The House met at 10:00 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker. The roll of the House was called, and the following Members were present:

- Mr. Speaker Heitman
- Anderson Hensley
- Armor Holman
- Atwell Holstein
- Baker Hope
- Ballman Hooks
- Bartram Hovey
- Bass Hovey
- Bell Huffman
- Bishop Huffman
- Blaine Hughes of Grayson
- Blanchard Hughes of Dallas
- Bowers Hutchinson
- Boyen Isaacks, Miss
- Brashenor Jackson
- Brisow Johnson
- Bryan Jones
- Bullock Joseph
- Burkett Joseph
- Byrd Kelly
- Chapman Kennedy
- Cline Kennedy
- Cloud Kilpatrick
- Cole Koliba
- Conley Kerlock
- Cory Kothmann
- Cotton Latimer
- Cowen Laurel
- Cox of Montgomery Lee
- Cox of Dallas McCoppin
- Crosthwait McDonald
- Day McGregor
- de la Garza of McLennan
- Dewey McGregor
- Dow of El Paso McMillan
- Duane Mann
- Dungan Martin
- Echtle Matthew
- Ellis May
- Fenoglio Moore of Harris
- Ferrell Moore of Tarrant
- Ford Mullen
- Foreman Murray
- Forsyth Myatt
- Glass Oliver
- Glasing Osborn
- Green Parish
- Hale Parsons
- Harrington Patterson
- Heflin Pipkin

Absent—Excused

- Heatly

A quorum of the House was announced present.

The Invocation was offered by the Reverend E. C. McDonald, Chaplain, as follows:

“Our Father in Heaven, who dost know every secret of our hearts—all that we fear—all that we hope, and all for which we are ashamed—in this moment of confusion as each man and woman looks into their own heart and mind. Have mercy upon us all and make us clean inside, that in all we do today we may have the true courtesy and honor. Let us be kind in our criticism of others and slow to judge, knowing that we ourselves one day must be judged. May a new Spirit come upon us, that we may be able to do more and better work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following Member was granted leave of absence on account of important business:

- Mr. Heatly for today on motion of Mr. Bristow.
VOTE RECORDED

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Holman was granted permission to be recorded as voting "yea" on the passage of H. J. R. No. 2, on yesterday.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House Bills were today laid before the House, read several times and referred to the appropriate Committees, as follows:

By Messrs. Walling, Stewart, Wilson of Young, Fasoglio, McIlhany, Patterson, Brawshe, Kelly, Oliver, Foot, Hughes of Dallas, Latimer, Johnson, Bullman, Cowen, Harrington, Sudderth, Sutton, Duncan, Bullock, Glass, Wohlford, Mann, Elaine, Martin, White, LaRue, Moore of Harris, Wilson of Potter, Hedlin, Maya, Puckett, Bishop, Holtzclaw, Shannon of Erath, Anderson, Schram, Crowsewell, Winfree, Kennedy, Dugas, Richardson, Sheridan, Huffman, Bowers, McGucken, Jackson, Ehrl, Foreman, Korinth, Parans, Yasky, Day, Forthw, Spring, Cory, Ford, Tunnell, Ferrell, Parish, Hutchins, Myatt, Blanchard, Byrd, Heitman, Jones, Talasek, Cox of Bell, Schwartz of Washington, Bartram, Atwell, Armor, Sherrill, Mullen, Koliba, Smith of Jefferson, and Pressler:

H. B. No. 477, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Midwestern University at Wichita Falls, Texas, and providing for work at said University suitable to a University of higher learning teaching the liberal arts and sciences and for the first class; providing for the organization, control and management thereof, the appointment of a Board of Regents, and selection of a President; providing for the granting of appropriate degrees, and to create a University of the first class providing such courses of study to be appropriate therefore; providing for the acquisition of certain lands and buildings and additional lands where necessary for the enlargement and work of said University, including the Junior College known as Hardin Junior College; empowering the Board of Regents to accept donations, gifts and endowments, and the conditions thereof; and further providing that the University hereby created shall not institute or offer any educational courses herein provided for unless and until suitable arrangements are made with Midwestern University, a private corporation, and Hardin Junior College, for the acquisition or use of the corporal properties of said Midwestern University and Hardin Junior College and their facilities unencumbered; providing all necessary details to accomplish the purpose of this Act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency." Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3.39 of Chapter 3 of the Insurance Code (Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, as amended by the Acts of 1955, 54th Legislature, Page 514, Chapter 563, Section 12) to regulate the investment of the funds of life insurance companies; and declaring an emergency." Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3.15 of Chapter 2 of the Insurance Code (Acts 1961, 52nd Legislature, Regular Session) so as to provide no "domestic" company shall pay to any of its officers, trustees, or directors a salary, compensation or emolument, or pay any such salary, compensation or emolument to any person, firm or corporation, amounting in any one year to more than Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars, unless such payment be first authorized by vote of the board of directors of such company or by a committee of such board with authority to authorize such payment; providing for exception in favor of the payment of renewal commission to agents; to permit the stockholders of "domestic" life insurance companies to authorize the inauguration of a plan or plans for the payment of pensions, retirement or group insurance to its officers and employees; to provide that the stockholders may delegate to the board of directors authority and responsibility for the preparation, inauguration, putting into effect, final approval and administration of any such plan or plans or any amendment thereof; conferring the same discretion, authority, privileges and rights upon mutual companies as are conferred upon "domestic" companies under sub-
paragraph (b); and to declare an emergency.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 426, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3.49 of the provisions of Senate Bill 226, known as the Insurance Code, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill No. 13, Acts 1955, 54th Legislature, pertaining to insurance by life, health or accident insurance companies in real estate by adding to said Article a paragraph permitting such companies to acquire, secure, hold and convey, in addition to real property now authorized by law, branch office buildings as shall be requisite for its accommodation in the transaction of its business and for lease and rental subject to certain restrictions, limitations and exceptions; repealing conflicting laws and parts of laws to the extent of such conflict; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 426. A bill to be entitled "An Act amending paragraph (2) of Section 1, Article 3.50, subchapter E, of Senate Bill No. 236, Chapter 491, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, to permit the issuance of group life insurance covering not less than ten employees under a master policy issued to an employer or to the trustees of a fund established by an employer; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

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H. B. No. 452. A bill to be entitled "An Act amending subparagraph (c) of paragraph (d) of Section 1, Article 3.50, subchapter E, of Senate Bill No. 236, Chapter 491, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, to permit the issuance of group life insurance covering not less than ten employees under a master policy issued to an employer or to the trustees of a fund established by an employer; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 452. A bill to be entitled "A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 4619 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, (Acts 1840, p. 3; G. L., vol. 2, p. 177; Acts 1913, p. 61; Acts 1927, 46th Leg., p. 219, ch. 148), to add thereto a new section No. 6 so as to provide that married woman shall have the control, management and disposition of their contracts of life insurance or annuity, subject to nullification of the provisions of this act by the husband by notice to the insurance company."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 454. A bill to be entitled "A bill to be entitled "An Act amending section 1, Article 3.50, subchapter E, of Senate Bill No. 236, Chapter 491, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, to permit the issuance of group life insurance covering not less than ten employees under a master policy issued to an employer or to the trustees of a fund established by an employer; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Sutton:

H. B. No. 485. A bill to be entitled "An Act concerning exemption from jury service, amending Article 2135, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, providing for exemption of school teachers from jury service during teaching; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Messrs. Strickland, Russell, Sheridan, Hensley and Bell:

H. B. No. 486. A bill to be entitled "An Act creating three (3) additional District Courts in and for Bexar County, Texas, to be known as the 146th,
147th and 150th District Courts; providing that the Judges thereof have been duly elected in the general election in November, 1958, and have qualified and until January 1, 1959; changing the name and the designation of the Special 37th Judicial District Court to the 131st Judicial District Court; prescribing the terms and jurisdiction of said District Courts; adjusting the terms, jurisdiction and business of the District Courts of Bexar County; providing that the Judges of the present District Courts of Bexar County shall continue to hold their offices for the terms for which they were elected and until their successors qualified; providing for the election of the Judges of the 146th, 147th and 150th District Courts; prescribing their qualifications, powers and duties; providing for the appointment, designation, compensation, powers, and duties of other officers of the District Courts of Bexar County; providing the method of selecting juries; making other provisions relating to the business and functioning of the District Courts of Bexar County, amending Article 52-161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1925, as amended, as the same relates to and provides for Criminal District Courts of Bexar County; amending Article 399 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as the same relates to and provides for the District Courts of Bexar County, Texas; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency.

Referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Sudderth:
H. B. No. 487. A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1, Chapter 457, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Second Called Session, 1935, as amended, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, beer or wine, in grocery stores or food markets."

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Regulation.

By Messrs. Ellis, de la Garza and Spillman:

14th District Court; the 147th District Court, and the 150th District Court, shall not function as courts until the Judges thereof have been duly elected in the general election in November, 1958, and have qualified and until January 1, 1959; changing the name and the designation of the Special 37th Judicial District Court to the 131st Judicial District Court; prescribing the terms and jurisdiction of said District Courts; adjusting the terms, jurisdiction and business of the District Courts of Bexar County; providing that the Judges of the present District Courts of Bexar County shall continue to hold their offices for the terms for which they were elected and until their successors qualified; providing for the election of the Judges of the 146th, 147th and 150th District Courts; prescribing their qualifications, powers and duties; providing for the appointment, designation, compensation, powers, and duties of other officers of the District Courts of Bexar County; providing the method of selecting juries; making other provisions relating to the business and functioning of the District Courts of Bexar County, amending Article 52-161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1925, as amended, as the same relates to and provides for Criminal District Courts of Bexar County; amending Article 399 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as the same relates to and provides for the District Courts of Bexar County, Texas; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency.

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Ch. 238, Sect. 1; Acts 1945, 48th Leg., p. 200, Ch. 119, Sect. 1; Acts 1953, 53rd Leg., p. 53, Ch. 43, Sect. 1; Acts 1955, 54th Leg., p. 547, ch. 184, Sect. 1, by eliminating the portion thereof requiring that the enforcement of the inspection program be self-financing, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Messrs. Ellis, de la Garza and Spillman:
H. B. No. 489, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending that part of Sec. 2 titled "Co-Operative Financing Plan" and Sec. 10 of Acts 1955, 44th Leg., page 33, as amended Acts 1953, 53rd Leg., page 69, Ch. 51, Sect. 1; Acts 1965, 64th Leg., p. 905, Ch. 356, Sect. 1, by eliminating the portion thereof requiring that the enforcement of the inspection program be self-financing, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Messrs. McGregor of McLennan, Cory, Jackson, Swarts of Galveston and Brustow:
H. B. No. 490, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for anyone to willfully deface, damage or destroy any historical building or monument; defining any building or monument; providing penalties; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Schwartz of Washington:
H. B. No. 491, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring a special audit of county records in any county upon a petition of at least thirty per cent (30%) of the qualified voters of the county; providing for the employment of an auditor for such special audit; providing for qualifications, duties and compensation; requiring such audit to be held with the district court having jurisdiction in the county and the State Auditor; providing this Act shall be cumulative and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Cox of Montgomery:
H. B. No. 492, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the County Clerk
of each county to destroy blood test certificates on file in the County Clerk's office after the expiration of one year from the date of filing; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Pemman:

H. B. No. 493, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 5 and 12 of Chapter 436, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, as amended, (codified in Vernon's as Sections 6 and 13 of Article 5221c) relating to inspection of steam boilers; changing the amount of inspection fees and fees for the issuance of Certificates of Operation; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Cloud:

H. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a conservation and reclamation district under Article XVI, Section 59, of the Constitution comprising the territory contained within the cities of Seymour, Knox City, Munday, Goree, Hazle, Rule, and Rochester, to be known as the "North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority", for the purpose of providing a source of water supply for municipal, domestic, industrial, and mining uses and processing and transporting the same; providing for a board of directors to govern said authority; providing for the annexation of additional territory thereto; authorizing the authority to do all things to make available for the above-named uses water from surface sources and water it may obtain by purchase, lease and operation contracts with persons, firms, corporations, and public agencies or the United States Government or any of its agencies; empowering the authority to acquire land and construct, lease, or otherwise acquire all facilities necessary or useful in diverting, impounding, storing, processing, or transporting water for the above-named purpose; authorizing the authority to lease or acquire rights in and to storage and storage capacity in any reservoir; authorizing the issuance of bonds and making provision for the payment and security thereof; making applicable to the authority Title 52, Revised Civil Statutes, as amended, relating to eminent domain, and declaring the authority to be a municipal corporation within the meaning of Article 2268 of Title 52; providing that the authority shall bear the expense of relocation, raising, or rerouting of any highway, railroad, or utility lines or pipelines made necessary by its exercise of the power of eminent domain; prescribing other powers and duties of the authority; providing that the authority shall not exercise any of the power or authority conferred in this act until establishment of such authority is confirmed at an election held throughout the authority; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; providing that nothing in this act shall be interpreted to repeal or amend Article 2471, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Sanders:

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 283, Acts of the 44th Legislature, Regular Session, 1935 (Article 2268, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) to include the Veterans Administration and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs in the Exemption from security and bond requirements in actions brought in the courts of this State; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Military and Veteran's Affairs.

By Mr. Sisack:

H. B. No. 496, A bill to be entitled "An Act to be entitled the Texas Equitable Pooling Act relating to pooling agreements and providing for the pooling of mineral interests into drilling units under certain conditions by the Railroad Commission of Texas, the allocation of production on a drilling unit, authorizing orders for certain secondary recovery operations; providing for the approval of pooling and development agreements; and other provisions in relation thereto; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Oil, Gas and Mining.
By Mr. Sutton:  
H. B. No. 497, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1534 of Vernon's Annotated Penal Code of Texas, of 1925, same being an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas of 1876, page 182 as amended by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, of 1925, page 9, defining embezzlement and conversion, providing a penalty for violation of any provision of this Act, and providing that a conviction for a violation of any provision of this Act may be had upon the uncorroborated testimony of an accomplice; providing that when an accomplice is compelled by the State to testify upon the trial of any person accused of a violation of any provision of this Act, such accomplice shall not be liable for prosecution for the violation of any provision of this Act about which he may be compelled to testify, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act or any provision thereof; and further providing that when an accomplice is compelled by the State to testify upon the trial of any person accused of a violation of any provision of this Act, such accomplice shall not be liable for prosecution for the violation of any provision of this Act about which he may be compelled to testify, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act or any provision thereof; and further providing that a conviction for a violation of this Act or any provision thereof, if he is compelled to so testify in behalf of the State of Texas on such trial, shall not be liable for prosecution for the violation of this Act or any provision of this Act about which he may testify; and further providing (4) that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed."

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. de la Garza:  
H. B. No. 498, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2135 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1919, as last amended by Acts of the 44th Legislature, Chapter 288, Section 2, by providing certain additional exemptions from jury service; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Mann:  
H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to continuances in court actions where a party or an attorney for a party is a member of the Legislature; amending Section 1 of Chapter 7, Acts of the 41st Legislature, Regular Session, as amended, and as re-enacted by Chapter 549, Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session, codified as Article 318a of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Messrs. Strickland and Russell:  
H. B. No. 500, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Board of Regents of The University of Texas to establish a Medical Branch or Department of the University of Texas within the County of Bexar, State of Texas; providing that the Board of Regents shall take no action until an appropriation has been made for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act; authorizing the Board of Regents to prescribe courses
and to make rules and regulations for
the operation, control and management
of the new Medical Branch or Depart-
ment of The University of Texas; pro-
viding that the Board of Regents of
The University of Texas shall select
a suitable name for said Medical
Branch or Department; authorizing
the Board of Regents to accept grants
or gifts of money or property which
may be tendered to it from any sources
in the aid of the establishment of said
Medical Branch or Department, or in
aid of research and teaching at the
said new Medical Branch or Depart-
ment of The University of Texas; pro-
viding that before acceptance of such
gifts, grants, and donations the Board
of Regents shall secure the opinion of
the Attorney General on the title of
all real property conveyed; providing
that the Board of Regents shall pro-
ceed with the planning necessary for
the conduct and operation of a first
class medical college with a class
of not less than one hundred (100)
students, exclusive of all other entering
classes in the present Medical Branch-
es of The University of Texas,
providing that this Act shall be severable;
and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on
Constitutional Amendments.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1957.
Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.
Sir: I am directed by the Senate
to inform the House that the Senate
has passed the following:

S. B. No. 149, To include poultry
and domestic rabbits in the Meat In-
spection Law; and declaring an
emergency.

S. C. R. No. 24, Granting permis-
sion to the City of McAllen, Texas, to
 sue the State.

Respectfully,
CHARLES SCHNABEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED
TO ES-
CORT MRS. HOWARD GARDNER
TO SPEAKER'S ROSTRUM
The Speaker announced the
appointment of the following to escort
Mrs. Howard Gardner and party to
the Speaker's Rostrum:

Messrs. Kilpatrick, Chairman;
Huebner, Harrington, Dugas,
Ramsey, Joseph, Wilson of Potter,
and Hollowell.

TO NAME BILL SADLER AND SAM
SADLER AS MASCOTS OF THE
HOUSE
H. J. R. No. 34, A joint resolution Mr.
Glass offered the following
"Proposing an amendment to the
Constitution of the State of Texas by
amending Section 5 of Article VII
removing therefrom the provision for
transfer of funds not to exceed one (1)
per cent annually from the Per-
mament School Fund to the Avail-
able School Fund and by add-
ing a new section after Section 5 of
Article VII of the Constitution of the
State of Texas to be designated as
Section 5a by providing for the
broader investment of the Permanent
School Fund, in corporate bonds and
stocks under certain conditions and
limitations; providing for an elec-
tion and the issuance of a proclama-
tion therefor."

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Referred to the Committee on
State Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON
FIRST READING
The following House Joint Resolu-
tion was today laid before the House,
read first time and referred to the
appropriate Committee, as follows:

By Messrs. McDonald, Kennard
and Anderson:
H. J. R. No. 34, A joint resolution
"Proposing an amendment to the
Constitution of the State of Texas by
amending Section 5 of Article VII
removing therefrom the provision for
transfer of funds not to exceed one (1)
per cent annually from the Per-
mament School Fund to the Avail-
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ing a new section after Section 5 of
Article VII of the Constitution of the
State of Texas to be designated as
Section 5a by providing for the
broader investment of the Permanent
School Fund, in corporate bonds and
stocks under certain conditions and
limitations; providing for an elec-
tion and the issuance of a proclama-
tion therefor."

Whereas, We have with us from
time to time two smiling, pleasant
young men, Bill Sadler and Sam
Sadler, who add much to the cheer
of the House; and
Whereas, These outstanding young
men are the sons of the Honorable
Jerry Sadler, our esteemed fellow
member and his charming wife, Laura
Sadler; and
Whereas, These two young men of
Percilla are proper candidates as
Mascots for the House of Representatives; now, therefore, be it.
Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, that Bill Sadler and Sam Sadler be, and they are hereby named Mascots of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session; and, be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to these children, and that the House go on record as extending to them its best wishes for their happiness and success during their entire lives.

GLASS, HOLSTEIN.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS OF CASIS SCHOOL

Mr. Sandahl offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 189

Whereas, The Fifth Grade students of Casis School, Austin, Texas, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Frances Osborne, were visiting the Texas Legislature and other points of interest in the State Capitol on the 19th day of February, 1967; and

Whereas, These fine young American citizens, who are the future leaders of our State and Nation, were on an educational tour to observe and learn the workings of our State Government; and

Whereas, The Texas House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature commends this group for their interest and for their desire to learn more of their democratic form of government, which is the foundation of our country and our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That they be officially recognized and commended and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the class.

SANDAHL.
FOREMAN.
JONES.

The resolution was adopted.

TO GRANT THE CITY OF McALLEN PERMISSION TO SUE THE STATE

Mr. Spilman offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 34

Whereas, The City of McAllen, Texas is a municipal corporation organized under the provisions of Article XI, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 13 of Title 28 of the Revised Civil Statutes, and

Whereas, During the period February, 1962 through and including January, 1967, the City of McAllen, Texas has paid to the State of Texas gas gathering taxes on natural gas received by the City of McAllen under the terms of a contract dated February 1, 1952 between said City and Taylor Refining Company and Mayfair Minerals, Inc., both Texas corporations, said taxes being purported to be levied by Acts 1931, 42nd Legislature, p. 111, Ch. 75, as amended, such Acts being purported to be levied by Acts 1931, 42nd Legislature, p. 111, Ch. 75, as amended, such Acts being codified as Article 7047b, Vernon’s Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas, and

Whereas, The above-described legislative enactment provides the tax levied is an occupation tax and the courts of Texas have, since the passage of such Act, uniformly held that the tax levied by such enactment is an occupation tax, and

Whereas, Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of Texas provides that occupation taxes shall not be imposed upon municipal corporations and such tax imposed as it is levied against the interest of the City of McAllen, Texas constitutes an occupation tax against a municipal corporation and it is therefore asserted by the City of McAllen, Texas that such tax is unconstitutional and illegal insofar as the interest in natural gas of the City of McAllen, Texas, is concerned and the City of McAllen, Texas is desirous of determining the liability, if any, imposed upon its interest in the natural gas received by it under the terms of the above-mentioned contract dated February 1, 1952, and

Whereas, There is no provision of law whereby the money herefore paid as gas gathering taxes by the City of McAllen, Texas, and
which it is claimed has been unlawfully extracted, can be returned or recovered except through direct appropriation by the Legislature, and

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Texas has from time to time permitted firms, municipal corporations and individuals to recover taxes illegally extracted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, with the Senate concurring, that the City of McAllen, Texas, a municipal corporation, be and it is hereby granted permission to sue the State of Texas in any Court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Texas, by service upon the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the State Treasurer of the State of Texas and the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas to recover judgment against the State of Texas for all amounts of money heretofore illegally extracted from and paid by the City of McAllen, Texas, as production taxes under the provisions of Article 7047b, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas; and be it further

Resolved, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as an admission of liability against the State, and the facts upon which the City of McAllen, Texas, may seek to recover must be proved as in any other civil case and either of the parties shall have the right of appeal, and be it further

Resolved, That the Investigating Committee shall and does have the power to fully investigate any and all insurance companies, associations, corporations and/or companies or corporations of any kind or character that it deems necessary, in order to determine the adequacy or inadequacy of Texas' present insurance and/or securities laws.

The amendment was adopted.

H. S. R. No. 165 was then adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 265 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 19, Acts of the Forty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1933, respecting the rates of tuition or registration fees to be charged by the institutions of higher education supported in whole or in part by public funds appropriated from the State Treasury, repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Parish offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 265, page 9, Subsection "i", line 8 by substituting for the word "present" the following words:

"preceding semester".

The amendment was adopted.
Mr. Harrington offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. 266 by changing the effective date of this act to Sept. 1, 1968, rather than Sept. 1, 1957.

Mr. Watson moved to table the amendment by Mr. Harrington. The motion by Mr. Watson to table prevailed.

H. B. No. 266 was then passed by the following vote:

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Mr. Watson moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 266 was passed and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

ADDRESS BY MRS. HOWARD W. GARDNER

In accordance with the provisions of H. R. R. No. 96, the resolution previously adopted inviting Mrs. Howard W. Gardner of Beaumont, President of the National Muscular Dystrophy Research Foundation, to address the House of Representatives, Mrs. Gardner was escorted to the Speaker's rostrum by Messrs. Kilpatrick, Hudnall, Harrington, Oliver, Dugas, Ramsey, Joseph, Wilson of Potter and Holloway.

Mr. Watson moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 266 was passed and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

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Speaker Carr presented Mr. Smith of Jefferson, who presided during the address and the ceremony following.

Mr. Smith of Jefferson introduced Mrs. Gardner to the House.

Mrs. Gardner then addressed the House.

Mr. Smith of Jefferson then presented Mr. Zbranek who presented Mrs. Gardner with an enrolled copy of H. B. No. 96, the resolution inviting her to address the House.

Mr. Smith of Jefferson presented Mrs. Gardner with a bouquet of red roses, a gift of friends.

Mr. Smith of Jefferson presented Mrs. Gardner with a message from Governor Price Daniel, expressing the Governor's regrets on not being able to be present for the address.

Mr. Smith of Jefferson then introduced the following members of Mrs. Gardner's party who were present and seated on the Speaker's rostrum:

Mrs. J. A. Rainey and Mrs. G. L. Millikan of Beaumont, Texas; Judge Clyde Smith of the Supreme Court of Texas, and Senator Jep Fuller of Beaumont.

Mr. Smith of Jefferson also introduced Mr. Howard Gardner.

(Speaker in the Chair)

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON SECOND READING

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

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1817, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, so as to change the location of the Court of Civil Appeals for the First Supreme Judicial District from the City of Galveston to the City of Houston and making provision for suitable rooms for such Court and for the justices thereof; providing for the temporary conduct of business at either the City of Galveston or the City of Houston but providing that the change of location from the City of Galveston to the City of Houston shall be completed by January 1, 1958, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Baker moved that further consideration of House Bill No. 14 be postponed until March 4, at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

There was no objection and it was so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 ON SECOND READING

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

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for fixing the compensation of judges of district courts in districts consisting of three or more counties; providing the manner of payment; establishing a limitation of amount of such compensation; providing for the validity of the remaining portion of Act if any part declared unconstitutional; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Blanchard offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. 48 as follows:

Section 1, lines 1, 2, and 3 strike the words "any county of this State which comprises a part of a judicial district consisting of three or more counties," and insert in lieu thereof the following words, "the 106th, 109th, and 143rd Judicial Districts," and

Section 4, lines 2 and 3, strike the words "counties of this State which comprises a part of a judicial district consisting of three or more counties," and insert in lieu thereof the following words, "the 106th, 109th, and 143rd Judicial Districts," and

The amendment was adopted.

H. B. No. 48 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Roberts moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 48...
be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 48 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1957

Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

H. B. No. 206, Providing for the transfer of title to certain lands to the State Highway Commission consisting of a certain tract in Nueces County; and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 277, Providing for the leasing of the Texas Hall of State Building, Fair Park, Dallas, to the City of Dallas; and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 241, Prohibiting the hunting or running of deer in Brazoria, Matagorda, Fort Bend and Wharton Counties by the use of dogs.

H. B. No. 129, Relating to the creation and designation of ground water conservation District No. 3, south of the Canadian River.

H. B. No. 149, An Act creating a Court of Domestic Relations for Smith County, Texas; fixing its jurisdiction, etc.

Respectfully,

CHARLES SCHNABEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 248 ON PASSAGE TO ENGROSSMENT

Mr. Kilpatrick moved that all the necessary rules be suspended for the purpose of calling from the table and considering at this time, House Bill No. 248.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending subsections (a), (b), of Section 9, and Section 21 of Chapter 147, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature, Regular Session, creating the port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, so as to clarify and make more certain the rights, powers, privi-
logies, functions and authority of said districts to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain facilities or aids consistent to or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways within the district, and to make more certain that any obligation incurred payable from taxation shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate; and to provide for the election of five port commissioners whose terms shall be staggered and shall be for a period of four years; and to make clear that all general and special laws applicable to navigation districts created pursuant to Section 29, Article 16, of the constitution, except as expressly limited by the Act creating the port of Beaumont Navigation district, shall apply to said district; providing a savings clause; and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on February 7.

Mr. Shannon of Braxton offered the following Committee Amendment to the bill:

Committee Amendment No. 3

Amend the caption of House Bill No. 248 to conform to the body of the bill.

The Committee Amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fenoglio offered the following Committee Amendment to the bill:

Committee Amendment No. 2

Amend House Bill No. 248, page 2, Section 2, line 5 of paragraph (b), by changing the period to a semicolon and adding the following: "Provided that such specified facilities or other facilities or aid shall not be of a type or kind used or engaged in competition with tugs, barges, salvage operations and ship building or ship repair operations."

The Committee Amendment was adopted.

Mr. Shackelford offered the following Committee Amendment to the bill:

Committee Amendment No. 1

Amend House Bill No. 248, page 1, Section 1, line 5 of paragraph (a), by inserting between the word "district" and the word "in" the following: "Provided that such specified facilities or other facilities or aid shall not be of a type or kind used or engaged in competition with tugs, barges, salvage operations and ship building or ship repair operations."

The Committee Amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kilpatrick offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 248, Page 1, Line 15 of the printed bill by striking the word "five" and substituting the word "six" in place thereof and Page 1, Line 15 of the printed bill by striking the word "four" and substituting the word "six" in place thereof, such corrections being in the caption of such bill and made to bring the caption in conformity with the body of the bill as amended.

Amend House Bill No. 248, by striking Section 9 of such Chapter 147 as contained in Section 4 of such House Bill and set out in the printed bill beginning on line 61 of page 1, and going through line 18 of page 2 of such printed bill and substitute therefor the following:

"Section 9. The present board of commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. On the first Tuesday in April in the first odd-numbered year after the effective date of the amendment to this Act, there shall be held a general election in said district at which time there shall be elected six (6) Port Commissioners; two (2) of the members to be elected for a term of two (2) years; two (2) for a term of four years; and the remaining two members for a term of six (6) years. Upon the expiration of the respective terms of each director the successor shall be elected thereafter for a term of six (6) years. One-third of such board shall be elected on the first Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year thereafter and serve for a term of six (6) years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Said board of Port Commissioners shall call such elections, which shall be called and held and the returns thereof made and canvassed as provided for the first election in said Act, except that the same shall be called and held by the board of Port Commissioners and
notice thereof shall be given by posting a substantial copy of the order calling the same at three (3) public places in said district not less than ten (10) days before the date of said election."

Amend House Bill No. 248, page 2, line 33 of the printed bill by changing the period to a semicolon and adding the following provision within the quotation mark: "provided that the facilities now in use by the District shall never be encumbered or subject to forced sale."

The amendments were severally adopted.

H. B. No. 248 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 248 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Kilpatrick moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 248 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 248 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:
Yeas-140
Anderson Jackson
Armor Jamieson
Atwell Johnson
Baker Jones
Ballman Joseph
Bartram Kelly
Baas Kennard
Bell Kennedy
Bishop Kilpatrick
Blaine Korioth
Blanchard Kothmann
Bowers Lattimer
Boyens Laurel
Brasher Lee
Bratton McCoppin
Bryan McDonald
Buick Gregg
Byrd of McLemore
Chapman McGregor
Cline of El Paso
Cloud Mcllhany
Cole Mann
Conley Martin
Cory Matthew
Cotten Mays
Cowen Moore of Harris
Cox of Bell Mullen
Crosthwalt Murray
Day Myatt
de la Garza Oliver
Dewey Osborn
Duff, Miss Parish
Dugas Parsons
Dungan Patterson
Ehrle Pickin
Elliot Pool
Ellis Pressler
Engel Puckett
Ferrell Ramsey
Forsman Richardson
Forsyth Roberts
Glass Russell
Goss Sandahl
Hale Sanders
Harrington Scrum
Hoffin Schwartz
Holtman of Galveston
Holley Seligson
Holloway Shackelford
Holman Shannon of Erath
Holtstein Shannon
Hooks of Tarrant
Howley Shaw
Husker Sherrill
Hufner Slack
Hufner Smith of Hays
Hughes of Grayson Smith of Jefferson
Hughes of Dallas Sulman
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Isacks, Miss Stewart

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Strickland Welch
Strroman Wheeler
Sudduth White
Sutton Wilson of Young
Talasek Wilson of Potter
Terrell Winfrey
Thurmood Wulford
Tunnell Woolsey
Turner Yenne
Walling Zbranek

Absent
Burgett Saul
Ford Schwartz
Green of Washington
Koliba Sheridan
Sadler

Absent—Excused

Heastly

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick and by unanimous consent of the House, the Capitol of House BILL No. 248 was ordered amended to conform with the body of the bill.

HOUSE BILL NO. 84 ON SECOND READING

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

"H. B. No. 84, A bill to be entitled 
"An Act defining a geological or geophysical map, defining theft of a geological or geophysical map; prescribing what constitutes the taking of a geological or geophysical map; making it a felony to commit the crime of theft of a geological or geophysical map; making it a felony to receive, possess, reproduce, conceal, barter, sell, dispose of or transport a geological or geophysical map knowing the same to have been so acquired; prescribing a penalty; providing that this act shall be cumulative of all laws of the state and any violation hereof may be prosecuted irrespective of whether or not the acts complained of may constitute some of the essential elements of other or different offenses against the penal laws of this state; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Miss Duff offered the following Committee Amendment to the bill:
Committee Amendment No. 1

Amend House Bill No. 84 by substituting the word "fraudulent taking" instead of the word "taking" in line one of Section 3, and by adding the following after the word "map" in said Section 3, "as defined in Section 2 hereof."

Miss Duff offered the following substitute amendment for the Committee Amendment No. 1:

Substitute for Committee Amendment No. 1

Amend Sec. 3 of H. B. No. 84 to read as follows:

To constitute fraudulent taking of a geological or geophysical map it is sufficient if, without the consent of the owner, such map be taken or be copied, traced, sketched, or photographed with intent to appropriate the same to the use or benefit of the person taking the same or for the benefit of anyone other than the owner thereof.

The substitute amendment was adopted.

Committee Amendment No. 1 as substituted was adopted.

Miss Duff offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 84, by inserting in Section 6, the following after the word theft: "of a geological or geophysical map."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. McGregor of McLennan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Theft of a geological or geophysical map is the fraudulent taking of a geological or geophysical map from the possession of the owner thereof, or from the possession of anyone holding the same for such owner, without the consent of such owner thereof with intent to appropriate the same to the use or benefit of the person taking the same or for the benefit of anyone other than the owner thereof.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Slack offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 84 by adding after line 24 following the last word period the following:

"Provided, however, that the terms of this act shall apply to and be effective to such geological or geophysical map as defined herein, only when the information, facts, and conditions reflected thereby have been procured and obtained with the consent and permission of the various owners of the respective mineral estates lying in and under the surface tracts depicted by said map."

Mr. Sanders moved to table the amendment by Mr. Slack.

Mr. Baker raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment by Mr. Slack to H. B. No. 84 on the ground that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

The motion by Mr. Sanders to table the amendment by Mr. Slack was lost.

The amendment by Mr. Slack was adopted.

H. B. No. 84 was then passed to engrossment.

MOTION TO PLACE HOUSE BILL NO. 84 ON THIRD READING

Miss Duff moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 84 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion was lost by the following vote (not receiving the necessary four-fifths vote):

Yeas—110
Anderson Atwell Ballman Bishop Blythe Blanchard Bowers Boyden Bryan
Bullock Byrd Chapman Cline Cloud Cole Conley Cowen Cox of Montgomery
Mr. Sanders moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 84 was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blanchard moved that the House adjourn until 10:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Hale moved that the House recess until 2:30 o'clock p.m. today. The motion to recess was lost.

The Reverend E. C. McDonald, Chaplain, offered the Benediction, as follows:

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. In His name, Christ Jesus, our Lord—Amen."

The motion to adjourn prevailed and the House accordingly, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committees have filed favorable reports on bills and resolutions, as follows:

An Act amending S. Chapter of this Act; providing for certain rules and regulations by Treasury; providing for the be used for increasing teacher's Legislature, Regular Ellis to whom was referred Hon. Waggoner REPORTS OF B. No. 246, and B. No. 182. Has carefully compared same and retained herein less tuition scholarships tratid fees to be charged by the institutions of higher education respecting the rates of ed in whole or in part by the public herein shall repeal Article 2654b, Acts of the forty-third Legislature, 1943, Page 568, tbe Forty-first Legislature, 1929, herewith; providing nothing held in part by the public... to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conserva... tion and development of the water resources of the State; providing for the calling of an election and the publica... in the Constitutional of Texas, so as to increase the limit on the maximum monthly payment to needy aged persons from state funds and on the total yearly expenditure out of state funds for assistance to needy aged, needy blind, and needy children. Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed. HERMAN YEZAK, Chairman. Austin, Texas, February 19, 1957 Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred H. B. No. 265, A bill to be entitled An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 196, Acts of the Forty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1933, as amended by Chapter 218, Acts of the Fiftieth Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, respecting the rates of tuition or registration fees to be charged by the institutions of higher education supported in whole or in part by the public funds appropriated from the State Treasury; providing for the establishment of Tuition Scholarships and the rules and regulations of administering same; providing that the increase contained herein less tuition scholarships be used for increasing teacher's salaries and for additional teachers; and defining the resident and non-resident student classifications for the purposes of this Act; providing for certain penalties; establishing the rates of tuition or registration fees to be charged in the Medical and Dental Schools of The University of Texas; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing nothing herein shall repeal Article 2664b, Acts of the Forty-eighth Legislature, 1929, Second Called Session, Page 90, Chapter 52, Section 1; and Article 2664b-1, Acts of the Forty-third Legislature, 1933, First Called Session, Page 19, Chapter 6, Acts of the Forty-eighth Legislature, 1943, Page 568, Chapter 227, Section 1, and Acts of the Forty-ninth Legislature, 1945, Page 552, Chapter 338, Section 1, and Acts of the Fifty-third Legislature, 1953, Page 76, Chapter 205, Section 1; containing a severability clause; providing an effective date for the enforcement hereof; and declaring an emergency. Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed. HERMAN YEZAK, Chairman. Austin, Texas, February 19, 1957 Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 2, Proposing an amendment to Article 113, Section 51a of the Constitution of Texas, so as to increase the limit on the maximum monthly payment to needy aged persons from state funds and on the total yearly expenditure out of state funds for assistance to needy aged, needy blind, and needy children. Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed. HERMAN YEZAK, Chairman. Austin, Texas, February 19, 1957 Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 3, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a section to be known as Section 49c of Article 111, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds by the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State; providing for the calling of an election and the publication and issuance of the proclamation thereof. Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed. HERMAN YEZAK, Chairman. Austin, Texas, February 19, 1957 Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred finds it correctly engrossed.

H. C. R. No. 33, Memorialising Congress as to state rights. HERMAN YEZAK, Chairman.
Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 176, In Memory of Walter E. Williams.

Whereas, On February 17, 1957, the city of Fort Worth and the State of Texas lost a worthy and useful citizen in the passing of Walter E. Williams, and

Whereas, He had lived in Tarrant County since 1881 and in Fort Worth for fifty years, having been born in Chamois, Missouri, more than ninety-four years ago, and

Whereas, This pioneer citizen served on the Tarrant County School Board thirty-four years. He was first elected to the Board in 1916 and in 1933 was named president. He served in this position fifteen years. Mr. Williams had also farmed and taught school at Kennedale. He retired in 1951, and

Whereas, He was a long-time member of the Church of Christ; and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. L. Harwell and Mrs. R. E. Duncan, four grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a page in today's Journal be devoted to his memory, and that the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Texas Legislature do adjourn on this day and date in memory of Walter E. Williams; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his surviving daughters as a token of sympathy.

GREEN,
KENNARD,
McDONALD,
COWEN,
HOLMAN,
MOORE of Tarrant.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.
Mr. Day offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 177, In Memory of John Lawrence "Laurie" Henson.

Whereas, On February 8, 1957, the County of Waller and the State of Texas lost an esteemed citizen in the passing of John Lawrence "Laurie" Henson; and

Whereas, This good man's life was exemplary of the courage that shows itself in gentleness, true wisdom that shows itself in simplicity, and a Christian Faith that finds its expression in righteousness; and

Whereas, "Laurie" Henson was born at Howth Station in his beloved Waller County; and

Whereas, He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Culla Henson, Hempstead; one son, John Lawrence Henson, Jr., Hempstead; and

Whereas, In the Book of Saint John in the Holy Bible is the comforting promise, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled. neither let it be afraid."

Whereas, The House of Representatives wishes to pay tribute to the worthy life of John Lawrence Henson; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a House Journal page be set aside in his memory and that when the House adjourns this day it do so in loving respect to him.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.
Mr. Smith of Hays offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 178, In Memory of Mrs. W. D. French.

Whereas, On November 22, 1956, the town of Lockhart and the State of Texas lost a truly sainted lady in passing of Mrs. W. D. French; and

Whereas, Mrs. French was born in Lockhart on July 26, 1873, to Wm. D. and Sarah Elizabeth McCausland, and was married to W. D. French in Lockhart on April 18, 1898; and

Whereas, She is survived by three children: Mrs. H. G. Pope of Lockhart, Mrs. Marcial Sorrel of Wharton, and David A. French of Lockhart, and eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, She served as superintendent and teacher in the primary department of the First Methodist Church Sunday School for over sixty-four years and had great Christian influence on youngsters and adults alike throughout the years, opening her heart and home to one and all; and

Whereas, Mrs. French was very active in civic affairs, having served in the Missionary Union, and as President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and as a Charter member of the Lockhart Music Club, and as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature to express to the surviving members of the family their sincere sympathy, and pay tribute to an inspirational life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Enrolling Clerk send copies of this resolution to the family of Mrs. W. D. French; and, be it further

Resolved, That a page be set aside in the House Journal in memory of Mrs. W. D. French, and that when the House adjourns this day, it do so in loving memory, and respect to her.

SMITH of Hays.
CLINE.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.
In Memory of  

Mrs. Walter Sparks  

Mr. Welch offered the following resolution:  

H. S. R. No. 179, In Memory of Mrs. Walter Sparks.  

Whereas, On February 3, 1967, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call Mrs. Walter Sparks to her eternal reward; and  

Whereas, The City of Groesbeck and the State of Texas lost a beloved citizen on the passing of Mrs. Walter Sparks at the age of sixty-six; and  

Whereas, Mrs. Sparks was born in Italy, Texas, and had lived in Groesbeck for forty years; and  

Whereas, Mrs. Sparks was a member of the Methodist Church and for many years has been outstanding in church and civic affairs, serving her church in many capacities, being a member of the official board and president of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service at the time of her death. She had also served as president of the Shakespeare Club, for years served the county in Red Cross and polio drives, and always helped with the TB X-ray unit. During the war and afterwards she served in War Bond and Stamp drives in the town and county. Her services in all activities will be greatly missed and the town and county has lost a fine Christian woman, a devoted neighbor and friend, and a loyal citizen; and  

Whereas, She is survived by her husband, Walter Sparks of Thornton, and five sisters; Mrs. Sam McCord, of Mexia; Mrs. Carl Smith, of Antlers, Oklahoma; Mrs. L. R. Edwards, of Houston; Mrs. Lee Gorman, of Italy; and Mrs. J. E. Cooper, Jr., of Waxahachie; and one brother, R. L. Ward, of Italy; and  

Whereas, The House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature wishes to recognize and pay tribute to the lovely life of Mrs. Walter Sparks; now, therefore, be it  

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to her family and that when the House adjourns this day it do so in loving respect to Mrs. Walter Sparks.  

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.