Bill to incorporate the Sulphur and White Oak Bridge Company, with report from committee recommending its passage, was taken up, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Armstrong moved to suspend rule and pass bill. Lost.

Bill to amend act incorporating Paine Institute, with report from committee recommending its passage, taken up, read second time, and amendments adopted.

Bill to incorporate Texas Saving Institution, with report from committee reconsidering amendments, taken up, read second time, and amendments adopted.

Mr. Norton proposed to amend by inserting "h" between "s" and "a," wherever it occurs in the caption.

[Speaker resumed the chair.]

Amendment adopted.

Mr. Davis of B., moved to lay bill on table. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Townes the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to incorporate Rockford Bridge Company, with report from committee recommending its passage, taken up, read second time.

Mr. Bogart proposed to amend by striking out "one year," and inserting "two years for completion of said bridge," and by striking out "five cents for foot passengers." Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Bill to incorporate East Fork Bridge Company, with report from committee recommending its passage, taken up, bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Bill for the relief of Z. K. Gibson, with report from committee recommending its passage, taken up, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Bill for the relief of Blas Uribe and co-heirs, with report from committee recommending its passage, taken up, read second time.

Mr. Franklin proposed to amend by striking out "illegally," and inserting "erroneously." Adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hartley, by permission, introduced a bill for the relief of Jos. Dougherty. Read first time, and referred to committee on Finance.

On motion the House adjourned till 9½ o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

House of Representatives.

Friday, January 6th, 1860.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.
Mr. Walder presented the memorial of Captain Hale's ranging company. Referred to committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bogart presented the petition of James S. Robinson. Referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of Mary Watkins. Referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Camp presented the petition of sundry citizens of Uvalde county. Referred to committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed, the bill to amend the second section of the act to create the twentieth Judicial District.

Mr. Francis, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Sarah Muller, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Culberson, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported a substitute for the bill to regulate the sale of real estate, belonging to minors, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Daniel Kitchens.

Mr. Billingsley, chairman of committee on Claims and Accounts, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Mrs. Wm. Gamble, late widow of John Carroll.

Mr. Norton gave notice that a minority report would be submitted.

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill supplemental to the act to ascertain what certificates have been illegally issued by the county courts of counties in Peter's Colony, and to provide for issuing patents on such of said certificates as are legal; with amendments by the committee: Amendment to the first section: "Before the Chief Justice in the county in which the witness resides, and said officer administering the oath, shall certify that from his own knowledge, or from satisfactory proof produced to him, the witness who swears are respectable persons and entitled to credit."

Mr. Shelton, one of the committee on Court of Claims, reported a bill for the relief of L. T. and J. M. H. Martin, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Munson, one of the committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to incorporate the Columbus Tap Railroad Company, with amendments:

Amend 11th section by inserting in sixth line, after the words "be less than ten miles long," upon condition that "said com-
pany shall construct, or cause to be constructed, a good and permanent railroad bridge across the Colorado river, on the line of said road."

Also, as one of the Judiciary committee, reported a substitute for the bill to amend the act to incorporate the Brazoria county Insurance Company, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Townes, of the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported that the money appropriated to furnish the Governor's mansion had been expended.

And also, reported a bill making further appropriation for the same object and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Mabry, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to regulate agencies of foreign Insurance Companies in this State, with amendments by the committee:

Amend by adding at the end of first section: "Provided, that no plaintiff in bringing suit against such insurance company, shall not be required to plead the act of incorporation, but it shall be sufficient if suit as aforesaid be brought against said company by the name in which their business is transacted."

Mr. Fuqua, chairman of committee on Internal Improvement, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Naches Navigation Company.

Also, reported as follows:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the "bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Trinity Valley Railroad Company," have had the same under consideration, and find that the charter is drawn up with as much care as usual in such cases, and that it conforms to the usual requirements and conditions that have been commonly enforced upon Railroad Companies, and the only question involved, is as to whether it is likely to be constructed, and is of sufficient general utility as to secure for it a passage through the Legislature.

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Mary Ann Long.

Also, reported a bill for the relief of James Rowark's heirs, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Also, reported a bill for the relief of heirs of John Hoffler, deceased, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Mills, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to amend article 791a, of Penal Code.
On motion of Mr. Mills, the rule was suspended and bill read second time.

Mr. Hartley proposed to amend by striking out "500" and inserting "1000." Adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mills, one of the committee on Judiciay, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to prevent judgments from becoming dormant, with amendments by the committee:

Amend by adding at the end of section first, "but said judgment shall cease to operate as a lien on real estate, unless executions are issued once after each term of the District Court."

Mr. Ross, chairman of committee on Counties and County Boundaries, reported a bill to define county boundaries, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Also, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill to amend the act to create Blanco county, &c.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to validate certain citations and other writs, issuing from district court of Nueces county, &c.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to exempt school lands from limitations.

Also, recommended the indefinite postponement of the bill relating to confessions in criminal trials.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of committee on Finance, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the bills to relinquish nine-tenths of the State tax to the counties of Hill and Calhoun.

Also, recommended the passage of the Senate's bill to make appropriation to pay Assessors and Collectors for taking the scholastic census for 1859.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to provide for the pay and subsistence of the troops called out by the Governor, under the command of J. S. Ford, James Bourland and John Henry Brown.

Also, for the pay of the Commissioners sent by the Governor to the Indians, as amended by the House with amendments by the committee.

Amendments by the committee:

Add, "Provided, the Comptroller shall have full authority and is hereby required under this act to examine the accounts for subsistence and forage, and allow only such as are fully authenticated by proper vouchers, and to redeem extravagant charges to a reasonable amount."

And strike out from the House's amendment as follows:
"And shall not allow more than four cents per pound for beef, and five cents per pound for flour, and not more than one dollar and fifty cents per bushel for corn, and not over five cents per pound for pork."

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rule was suspended, the bill taken up and the amendment by the committee adopted, and the House's amendment as amended adopted, and the bill passed third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was further suspended, the bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Davis of B., obtained leave of absence until Monday morning next.

Mr. Lewis of R, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Robertson and Milam counties. Referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Duncan presented the petition of John Parsons. Referred to committee on Public Debt.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed a bill making a further appropriation for furnishing the Governor's mansion.

Mr. Fossum introduced a joint resolution providing pay for the members of Congress from Texas. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Fossum, one hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

The hour having arrived the special order of the day, viz: The half bill, was taken up.

The question being the engrossment of the bill, the same was put and the House refused to engross the bill by the following vote:


Mr. Franklin introduced a bill to incorporate the Galveston
Cotton Press and Manufacturing Company Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Mahy presented the petition of Geo. M. McDonell, et al. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Haynes presented the petition of John Smith. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Sarah Miles. Read first time.

Mr. Francis offered the following resolution:
Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to report upon a bill now before them entitled a bill to quiet land titles. Adopted.

Mr. Hartley offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Since the creation of Eve, fair woman has been as was ordained, the helpmeet of man, the light of his darkness, and the light of his light, the refiner of his nature, and the heroine of his noble impulses and high resolves; and

WHEREAS, The women of Texas are possessed of all the virtues that adorn their sex, to say nothing of their extraordinary beauty; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That they are worthy of admission to the floor of this Hall, and if they will favor us with their presence, the Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to furnish them seats.

Laid over one day for consideration.

Mr. Bryan moved to suspend the rule, and take up the bill to incorporate the Trinity Valley Railroad Company. Lost.

Mr. Martin submitted the following minority report upon the petition of Messrs. Marshall & Oldham, reporting a joint resolution requiring the Comptroller to examine the accounts of the State Printer. Resolution read first time.

Mr. Townes moved to have one hundred copies of the majority and minority be printed. Lost by the following vote:


Mr. Kinney introduced a bill to amend the act supplemental to the act to change the times of holding District Courts in the tenth and fourteenth Judicial Districts. Read first time, and referred to committee on Judicial Districts.

Mr. Crawford introduced a bill to amend article 1088 of Oldham & White's Digest. Read first time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dale introduced a bill to incorporate the Palestine Tap Railroad Company. Read first time, and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The apportionment bill, with proposed amendments, was again taken up.

Mr. Barnard proposed to amend the amendment as follows:

Strike out first and second districts, and the names of their counties, and insert Liberty, Jefferson, Chambers, Orange and Polk, two Representatives. Strike out ninth, tenth and eleventh districts and the names of their counties, and insert Houston, Anderson and Trinity, three Representatives. Strike out fourteenth, fifteen and sixteenth districts and the names of their counties, and insert Harrison and Panola, three Representatives. Strike out eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth districts and the names of their counties, and insert Cass, Titus and Bowie, four Representatives. Strike out twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth districts and the names of their counties, and insert Fannin and Hunt, three Representatives. Strike out thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third and names of their counties, and insert Collin and Grayson, three Representatives.

Strike out thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth districts and their counties, and insert Galveston and Brazoria, two Representatives.

Strike out fifty, fifty-first and fifty-second districts and the names of counties, and insert Washington and Fayette, three Representatives.

Strike out fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh districts and names of counties and insert Williamson, Travis and Milam, three Representatives.

Strike out seventy-first and seventy-second districts and the names of their counties, and insert Bexar, Medina, Uvalde, Dawson, Kinney and Maverick, three Representatives.

Strike out seventy-third and seventy-fourth districts and the
names of their counties, and insert Cameron and Hidalgo, two Representatives.

Then correct the numbers of the districts to correspond with the foregoing amendments.

On motion the House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Hartley, the bill to amend the 11th section of the act to incorporate the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company, with report from committee, recommending that the House's amendment be stricken out, was taken up.—Read second time.

The question being upon the adoption or rejection of the amendment proposed by the committee, the same was put and the amendment rejected by the following vote:


Mr. Henderson proposed to amend by adding: “And that the Texas creditors shall have prior lien on said road for all their debts.”

Mr. Epperson offered the following as a substitute for the amendments: “Provided that this amendment shall first be submitted to a vote of the stockholders of said county, and shall be approved by a majority of the same, otherwise, it shall be of no effect.”

[Mr. Redwine in the Chair.]

Mr. Henderson, by permission, withdrew his amendment, and Mr. Epperson then offered his substitute for the amendment as an amendment to the bill.

Amendment rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong Barnard Branch Camp Crawford Crooks Davis of H. Dickson Duncan Elliott Epperson Francis Harrison of V. Z. Henderson Houghton Lynch Maverick


Mr. Henderson  proposed  to  amend  by  adding,  and  that  the  directors  of  said  road  shall  hold  the  earnings  of  said  road  and  apply  the  same  exclusively  to  the  payment  of  Texas  creditors.  Amendment  adopted,  and  the  bill  passed  to  a  third  reading.

On  motion  of  Mr.  Franklin,  the  rule  was  suspended,  the  bill  read  third  time,  and  the  House  refused  to  pass  the  bill  by  the  following  vote:


Mr.  Shannon  moved  to  suspend  rule  and  take  up  bill  supplemental  to  the  act  to  ascertain  what  certificates  have  been  illegally  issued  in  the  counties  in  Peter's  Colony,  &c.  Lost.

The  bill  for  the  relief  of  Nat.  M.  Burford  with  substitute  and  minority  and  majority  reports  from  Judiciary  committee,  was  taken  up.

Mr.  Mills  moved  to  lay  the  reports  on  the  table.  Lost.

[Mr.  Townes  in  the  Chair]

Mr.  Duncan  moved  to  adjourn  till  10  o'clock,  A.  M.,  to-morrow.  Lost.

After  further  discussion  on  the  bill,  on  motion,  the  House  adjourned  till  10  o'clock,  A.  M.,  to-morrow.