to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, Mr. Kennedy until 9 a. m. tomorrow, and Mr. Palmer to take a recess until 8:30 o'clock a.m. today.

Question recurring on the longest time first, the motion prevailed, and the House, at 5:50 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 343, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make it a penal offense for any person to alter, change, destroy or mutilate any public record or documents authorized, required or permitted by law to be kept by any officer within this State, and to fix the punishment therefor."

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, because House bill No. 826, relating to the same subject, has been finally passed by the House.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 650, Title VIII, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the summoning of jurors in special venire cases."

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.

BAILEY, Chairman.
MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 292, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4513, Title XCIV, Chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to exemptions from the operation of the separate coach law of the State of Texas," 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.

BAILEY, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.

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

SIR: A minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 292, do not concur with the majority, and recommend that it do pass.

JONES.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 18, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 823, a bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Upshur county from the district school system to the community school system, and to authorize and empower the county to organize and conduct all of her public free schools under the community system as provided by the law as now in force," 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.

COLE, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 18, 1899.

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

SIR: We, a minority of your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 823, do not concur in the report of the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do pass.

BARRETT, THOMAS of Wise, TERRELL, MERCER, RUSSELL.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 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. 274, a bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for the county of DeWitt," 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 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 56, granting Hon. Sam R. Scott, of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, thirty days leave of absence from the State, have carefully examined said resolution and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4:10 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.

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

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, 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 carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4:10 o'clock p.m., presented the same to the Governor.

LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.
Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 300, A bill to be entitled “An Act to quiet titles to land located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled ‘An Act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or the Confederate States, a land certificate for twelve hundred and eighty acres of land,’ approved April 9, 1899, and to validate such location and surveys,”  
Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4:10 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.  
LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 17, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred  
House Joint Resolution No. 35, Amending Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 20, providing for the organization of irrigation districts, and for the levying and collection of a tax for the construction of reservoirs, dams and canals, so as to place Randall county under the operation of said law.  
Have carefully examined said resolution and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 4:10 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor.  
LIVSEY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 15, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred  
House bill Nos. 30, 166, 178, 205, 211, 230, 328, 366, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Articles 4308, 4309, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4314, 4315, 4316, Title XC, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public weighers, and providing for the appointment and election of public weighers for justice precincts, when so desired by the voters of any justice precinct, and regulate the fees charged by the public weighers, and regulating the bonds of all public weighers, and providing for an election to abolish the public weigher’s office in counties where it is not wanted, and repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act.”  
Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.  
COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 15, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 495, A bill to be entitled “An Act to validate and quiet titles to public free school, university and asylum lands sold prior to January 1, 1899; and to provide patents, and to prescribe limitation for bringing suits for the recovery of such land,”  
Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.  
COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 15, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 412, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 5043, Chapter 6, Title CII, Revised Statutes, as amended by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to inspection of live stock, so as to place Randall county under the operation of said law, and to remove Cochran, Cottle, Bailey, Parmer, Lamb and any other counties from the operation of said law,”  
Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.  
COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 15, 1899.  
Hon. J. S. Sherrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 624, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 34, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, the same being an act entitled ‘An Act to amend Article 2601, Chapter 6, Title LI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the bonds of guardians and sureties thereon,’ so as to authorize the giving of such bonds by companies organized in other States, and authorized to do business in this State, and to validate...
bonds of guardians heretofore given in this State by companies organized under the laws of other States,"

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 15, 1899.

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred House bill No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize admission to record and evidence in the courts of this State of duly certified copies of all deeds and other instruments of conveyances of land, which have been registered or recorded in other States, or in the Republic of Mexico, but which the laws of such States or of the Republic of Mexico require to be retained in the deed or notarial archives of such States, or of said Republic of Mexico, and to give such instruments like effect as deeds executed in this State; and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully examined said bill and find the same correctly enrolled, and I have this day, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor.

COLLINS, Chairman.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH DAY.

Hal of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Thursday, May 18, 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—112.

Adams.
Allen of Colorado.
Allen of Hopkins.
Ayres.
Bailey.
Barbee.
Barrett.
Beaty.
Bennett.
Blount.
Bohin.
Bridgers.
Brown.
Caldwell.
Calvin.
Chambers.
Childers.
Gill.
Goodlett.
Goodman.
Gordon.
Greenwood.
Grogan.
Grubbs.
Hamilton.
Henderson, Brazos.
Henderson, Lamar.
Howard.
Hurley.
Jones.
Kennedy.
Kittrell.
Lake.
Lillard.
Little.
Livesey.
Looney.
Loyd.
Masteron.
Maxwell.
McAliley.
McClellan.
McDowell.
McKamy.
McKellar.
Meitzen.
Mercer.
Monroe.
Morris.
Morrow.
Murray.
Neff.
Oliver.
Palmer.
Parish.
Phillips.
Peery.
Pfueffer.
Phillips, Lampasas.
Phillips of Camp.
Pitts.
Poole.
Robertson, Harrison.
Robertson of Bell.
Rochele.
Russell.
Sansom.
Savage.
Schuiter.
Sheiburne.
Shropshire.
Smith of Grayson.
Smith of Collin.
Staples.
Stewart.
Striping.
Sutherland.
Tarkington.
Tate.
Teague.
Terrell.
Thomas of Wise.
Thomas of Fannin.
Tolbert.
Tompkins.
Tucker.
Vaughan.
Walton.
Wells.
Wheelless.
Willacy.
Wilmot.
Wooten.

Absent.

Graham.
Marsh.
McFarland.
Murphy.
Nolan.

Absen—Excused.

Bean.
Garrett.
Dorroh.
Powell.
Prince.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Gatlin, Chaplain.
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.
On motion of Mr. Childers, further reading was dispensed with.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

Mr. Ratcliff until next Friday, on motion of Mr. Barbee.
Mr. Loyd for absence on yesterday, on motion of Mr. Palmer.
Mr. Seurry until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Dean.