Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred H. C. R. No. 51, in memory of James W. (Jim) Stell,

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

H. G. WELLS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1961

Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred H. C. R. No. 47, providing for certain closing time for Easter holiday for State Departments,

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

H. G. WELLS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1961

Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred H. C. R. No. 52, inviting Gabe Paul to speak to Joint Session of House and Senate.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

H. G. WELLS, Chairman.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY
(Tuesday, March 21, 1961)

The House met at 11:00 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

Barlow

Adams of Lubbock

Barnes

Adams of Titus

Bartram

Allen

Andrews

Atwell

Ballman

Banas, Mrs. Buchanan

Burgess

Butler

Caldwell

Cannon

Carriker

Chapman

Cole of Harris

Cole of Hunt

Connell

Cory

Cox

Crain

Crews

Curtis

Dawson

DufF, Miss

Dungan

Eckhardt

Ehrle

Fairchild

Fletcher

Foreman

Garrison

de la Garza

Dawson

Gibbens

Gladden

Glenn

Green

Grover

Guice

Hale

Harding

Harling

Harrington

Hartley

Hinson

Hollowell

Huebben

Hughes

Hughes of Grayson

Hutches of Dallas

Isaacks, Miss

James

Jamison

Jarvis

Johnson of Bexar

Johnson of Dallas

Johnson of Bell

Jones of Dallas

Jones of Travis

Kenny

Kilpatrick

Koliba

Koloth

Lack

Lary

LaValle

Laverston

Lewis

Longoria

McCoppin

McGregor

McLe Annex

McGregor of El Paso

McMahan

Markgraf

Martin

Miller

Moore

Mullen

Nalley

Naus

Oliver

Osborn

Parrs

Parry

Peeler

Petty

Pieratt

Piptla

Preston

Price

Quilliam

Rapp

Ratliff

Read

Richards

Richardson

Roberts of Hill

Roberts of Dawson

Ross

Ross

Sandahl

Schram

Shannon

Shipley

Slack

Silder

Smith of Bexar

Smith of Jefferson

Snedden

Speights

Spillman

Springer

Stewart

Stewart

Stewart of Galveston

Stewart of Wichita

Stewart

Struve

Thurman

Townsend

Trenza

Tunnell

Walker

Ward

Wasson
A quorum of the House was announced present.

The Invocation was offered by the Reverend Clinton Kersey, Chaplain, as follows:

"We read in the word of God (Proverbs 16:1-3): 'The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.'

Almighty God, we pray as we stand in Thy presence we will not be found light when Thou dost weigh us. Help us carry our part of the load and responsibilities of this day. May this Legislature reflect honor and glory to Thy name and please Thee. In Christ's name. Amen."

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Mr. Thurmond for today on motion of Mr. Preston.

The following Member was granted leave of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Floyd for today on motion of Mr. Shipley.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

H. S. R. No. 399, By Mr. Koliba: In Memory of Walter C. Heyer.

H. S. R. No. 400, By Mr. Collins: In Memory of Mrs. Martha Griggs.

H. S. R. No. 401, By Mr. Collins: In Memory of John Hampton Mattox.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, 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 Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson to address a Joint Session.

Respectfully,
CHARLES A. SCHNABEL, Secretary of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1045

Mr. Cory asked unanimous consent of the House to introduce at this time and have placed on first reading, House Bill No. 1045.

There was no objection offered and it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1046

Mr. Smith of Jefferson asked unanimous consent of the House to introduce at this time and have placed on first reading, House Bill No. 1046.

There was no objection offered and it was so ordered.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

H. S. R. No. 405, By Mr. Pearcy: To Welcome Bishop William C. Martin and Dr. Alvin S. Gafford.


H. S. R. No. 407, By Mr. Bailey: To commend Government Class of Ranger College.

RELATIVE TO HOUSE BILL NO. 59

Mr. McIlhany offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 60

Whereas, House Bill No. 59 has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives and is now in the House Enrolling Room; and

Whereas, For the purpose of clarification, the first paragraph of Section 1 of said Bill should be corrected to read as follows:

"Section 1, Section 2 of Chapter 85, General Laws of the Forty-first Legislature, Second Called Session,
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1979, as last amended by Chapter III, Acts of the Fifty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, 1957 (codified as Article 6675a-2 in Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended and a new Section 2a added to hereafter read as follows: 

Whereas, The word "Article" appearing in the second sentence of "Section 2a" should read "Section"; now, therefore, be it 

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Enrolling Clerk of the House be, and is hereby directed, to make the above corrections in House Bill No. 59. 

A record vote was requested on the adoption of H. C. R. No. 60. The resolution was adopted by the following vote: 

Yeas—130
Adams of Titus  
Allen  
Andrews  
Ballman  
Barlow  
Barras  
Barras  
Bass  
Bell  
Berry  
Blaine  
Boyson  
Bridges  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Butler  
Caldwell  
Campbell  
Carr  
Chapman  
Cole of Hunt  
Collins  
Connell  
Cory  
Crow  
Cowles  
Crow  
Cushington de la Garza  
Dewey  
Duff, Miss  
Dungan  
Ehle  
Fairchild  
Flicker  
Foreman  
Garrison  

Nays—5
Adams of Lubbock  
Jones of Dallas  
Atwell  
Lewis  
Johnson of Dallas  

Providing for a Joint Session 

Mr. de la Garza offered the following resolution: 

H. C. R. No. 59 

Whereas, The International Good Neighbor Council has selected the Capital City of Austin for its XIV Assembly from April 10 through 13 of this year; and 

Whereas, The I. G. N. C. is an organization composed of members from the State of Texas and several of the Mexican States; and 

McLinn  
Markgraf  
Martin  
Miller  
Moore  
Mullen  
Murray  
Mutchler  
Neuemyer  
Nugent  
Oliver  
Osborn  
Parsons  
Peery  
Peeler  
Petty  
Pitrat  
Preston  
Price  
Quilliam  
Rapp  
Richards  
Richardson  
Roberts of Hill  
Roberts of Dawson  
Roberts of Dallas  
Rosa  
Ross  
Rosem  
Sandel  
Sandahl  
McIlhany  
Schaum  
Markgraf  
Shannon  
Martin  
Abey  
Miller  
Black  
Moore  
Smith of Bexar  
Mullen  
Smith of Jefferson  
Murray  
Skelton  
Mutchler  
Spears  
Neuemyer  
Slinger  
Nugent  
Springer  
Oliver  
Stewart  
Osborn  
of Galveston  
Parsons  
Peery  
of Wichita  
Peeler  
Peeler  
Petty  
Pitrat  
Preston  
Price  
Quilliam  
Rapp  
Richards  
Richardson  
Roberts of Hill  
Roberts of Dawson  
Roberts of Dallas  
Rosa  
Wilson of Potter  
Ross  
Rosem  
Yezak 

Sandahl  

Nays—5 

Adams of Lubbock  
Jones of Dallas  
Atwell  
Lewis  
Johnson of Dallas  

Abstent  
Allen  
Healy  
Bancroft, Mrs.  
James  
Cole of Harris  
Ratliff  
Cook  
Rood  
Cotten  
Bilder  
Eckhardt  
Woods  

Floyd  
Thurmond
Whereas, It has as its purpose the strengthening of the cordial relations which exist between our States and the several States in Mexico and by instilling in its membership a deep understanding of the great importance of mutual understanding between the sister States on either side of the Rio Grande; and

Whereas, Upon several occasions in Mexico the inaugural session of an assembly has been held in the legislative chambers of several of the States; and

Whereas, On this occasion we will be honored by several Governors from States in Mexico and by different members of State Legislatures in Mexico; and

Whereas, It would be fitting and proper that we should allow His Excellency, Governor Price Daniel, the opportunity of welcoming these guests at a Joint Session of the House and Senate; and

Whereas, The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate should also be afforded the opportunity to receive all of our honored guests from the Republic of Mexico and the many Texans who are members of this great organization; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That a special Joint Session be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, A.D. 1961; and

Be it Further Resolved That we extend an invitation to the International Good Neighbor Council to have its formal opening session of the XIV Assembly at this Joint Session.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

CONCERNING THE FLAG OF GREECE

Mr. Harrington offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 58

Whereas, The greatness that was ancient Greece was born 1490 years ago this month when her sons and daughters joined the freedom marchers of the nineteenth century and began their struggle to overthrow their conquerors; and

Whereas, The history of the Greeks in asserting this Independence on March 25, 1821, closely parallels that of the valiant Texans, who some fourteen years later, declared their independence from the Mexican dictatorship of General Santa Anna; and

Whereas, Justifiable pride of origin imbued in Greek Texans is akin to that which leads all Texas citizens to boast of Travis, Bowie, Fannin, Houston, and these other heroes of the Alamo, Goliad, and San Jacinto; and

Whereas, The House of Representatives of the Fifteenth Legislature wishes to recognize these outstanding and loyal citizens of Greek descent and to offer a tribute to the Independence of Greece, which they celebrate annually on March 25; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifteenth Legislature, the Senate concurring, That the Board of Control be directed to fly the flag of Greece beneath the Texas flag over the State Capitol in Austin, Texas on March 25, 1961.

HARRINGTON, OLIVER.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

CONCERNING ADJOURNMENT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

Mr. Parsons offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 57

Whereas, Members of the Texas Legislature wish to observe the significance of Easter with an appropriate adjournment; and

Whereas, It is important that Members of the Legislature be in their own voting precincts on the April 4 election day; and

Whereas, The days of an Easter recess can be used to the advantage of the people of Texas by each Legislator in seeking public opinion on tax measures; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate of Texas concurring, That this Legislature shall adjourn in observance of Easter on Wednesday, March 29, 1961, and shall convene on Wednesday, April 5, 1961, at 11:00 a.m.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.
INVITATION TO VICE-PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION

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

S. C. R. No. 32

Whereas, It is learned with interest that the Vice-President of the United States is to visit in his native State on April 5 next; and
Whereas, This outstanding American by virtue of his ability, energy and patriotism has made many wholesome contributions in the various positions of leadership which he has held; and
Whereas, It is a source of pride that this distinguished Texan has brought national, as well as world, recognition to our State; and
Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Vice President be invited to address a Joint Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 5, 1961, now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Vice President be invited to address a Joint Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 5, 1961, and that an official copy of this Resolution of invitation be forwarded to the Vice President by the Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

TO PROVIDE FOR A JOINT SESSION TO RECEIVE SEALS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

The Speaker laid before the House for consideration at this time, H. C. R. No. 49, Providing for a Joint Session to receive Seals of the State of Texas.

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

H. C. R. No. 49 was read and was adopted.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 199, An Act permitting certain counties to construct, operate and maintain an office building and certain offices outside the county seat; and declaring an emergency.

CORRECTION IN BILL REFERENCE

S. B. No. 71 was referred to the Committee on Conservation and Reclamation instead of to the Committee on State Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 ON PASSAGE TO ENGROSSMENT

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

H. J. R. No. 4, A Joint Resolution "Proposing an amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto another section, to be designated as Section 20a, legalizing parimutuel betting at horse races in certain counties after local option elections providing for maximum parimutuel taxes by the State and counties, and for maximum deductions from parimutuel pools by owners or operators, and maximum admission taxes, permitting distributing one-half (1/2) of the State parimutuel tax revenue among the several counties; providing for the creation of the Texas Horse Racing Board to supervise such races and betting, providing for the creation of the Texas Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau and declaring its duties; permitting the Legislature to enact supplementary laws which may be anticipatory."

The resolution was read second time on February 28 and further consideration postponed until 11:00 o'clock a.m. today.

Mr. McGregor of McLennan moved to table H. J. R. No. 4.

A record vote was requested on the motion to table H. J. R. No. 4.

The motion to table H. J. R. No. 4 prevailed by the following vote:
Mr. Speaker Huebner
Adams of Lubbock
Adams of Titus
Adams
Allen
Andrews
Atwell
Bailey
Ballman
Bansfield, Mrs.
Barlow
Barne
Bartram
Bass
Bell
Berry
Blaine
Boyce
Bridges
Buchanan
Burren
Butler
Caldwell
Carricker
Chapman
Cole of Harris
Cole of Hunt
Collins
Consell
Cook
Cory
Cotless
Cowan
Cowen
Cowles
Crow
Cruce
Cunnington
de la Garza
Dewey
Dunn.
Dungan
Eckhardt
Ehrle
Fairchild
Fletcher
Foreman
Gardner
Gibbens
Gladden
Glass
Glauning
Gonzalez
Grover
Guiley
Haal
Harding
Harrigan
Haynes
Healy
Hinson
Hollotwell

Yeas—143

Mr. Speaker Huebner
Adams of Lubbock
Adams of Titus
Adams
Allen
Andrews
Atwell
Bailey
Ballman
Bansfield, Mrs.
Barlow
Barne
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Butler
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Carricker
Chapman
Cole of Harris
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Dunn.
Dungan
Eckhardt
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Fairchild
Fletcher
Foreman
Gardner
Gibbens
Gladden
Glass
Glauning
Gonzalez
Grover
Guiley
Haal
Harding
Harrigan
Haynes
Healy
Hinson
Hollotwell

Smith of Bexar
Smith of Jefferson Walker
Shelton
Sears
Spear
Spelman
Springer
Stewart
Stewart
Stewart
Stewart
Townsend
Townsend

Nays—5

Hefing
LaValle
Phipps

Absent—Excused

Floyd
Thurmond

REASON FOR VOTE

I voted "aye" on the motion to table H. J. R. 4 in order to kill and defeat this measure. On Tuesday, February 28th, I voted "aye" on the motion to postpone H. J. R. 4 in order to allow time to secure additional votes against the resolution to insure its final defeat.

WAYNE GIBBENS.

REASONS FOR VOTE ON HJR 4:

On both record votes (to postpone consideration of HJR 4 and the motion to lay HJR 4 on the table), I voted in opposition to the author of this constitutional amendment, which would allow the people of Texas to vote upon whether or not they favor local option pari-mutuel betting on horse racing.

The reason for my voting differently from the author on both the motion to postpone and the motion to table is that I believe our legislature has already spent more than a sufficient length of time in considering the matter and should have reached a direct vote today.

As HJR 4 now stands, it may still be taken from the table by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Since some members are absent, or prefer not to vote on such issues, the matter may still be taken from the table with substantially fewer votes than the 100 votes required to pass this Constitutional Amendment. I would have voted directly against HJR 4, and I am strongly opposed
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to leaving it in a state of suspended animation by having it placed upon the table.

I believe that today the legislature should have irrevocably disposed of the matter by a direct vote on HJR 4.

MACO STEWART

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, 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. 405, Permitting establishment of a juvenile and domestic relations court for Galveston County; and declaring an emergency.

S. B. No. 3, Limiting certain campaign expenditures of candidates for U. S. Senate; and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully,

CHARLES A. SCHNABEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43
ON PASSAGE TO ENGROSSMENT

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

H. J. R. No. 43, A Joint Resolution "Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 67 prohibiting the establishment of special funds in the State Treasury after January 1, 1963; and providing for the necessary proclamation and publication."

The resolution was read second time on March 14 and further consideration postponed until 11:00 o'clock a.m. today.

Mr. Read offered the following amendment to the resolution:

"Change the word 'January' wherever it appears in the bill to 'September.'"

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Read offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 43 by striking out the portion quoted in Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 67. From and after September 1, 1963, all State revenues from all sources, other than from gifts, grants and donations shall be deposited in the State Treasury and no special fund earmarking or reserving any State revenues for particular or specific purposes or functions which has not been established as of that date shall ever be created or established in the Treasury of the State of Texas except by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of each House of the Legislature."

The amendment was adopted.

H. J. R. No. 43 was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yea—94

Adams of Lubbock
Adams of Titus
Allen
Andrews
Atwell
Bellman
Bollw
Bartman
Bas
Beil
Blaine
Boyon
Buchanan
Burges
Butler
Cole of Harris
Cole of Hunt
Cook
Cock
Cotten
Cowen
Cowles
Craig
Crews
Curlington
de la Garza
Dewey
Duff, Miss
Ethel
Faich
Fairchild
Fletcher
Foreman
Garrisson
Green
Grover
Harding
Heasty
Hinsen
Hollowell
Huesker
Irace
Jasacks, Miss
James
Johnson of Dallas
Johnson of Bexar
Jones of Dallas
Kernad
Kolbi
Lary
Latimer
La Valle
Leaverton
Lewis
Longoria
McGregor
McGregor
McGregor of El Paso
Martin
Miller
Murray
Nageng
Osborn
Parsons
Peary
Peeke
Pipkin
Rabb
Randiff
Read
Richards
Richardson
Roberts of Hill
Roberts, of Dawson
Sandahl
Yeas—94

Adams of Lubbock
Adams of Titus
Allen
Andrews
Atwell
Bellman
Bollw
Bartman
Bas
Beil
Blaine
Boyon
Buchanan
Burges
Butler
Cole of Harris
Cole of Hunt
Cook
Cock
Cotten
Cowen
Cowles
Craig
Crews
Curlington
de la Garza
Dewey
Duff, Miss
Ethel
Faich
Fairchild
Fletcher
Foreman
Garrisson
Green
Grover
Harding
Heasty
Hinsen
Hollowell
Huesker
Irace
Jasacks, Miss
James
Johnson of Dallas
Johnson of Bexar
Jones of Dallas
Kernad
Kolbi
Lary
Latimer
La Valle
Leaverton
Lewis
Longoria
McGregor
McGregor
McGregor of El Paso
Martin
Miller
Murray
Nageng
Osborn
Parsons
Peary
Peeke
Pipkin
Rabb
Randiff
Read
Richards
Richardson
Roberts of Hill
Roberts, of Dawson
Sandahl
has granted the request of the House for a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses on House Bill No. 119.

The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Senators: Moore, Patman, Crump, Reagan, Krueger.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has granted the request of the House for a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses on H. J. R. No. 46.

The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Senators: Parkhouse, Hardeman, Owen, Aikin, Crump.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has granted the request of the House for a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses on House Bill No. 159.

The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Senators: Roberts, Aikin, Smith, Ratliff, Creighton.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has refused to concur in House Amendment to Senate Bill No. 136 and requests the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.

The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Senators: Schwartz, Baker, Rogers, Dies, Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES SCHNABEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961

Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has granted the request of the House for a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.
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calling of an election and the publication and issuance of the proclamation thereafter.

The resolution was read second time.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Mr. Chapman moved that the remarks of Mr. Hinson, made on this morning in addressing the House on personal privilege, be reduced to writing and printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1047

Mr. Jamison asked unanimous consent of the House to introduce at this time and have placed on first reading, House Bill No. 1047.

There was no objection offered and it was so ordered.

REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED

On motion of Mr. LaValle the House granted the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 136.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Conference Committee, on the part of the House, on Senate Bill No. 136:

Messrs. LaValle, Chairman; Caldwell, Kurtner, Stewart of Galveston and Walker.

ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE GEORGE T. HINSON

The following address by the Honorable George T. Hinson, addressing the House on personal privilege was ordered printed in the Journal:

STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE T. HINSON ON PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I have served in this House for several years and only once prior to this date have I felt the necessity for speaking on Personal Privilege. I have stated many times before this microphone on different occasions that my political skin was tough and that I could gracefully accept any legislative opposition and be a friend to those opposing me. Last Sunday, after having attended Sunday School and Church, I went by my Post Office Box to pick up my mail. Among the letters I received was one from a Minister friend of mine, the Reverend Eugene Craig, Minister of The First Methodist Church in Gilmer, Texas. I wish to quote the body of Bro. Craig’s letter as follows: “The Texas Methodist, the official newspaper going into the Methodist homes of Texas, arrived in the afternoon mail. A rather glaring headline stated: ‘OPPONENTS OF GAMBLING BILL LOSE TEST VOTE’ and the article told of the 77 to 70 vote in the House in favor of postponement. The article continued ‘... motives of those voting for postponement cannot always be ascertained but it is an indisputable fact that those voting for postponement were supporting, for some reason, the efforts of gambling forces.’ Later in this article your name was listed as ‘one of those voting with the gambling interests for postponement of consideration of the bill until March 21 ...’ At this point in my legislative career my skin has softened and I am hurt much deeper than words can explain.

To show that the above underlined words were interpreted by my good friend as meaning that I was voting with the gambling interests because I was one of the ‘77’ to vote with Mr. Berry on postponement of HJR 4, I quote further from Bro. Craig’s letter the following: “Now, I do not understand this in light of your letter to me of March 3, 1961. I do realize in your letter you stated that you would vote against HJR 4 when it comes to the floor for consideration, but why vote for postponement when that action gives Representative Berry time to muster forces and to make changes in his bill which will be to the favor of the gambling forces?”

To further show what the editor of The Texas Methodist has done to innocent individuals in this House, I wish to quote a sentence from the letter I received from a very special
friend and a new Methodist Minister who lives in Mineola, and which I now understand is typical of hundreds of letters received by Members of this House since publication of last week's Texas Methodist: "Dear George: I note your name listed among those who voted for the postponement of the Race Track Gambling Bill, which, I assume, means that you are favorable to the passage of same."

Now, I think it can clearly be seen that the editor of The Texas Methodist has performed a grave injustice against many innocent Members of this House, including our Honorable Speaker, James A. Turman, when he accuses all of us voting with Mr. Berry to postpone his bill of going down the line with the gambling forces of this State.

I am fifty years of age. I have never gambled in my life, and I would not know how to bet on a horse if I wanted to. Since early childhood gambling has been something that I could not conscientiously uphold.

Not believing that the Rev. Dr. Keightley had talked with one Member in an effort to determine why any of us voted the way we did on the motion to postpone, I called Rev. Eugene Craig to Gilmer, Texas, in an effort to explain to him what a grave mistake Dr. Keightley had made by his unqualified and drastic statement. I explained to him during our telephone conversation that it was customary for the House to respect the author of any bill by going along to postpone floor consideration, regardless of the amount of support or opposition to all such bills. I am not sure what effect our telephone conversation had upon my home district Pastor. The following morning, Monday, March 20, I called Dr. Carl Keightley, editor of The Texas Methodist, with the thought that perhaps I could get him to see how wrong he could be in assuming that all "77" votes cast for Mr. Berry's postponement were not favorable to HJR 4. It could be possible, also, that the 76 voting against Mr. Berry's motion could just as well be the ones stronger in favor of HJR 4.

I regret that after about an hour's telephone discussion with Dr. Keightley, I was not able to convince him that he was wrong in his assertion or that he should have talked to some of us in the "77" group as to why we voted as we did before writing his editorial. Furthermore, Dr. Keightley did not agree to retract his injurious statements and the false impression he was able to leave with the innocent Methodists throughout the State. He did offer to publish a letter of explanation from me, if I would write one, provided it was not too rough. He did not promise to give me the same favorable space and the same "glaring" headlines used to promote his unjust point.

As a result of getting no real satisfaction in my telephone conversation with Dr. Keightley, I have this day mailed him the following letter:

Dr. Carl Keightley
1910 Main
Dallas, Texas

Dear Rev. Keightley:

I write you this letter as a follow-up to our conversation by telephone yesterday morning, March 20, with reference to a broad assertion you personally injected into your editorial appearing in "glaring headlines" in last week's issue of The Texas Methodist. As I told you over the telephone, I cannot conceive of a man in your position, especially a highly respected Minister, arbitrarily assuming that all 77 House Members voting with Mr. Rod Berry to postpone HJR 4 were favorable to his Horse Racing Resolution and "were supporting, for some reason, the efforts of gambling forces" in Texas.

Further, as I reminded you, it is almost a unanimous practice that courtesy by a majority of the House is extended to the author of any bill who desires temporary postponement. This kind of vote in no way signifies the ultimate vote of any Member. No less than sixty Bills have been postponed by their authors during this Session thus far, and not one time have I refused to go along with the author's request to postpone. In fact, during my tenure in the House of Representatives, I cannot recall one time when an author of a Bill moved to postpone that his desires were not granted.

It is hard for me to believe that a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ would inject any statement into any article or oral discussion
that would have the effect of shedding the wrong light upon an indefensible human being. Regardless of your intention, Dr. Keightley, you have done this, and to prove that innocent people are hurt I give you the following quote from an innocent and new Methodist minister from my home town of Mineola: ‘I note your name listed among those who voted for the postponement of the Race Track Gambling Bill, which I assume, means that you are favorable to the passage of same.’ This young minister goes on to state where he got his information and he pinpoints his source to your editorial.

Now, Dr. Keightley, of the 77 voting with Mr. Berry to postpone, I dare say few more than half of them will vote for the Resolution; nor did they ever have any intention of voting for same. That is exactly my case.

My secretary and I have written hundreds of cards and letters pertaining to HJR 4 and in not one of them have I said I would ever cast a vote for the Horse Racing Amendment. On the contrary, I have assured each that if given an opportunity to vote on the Amendment, I would vote against it . . . that I still intend to do, and I can assure you that no numbers of Ministers of the Gospel or your article has persuaded me in the least. I have never gambled. I am fifty years of age and I do not intend to start doing something that has been against my own conscience since early childhood.

I am not criticizing your editorial because I am a Baptist and you are a Methodist. I can assure you that if The Baptist Standard comes out with a statement or an assertion so ill founded as the one you have made, the editor of that publication will receive an identical degree of criticism.

As innocent as you may be in your broad and harmful assertion, perhaps you should call on God Almighty to forgive you for making such statement without first having talked to some of us crucified ‘77’ in an effort of determining why we voted as we did. I can assure you that I will be for you if you make sufficient effort to correct the wrong you have done some of us by your statement. You might help the matter by publishing this letter in approximately the same location as you published your editorial and with the same “glaring headlines” as the headlines appeared over your editorial: “OPPONENTS OF GAMBLING BILL LOSE TEST VOTE.”

In closing, let me assure you that this letter and my telephone conversation to you are not intended to hurt you or your efforts to promote the good of your intentions. Rather, I hope that you can see the necessity for talking with people affected before making broad assumptions that stand to point up the wrong light.

I will welcome your visit at any time you are in Austin again, and can assure you that you will be treated cordially.

Sincerely,

GEORGE T. HINSON.

In closing, I feel that many innocent Members of this House, including Speaker Turman, have been dealt a grave injustice by the publication of such statements as were printed in The Texas Methodist. It is impossible for me or any of you to go into every Methodist home in this State and personally discuss the reasons for voting with Mr. Berry or any other author of a bill on a motion to postpone. Further, the fact that I have no publication within which to express my true feeling and my reasons for voting as I did, makes it necessary for me to use this microphone and this House as my only source of reply.

I believe that no less than 60 Bills have been postponed by the authors during this Session. Not one author has been rejected on his motion to postpone. During the several years I have served in this House, I cannot recall that one author has failed to postpone consideration of his Bill to a later time.

I will continue to respect the author of any bill when a motion is made to postpone, regardless of whether or not I am for or against it.

GEORGE T. HINSON

Special concurrence by the following:

JOE N. CHAPMAN
RONALD BRIDGES
STEVE BURGESS
Mr. Thurman moved that the House recess until 10:00 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

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

Mr. Dewey moved that the House recess until 2:00 o'clock p.m. today.

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

The motion to recess until 2:30 o'clock p.m. today was lost.

The motion to recess until 3:00 o'clock p.m. today was lost.

The motion to recess until 10:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow prevailed.

The Benediction was offered by the Reverend Clinton Kersey, Chaplain.

In accordance with the motion to recess the House at 12:58 o'clock p.m. took recess until 10:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Banks and Banking: S. B. No. 145.


Privileges, Suffrage and Elections: H. B. No. 4, H. B. No. 89 and H. B. No. 135.

Revenue and Taxation: H. B. No. 877.


Reports of the Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred:

H. B. No. 14. A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring strikes by firemen, and collective bargaining by firemen claiming the right to strike, to be against the public policy of the State; and declaring the public policy of the State to be that, in cities having more than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, grievances and disputes concerning firemen's salary and hours of work shall be submitted to arbitration or to public hearing; providing the procedure for submitting a grievance or dispute to a Commission of Arbitration, or to a Firemen's Hearing Commission, and the form and procedure for either Commission's action thereon; providing for the approval and adoption of a decision of a Commission of Arbitration, or a recommendation of a Firemen's Hearing Commission, by the firemen's representation committee or for all firemen to vote to determine whether to approve and adopt or to reject, such decision or recommendation; providing for the approval and adoption of such decision or recommendation, and the ordinance pursuant thereto, by the governing body of the city, or for an election of the qualified voters of the city to determine whether to approve and adopt, or to reject, such decision or recommendation if the expenditure of additional funds is involved; providing a penalty for wilful violation of this Act; providing for a savings clause; providing that this Act shall be cumulative; and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

H. G. WELLS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 30, 1961

Hon. James A. Thurman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred...
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H. C. R. No. 49, providing for a Joint Session at 11:30 a.m. on April 5, 1961, for the purpose of receiving seals from representatives of the Texas Heritage Foundation and the Adjutant General’s Department.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

H. G. WELLS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 60, authorizing the Enrolling Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in House Bill No. 53.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

H. G. WELLS, Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Honorable James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 76, An Act establishing the Howard County Juvenile Board, and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Honorable James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 199, An Act permitting certain counties to construct, operate and maintain an office building and certain offices outside the county seat; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Honorable James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 215, An Act authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for and on behalf of Texas Western College, El Paso, Texas, to acquire by purchase, exchange or otherwise tracts of land in El Paso County, Texas, contiguous and/or adjacent to the campus of Texas Western College when deemed necessary by the Board of Regents; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Honorable James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 282, An Act limiting the provisions of this Act to the County of McCulloch, making it unlawful, except under the provisions of this Act, for any person to hunt, take, kill or possess, or attempt to hunt or kill any antlerless deer, wild turkey, quail, or fish in said County on or after May 1, 1961; prescribing the legislative policy with respect to the antlerless deer, wild turkey, quail, and fish in said County; conferring upon the Game and Fish Commission authority to regulate, by proclamation, order, rule or regulation, the taking of antlerless deer, wild turkey, quail, and fish in said County; requiring the Game and Fish Commission to make investigations with respect to the depletion and waste of the antlerless deer, wild turkey, quail and fish of said County; requiring the Commission to provide an open season on or period of time when it shall be lawful to take a portion of the said wildlife resources of said County; defining depletion and waste; providing for the issuance of the antlerless deer permits: providing for the adoption of proclamations, orders, rules and regulations of the Game and Fish Commission; providing for public hearing in said County before any proposed rule or regulation is adopted by the Commission; providing for the effective period of regulations; providing for the publication of the regulations;
providing for the authority of the Commission; providing venue for suits to test the validity of the Act or the proclamations, rules, regulations or orders of the Commission; providing for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act as well as any order, rule or regulation of the Commission; providing for the forfeiture of licenses; making it unlawful to purchase a new license and providing a penalty therefor; suspending certain laws; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 364, An Act limiting the provisions of this Act to the County of Gillespie; making it unlawful except under the provisions of this Act, for any person to hunt, take, kill or attempt to kill, or possess, any game bird or game animal in said County at any time; to take, kill or trap or attempt to take, kill or trap any fur-bearing animal in said County or to take or attempt to take any fish or other aquatic or marine animal from said County by any means or method; providing the powers, duties and authority of the Game and Fish Commission; requiring the Game and Fish Commission to make investigation with respect to the depletion and waste of the wildlife resources; requiring the Commission to provide an open season or periods of time when it shall be lawful to take a portion of the wildlife resources of said County; defining depletion and waste; providing for the issuance of the antlerless deer permits; providing for the adoption of proclamations, orders, rules, or regulations of the Game and Fish Commission and the effective period thereof; providing for the publication of the regulations; providing venue for suits to test the validity of the Act or of the proclamations, rules, regulations or orders of the Commission; providing a penalty; providing for the forfeiture of licenses; defining wildlife resources; repealing certain laws; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 387, An Act making it unlawful to hunt, take or kill deer in Cooke and Grayson Counties at any time; providing for violations; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 494, An Act creating the Denton State School Independent School District; providing for its territorial limits; providing for trustees; providing for taking census and certifying school statistics; and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 587, An Act relating to a Hospital District within the boundaries of Comanche County Precinct No. 4 of Comanche County; amending Section 1, Chapter 9, Acts of the Fifty-sixth Legislature, First Called Session, 1959, to enable the Hospital District to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing or acquiring, equipping, maintaining, and operating a hospital system; and declaring an emergency.
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred
H. C. R. No. 53, commending the Interstate Oil Compact Commission for its outstanding accomplishments, and inviting its Executive Committee and officials in attendance to visit the Legislature.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred
H. B. No. 617, An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 183, Acts of the Fifty-first Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, as amended, by removing doves from the open season provided for certain game in McMullen County, and declaring an emergency.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred
H. C. R. No. 48, congratulating the Congaretes of Buna High School on winning the Class AA girls' basketball championship.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1961
Hon. James A. Turman, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred
H. C. R. No. 50, in memory of James W. (Jim) Stell.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

March 22, 1961

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.

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Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

JAMES V. ADAMS, Chairman.