The House met at 10:30 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:

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Smith of Hays  Wodsey
Smith of Jefferson  Yenck
Spilman    Shrank

Absent—Excused
Bass        McCoppin
Laurel      Laurel

A quorum of the House was announced present.

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

"Our Heavenly Father, we lift our voices to Thee in deepest gratitude for the good rains which have fallen over our State. We are grateful to Thee for the privileges we enjoy of association with Speaker Carr, the Representatives, and their helpers. We rejoice in this privilege for we know we are associating with the best people in our State. Help us not to be satisfied with these friends alone, but to ask the best friend any person ever had to associate with us, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. —Amen."

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following Members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

- Mr. Laurel for today on motion of Mr. de la Garza.
- Mr. McCoppin temporarily for today on motion of Mr. Terrell.
- Mr. Bass for today on motion of Mr. Cline.
APPOINTMENT OF THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

February 25, 1967

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee pursuant to the provisions of H. S. B. 165, the Insurance Investigating Committee:

Messrs. McDonald, Chairman; Conley, Cotten, Pressler, and Joseph.

BILLS AND RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

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

H. C. R. No. 18, Granting the Coca-Cola Bottling Company permission to sue the State.

H. B. No. 253, An Act relating to fishing in Caddo Lake and its tributaries in Harrison and Marion Counties, Texas; providing a limit on the number and size of crappie taken from these waters; providing a limit on the number and size of catfish taken from these waters; providing a penalty for violation; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency.

S. B. No. 33, An Act authorizing and directing the State Youth Development Council acting by its Executive Secretary to execute and deliver to the State Highway Commission of Texas a right-of-way easement to certain land in Cooke County, Texas, for the reconstruction and maintenance of a State highway extending along or across certain State property known as Gainesville State School for Girls, and declaring an emergency.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House Bills were to day laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate Committees, as follows:

By Mr. Mays:

H. B. No. 513. A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate deeds, conveyances and instruments executed by the county judge and joined by the Commissioners' Court where such instruments were executed prior to 1930 under certain conditions and circumstances; providing the Act shall not apply to land conveyed to a county for educational purposes, nor to instances where the validity of the sale or conveyance is being questioned in pending litigation; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Messrs. Tunnell and Ferrell:

H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay the principal due thereon of a certain judgment obtained against the State of Texas in Cause No. 195,692, styled Delta Gulf Drilling Company vs. The State of Texas in the 126th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; according to the tenor, effect and reading of such judgment; providing that no interest shall be paid thereon; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Messrs. Sandahl, Foreman and Jones:

H. B. No. 515, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House Bill No. 172, Acts Fifty-second Legislature, 1961 (Art. 326K-14), Vernon's Civil Statutes) so that in the 53rd Judicial District of Texas the maximum salary of Assistants, Investigators, Reporters and Secretaries appointed by the District Attorney may be fixed at a sum not exceeding Seven Thousand, Five Hundred ($7,500.00) Dollars; and containing a severability clause, and an emergency clause."

Referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Moore of Harris:

H. B. No. 516, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting any person, firm, corporation, or association that owes wages, salaries, or other compensation to any other person, firm, corporation, or association from transferring in any manner any of his or its assets, property, or capital, until such obligation is satisfied; providing that such assets, property and capital may be liquidated for the purpose of satisfying such obligations; providing a priority lien on such assets, property, or capital;
providing for severability, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Moore of Harris:

H. B. No. 517, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 5755, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, so as to make its provisions relating to employees' wages applicable to every person; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Messrs. de la Garza, Spilman and Ellis:

H. B. No. 518, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 315, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1935, by permitting such districts to enter into contract with the Federal Government or agency or instrumentality thereof for the construction of improvements for which such districts were organized; providing for the approval of the projects, plans and specifications, and providing the method of paying obligations assumed; providing the law shall be cumulative; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Terrell:

H. B. No. 519, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 61, 62 and 137 of the Election Code of the State of Texas (codified as Articles 5.09, 5.10, and 12.09 in Vernon's Texas Election Code) so as to eliminate provisions for alternate methods of marking ballots and so as to provide that the scratch method shall be the method for marking ballots; changing certain other provisions relative to the form of the ballot and the method of marking the ballot; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Privileges, Suffrage, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Shackelford:

H. B. No. 520, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Acts 1925, 41st Legislature, Second Called Session, page 172, Chapter 88, Section 6a, as added Acts 1935, 43rd Legislature, First Called Session, page 83, Chapter 57, Section 1, as last amended by Acts of the 47th Legislature, Chapter 110, Section 4 (and codified by Vernon as Article 667a-4a, Texas Civil Statutes), by adding thereto a new Section 6a, to define "timber in its natural state" for purpose of transportation by certain commercial motor vehicles; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Motor Traffic.

By Messrs. Hensley, Strickland, Russell and Bell:

H. B. No. 521, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 888 of the Penal Code of Texas, relating to permits for the killing of wild birds and animals to prevent depredation, by adding provisions relative to the disposition of carcasses of deer killed under authority of such permits; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Messrs. Spilman, de la Garza, and Ellis:

H. B. No. 522, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, Chapter 462, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 41, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Second Called Session (Codified as Article 1295b, Section 5, of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), to provide a monthly compensation for a Commissioner of any Housing Authority created by Chapter 462, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, who shall attend one or more official meetings of the governing body of the authority per month; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Messrs. Hollowell and Johnson:

H. B. No. 523, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 5766 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, to provide that both males and females,
An Act amending Section 9 (A), Act 318, Acts of the Fifty-first Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, as amended by Chapter 254, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 1951, as amended by Chapter 176, Acts of the Fifty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as amended by Chapter 520, Acts of the Fifty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 1955; providing for the issuance of negotiable bonds not exceeding the aggregate sum of Two Hundred Million ($200,000,000.00) Dollars to mature not later than forty (40) years from their date; providing that any bonds previously issued shall mature in accordance with their provisions; providing for the signatures and seal to be placed on the bonds; providing that for each year until December 1, 1965, sufficient money shall be set aside to pay the interest and principal due on all bonds, therefore issued and outstanding, and after December 1, 1966, all moneys received, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used to pay the principal and interest on all outstanding bonds; providing that until December 1, 1965, the Veterans' Land Fund, except a sufficient amount to pay interest and principal due on outstanding bonds, shall be used for the purpose of purchasing land to be sold to veterans; providing for the sale of land subdivided by the Board, the method of sale, and the maximum amount; providing a preference right to disabled veterans; providing that no land shall be sold at less than its actual cost to the Board except forfeited lands; providing that no veteran shall be permitted to purchase more than one tract under this Act; providing for the sale of land by Contract of Sale and Purchase and the recording of such contract; providing the initial payment; amortization of the selling price and the interest rate; providing that no property sold under the provisions of this Act shall be conveyed until the original veteran purchaser has enjoyed possession for the period of three (3) years except in the case of death or incapacity by reason of illness or accident; providing for the sale by a veteran after three (3) years and the conditions of such sale; providing a restriction on the leasing of such land; providing for the issuance of a deed by the Board when the entire indebtedness has been paid; providing for forfeiture of Covenants of Sale and Purchase, notices thereof, and the manner of forfeiture; providing for the vesting of title in the Board upon forfeiture; providing for the recogni-
tion of outstanding valid oil and gas or mineral leases; providing that a notice of the action of forfeiture shall be mailed to the County Clerk; providing for reinstatement of the Contract of Sale and Purchase, the payments and penalties; providing for enforcement of forfeiture by the Attorney General and the collection of delinquent payments; providing for the liability of the original purchaser and any subsequent assignees; providing for the resale of forfeited lands and the terms and conditions thereof; providing for the issuance of rules and regulations by the Board; providing that such rules and regulations shall be considered a part of the Act; providing that the Board shall have power to prescribe the form and content of all notices, bid, applications and other instruments; providing that the Board is the sole judge of forfeiture and that the purchaser shall vacate the premises within forty-five (45) days after the date of letter giving notice of forfeiture; providing for the collection and refunding of fees by the Board; providing for depositing of fees in the State Treasury and the appropriation thereof to the Board for the payment of salaries and expenses; providing that the Act shall be cumulative; providing for a savings and severability clause; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Patterson:
H. B. No. 529, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the County Court at Law of Beaufort County; defining the jurisdiction of said court; prescribing the terms of said court; prescribing the qualifications of the Judge; regulating practice therein; providing for a clerk thereof; providing for the transfer of cases; providing for removal of Judge and vacancy in office; providing for the appointment of a Reporter; establishing the effective date of this Act; providing for the salary of the Judge; making provisions pertaining to the jury; and making other provisions relating to said court."

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Hughes of Dallas:
H. B. No. 529, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 485, Chapter 4, Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, 1925, as amended by Acts 1951 by the 52nd Legislature making it unlawful to carry arms; enacting the arms so prohibited; providing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. J. R. No. 36, A Joint Resolution "Proposing an Amendment to Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Subsection (b) to be known as 51a-1; giving the Legislature the power to provide under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient, for assistance on behalf of persons eligible for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Dependent Children as provided in Section 51a of Article III and for persons eligible for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled as provided in Article III, Section 51b of the Constitution of the State of Texas; providing for direct or vendor payments for medical care on behalf of such recipients; providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the Government of the United States for such payments; providing that the payments for such medical care shall be in addition to the direct assistance to such recipients; providing that the amount paid out of State funds shall never exceed the payments out of Federal funds for such purposes; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Spilman:
H. J. R. No. 37, A Joint Resolution "proposing an amendment to Subsection (a) of Section 62, Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas, relating to establishment of a retirement, disability and death compensation fund for officers and employees of the State."

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.
COMMENDING SENIOR CLASS OF THE NEEDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Day offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 187

Whereas, The Senior Class of Needville High School, accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Robert W. Jackson, visited in the State Capitol on February 20, 1967.

Whereas, It is the desire of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature to commend this group and their teacher on their interest in State government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their visit is officially recognized and that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the Senior Class and to Mr. Jackson with our best wishes for their future happiness and success.

The resolution was adopted.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS OF THE HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 188

Whereas, The Fifth Grade Students of the Highland Park Elementary School of Austin, Texas, were visiting in the State Capitol on the nineteenth day of February, 1957.

Whereas, These fine young American citizens were on an educational tour to observe and learn the workings of their State government; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature to commend this group for their interest; now, therefore, be it

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

JONES, SANDHAHL, FOREMAN.

The resolution was adopted.

RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE TEXAS COUNCIL OF METHODIST WOMEN

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 191

Whereas, A Group representing the Texas Council of Churches and the Texas State Council of Methodist Women were visiting in the State Capitol on the twelfth day of February, 1957; and

Whereas, These worthy citizens were on a tour to observe the workings of their State government; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature to commend this group for their interest; now, therefore, be it

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

The resolution was adopted.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS OF THE WOOLDRIDGE SCHOOL OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 192

Whereas, The Fifth Grade Students of the Woolridge School of Austin, Texas, accompanied by their Teachers, Mrs. Cullers and Miss Cook, were visiting in the State Capitol on the twenty-first day of February, 1957.

Whereas, These fine young American citizens were on an educational tour to observe and learn the workings of their State government; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislature to commend this group for their interest; now, therefore, be it

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

JONES, SANDHAHL, FOREMAN.

The resolution was adopted.
REQUESTING THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE CERTAIN INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE STATE TAX STRUCTURE

The Speaker laid before the House for consideration at this time:

H. C. R. No. 14, Requesting the Texas Legislative Council to prepare and distribute to members of the Legislature a summary report of information it has compiled and published on the State's tax structure.

The resolution having heretofore been referred to the Committee on Rules and reported favorably by the Committee.

H. C. R. No. 14 was then adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, February 25, 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. C. R. No. 32, Inviting the Members of the 55th Legislature to participate in the observance of the 121st Anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Respectfully,

CHARLES SCHNABEL, Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 105 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to criminal trespass; making it a misdemeanor for a person who, without right, enters upon private property to remain thereon after being requested to leave, and prescribing the penalty therefor; stating the effect of this Act on other laws; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Storey moved that House Bill No. 105 be recommitted to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Mr. White moved to table the motion by Mr. Storey to recommit H. B. No. 105.

Question recurring on the motion by Mr. White to table the motion by Mr. Storey to recommit H. B. No. 105, yeas and nays were requested.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yea—57
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Armour Koroeth
Bartram Latimer
Bishop Lee
Bowers McGregor
Bryant of El Paso
Bullock Melchany
Chapman Martin
Cloud Mullen
Conley Myatt
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Cox of Montgomery Patterson
Dugas Russell
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Hughes of Grayson White
Hutchins Wilson of Potter
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Jamison Woolley
Jansen
Yeas—74
Atwell Duff, Miss
Baker Duncan
Baldwin Shire
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Blaine Venoglio
Blanchard Fure
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Nays—74
Jackson
Johnson
Jones
Mr. White moved that further consideration of House Bill No. 106 be postponed until 10:30 o'clock a.m. Monday, March 11.

The motion by Mr. White to postpone H. B. No. 106 prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
Austin, Texas, February 26, 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. C. R. 36, Authorizing the Enrolling Clerk to make certain corrections in H. B. No. 200.

S. J. R. 4, Amending the Constitution authorizing advertising, public relations, and promotion of advantages of Texas.

Respectfully,

CHARLES SCHNABEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 121 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 121, A bill to be entitled "An Act concerning the offenses of perjury and false swearing and related offenses; amending Articles 308, 310, and 316, Penal Code of Texas, 1925, so as to change the penalties therein prescribed; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and failed to pass.

Mr. Tunnell moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 121 failed to pass and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 130 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing maximum salaries for Justices of the Peace and Constables in certain counties; providing for car allowance; containing a severability clause; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Amend H. B. 130 by striking out Section 3A and adding in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 3A. In addition to the counties included within the population bracket set forth in Section 2 of this Act, the provisions hereof in regard to the salaries of Constables only shall also apply to counties in the State of Texas having a popula-
tion of not less than twenty-four thousand two hundred (24,200) inhabitants and not more than twenty-five thousand two hundred (25,200) inhabitants, according to the last preceding Federal Census; provided, however, that the maximum salary payable in the counties included within the population bracket set forth in this Section 2A shall be Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($4,200) per year."

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

Miss Duff offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. 130 by adding the following section:

"Section 2B. In addition to the counties included within the population brackets set forth in Sections 2 and 2A of this Act, the provisions hereof shall also apply to counties in the State of Texas having a population of not less than forty-three thousand (43,000) inhabitants and not more than forty-six thousand (46,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census; provided, however, that the maximum salary payable in the counties included within the population bracket set forth in this Section 2B shall be Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) per year."

The amendment was adopted.

Question recurring on the passage of H. B. No. 130, yeas and nays were requested.

H. B. No. 130 was passed by the following vote:

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On motion of Mr. Hale and by unanimous consent of the House, the Caption of House Bill No. 130 was ordered amended to conform with the body of the bill.

Mr. Moore of Tarrant moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 130 was passed.

(Mr. Smith of Hays occupied the Chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the Chair)

Mr. Hale moved to table the motion by Mr. Moore of Tarrant to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 130 was passed.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
Austin, Texas, February 25, 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 concurred in House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 151 by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Respectfully,
CHARLES SCHNABEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

ADDITIONAL SIGNERS OF H. B. NO. 477
The following Members were granted permission to sign H. B. No. 477 as co-signers of the bill:

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

Mr. Brashear moved that the House recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

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

"We have made history today, good or bad. We remember one who lived 235 years ago and made history that was so great a service to our Nation, he was called the Father of our Country. He was found on his knees in the snow, asking God to give victory, if it was right. He rendered such service that the people said 'He was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of the people.' George Washington, whose recurring birthday closes Business, Banks, Schools, in order that people may have the privilege to remember his great service. Grant O GOD that none of us may be willing to give less in service than our best. In Christ's name we pray.—Amen."

The motion to adjourn prevailed and the House accordingly, at 12:10 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, as follows:

Counts: H. B. No. 354.
Judicial Districts: H. B. No. 337.
Livestock and Stock Raising: H. B. No. 411.
Military and Veteran's Affairs: H. B. No. 416.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS
Austin, Texas, February 25, 1957
Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred,
H. C. R. No. 14, Requesting the Texas Legislative Council to prepare and distribute to Members of the Legislature a summary report of information it has compiled and published on the State's tax structure.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

HERMAN YEZAK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Austin, Texas, February 25, 1957

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 129, An Act relating to the creation and designation of Ground Water Conservation District Number Three, South of the Canadian River, and validating the creation and election confirming said District; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

OBIE JONES, Acting Chairman.

Austin, Texas, February 25, 1957

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 140, An Act creating a Court of Domestic Relations for Smith County, Texas; fixing its jurisdiction; confirming the jurisdiction of other Courts thereto; fixing its terms; providing the manner of selection, tenure and compensation of the Judge of said Court; providing for the appointment of a Court Reporter and such other officers and investigators as might be necessary and providing for their compensation; providing for appeals to higher courts; providing for the procedure of said Court; providing for the services of certain county and district officers to said Court; containing a saving clause and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

OBIE JONES, Acting Chairman.

Austin, Texas, February 25, 1957

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 241, An Act prohibiting the hunting or running of deer in Brazoria County, Matagorda County, Fort Bend County or Wharton County, by the use of dogs; or to permit any dogs owned, possessed or under the control of any person to run deer; providing a penalty; providing a repealing clause; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

OBIE JONES, Acting Chairman.

Austin, Texas, February 25, 1957

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

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 277, An Act leasing the Texas Hall of State Building located in the City of Dallas, situated in Fair Park, a park owned by the City of Dallas; providing conditions of the lease; providing that the State Board of Control shall execute the lease; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

OBIE JONES, Acting Chairman.

SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

February 25, 1957

H. B. No. 129.
H. B. No. 140.
H. B. No. 241.
H. B. No. 277.
In Memory of

Sam E. Wilson, Jr.

Mr. Hale offered the following resolution:

H. S. H. No. 189, In Memory of Sam E. Wilson, Jr.

Whereas, On February 17, 1957, the City of Corpus Christi and the State of Texas lost an esteemed citizen in the passing of Sam E. Wilson, Jr., who played a prominent part in the development of the South Texas Petroleum Industry and the City of Corpus Christi, and whose properties range from most of Mustang Island to some of Corpus Christi’s largest buildings; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson was born on August 18, 1898, in Jackson, Tennessee; was educated at Columbia Military Academy, Jackson; bought and sold cotton prior to World War I; joined the Royal Air Force and fought against Baron von Richthofen’s German Flying Circus; and

Whereas, Following World War I, Mr. Wilson envisioned the financial possibilities offered by the oil industry to those with foresight and a capacity for hard work. His first job was painting storage tanks. He later dug ditches for a pipeline and worked as a roughneck on a drilling crew. In 1921, Mr. Wilson ventured forth on his own as an oil lease broker in South Arkansas. From this time until 1936, when he moved to Texas, he attempted various real estate and oil ventures in Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, none of which was too successful. He always prided himself on keeping his credit good, however, and was able to get backing for his next venture, the one that started him towards real success. In 1936, Mr. Wilson owned seventeen producing wells in Nueces County when water broke into the oil and ruined the producing strata. However, a wildcat venture in the Houston area was followed by drilling forty-four producing wells in San Patricio and Nueces counties without striking a dry hole; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson was married in 1921 to Ada Laverne Rogers of Memphis, Tennessee, a concert pianist who had appeared in Carnegie Hall, who was his loyal companion and loving wife until his death, and who brought added distinction to herself and to South Texas by her brilliant musical compositions and by the founding and sponsorship of Corpus Christi Crippled Children’s Hospital and the Ada Wilson School for the Handicapped; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson was a member of the Independent Petroleum Association, the American Petroleum Institute, Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, Independent Natural Gas Association, Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association, the Downtown Lions Club, American Legion, Coastal Bend Shrine Club, Elks Club, a 32nd Degree Mason, and the First Methodist Church; and
Whereas, His vision, leadership and dynamic initiative have been a constructive force for the growth and welfare of South Texas without parallel in the modern history of this great area; and

Whereas, He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Gordon P. Reid of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Jack Wilson of Jackson, Tenn., and Estes Wilson of St. Paul, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Louella Wills, and one grandchild; and

Whereas, The House of Representatives wishes to recognize and pay tribute to the successful and worthy life of Sam E. Wilson, Jr.; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House express its sincere sympathy to the family of this great Texan and forward to them a copy of this Resolution; and, be it further

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

HALE,  
GLUSING,  
FORSYTH,  
WOOLSEY.  

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

H. S. R. No. 190, In Memory of Mr. Jett William Rogers.

Whereas, On February 10, 1957, the City of Dallas and the State of Texas lost an esteemed citizen in the passing of Mr. Jett William Rogers; and

Whereas, He was born at Milford and moved to Dallas in 1936. He was a member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas Executives Association, the Park Cities-North Dallas Kiwanis Club and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Deming Rogers; one son, William Jett Rogers, Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Iva Lee Martin, Dallas and Mrs. L. E. McPherson, Chillicothe, Hardeman County; one brother, Hugh Rogers, Harlingen; and one grandchild; and

Whereas, The House of Representatives of the Fifty-Fifth Legislature wishes to pay tribute to the worthy life of this fine man; now, therefore, be it

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

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

H. S. R. No. 193, In Memory of First Lieutenant Bobby Glenn Debenport.

Whereas, On January 3, 1957, the State of Texas lost a valued young citizen and the Air Force an outstanding pilot in the death of First Lieutenant Bobby Glenn Debenport; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Debenport met death in the crash of an F-100 jet airplane with the same courage and devotion to duty that has been characteristic of American airmen the world round in both peace and war. Lieutenant Debenport was killed on a training mission at Wendover, Utah, while stationed at Foster Air Force Base, Victoria, Texas; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Debenport, born at Fort Worth, January 11, 1929, was graduated from Arlington Heights Elementary School and Arlington Heights High School. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Awarded a degree from Texas A. & M. College and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June, 1954; the young flier had been a cadet captain during his senior year at A. & M., and had received R. O. T. C. training in high school; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Debenport was stationed at Air Force bases in Texas and Utah and served his country in Korea during 1953 and 1954; and

Whereas, Every citizen of the great state of Texas is forever indebted to Lieutenant Debenport for the supreme sacrifice that he made. He left this life in its early afternoon for the advancement and protection of America and all for which it stands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sincere desire of the Fifty-Fifth Legislature to pay tribute to Bobby Glenn Debenport for his contribution to the furtherance of the American dream; and, be it further

Resolved, That a page on the permanent House Journal be devoted to the recording of this Resolution; and, be it further

Resolved, That enrolled copies be forwarded to his wife, Barbara; his two and one-half year old son, Bobby Glenn Debenport III, both of Fort Worth; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Debenport; and a sister, Mrs. T. E. Phillips, also of Fort Worth, as a token of respect and sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it do so in grateful memory of Lieutenant Bobby Glenn Debenport.

On the motion of Mr. Richardson the names of all Members of the House were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.