HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 1860;

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read.

Mr. Perry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Freestone and Limestone counties. Referred to committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Cumby presented the petition of sundry citizens of Rusk county. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to amend the act to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railroad Company, passed February 16th, 1859, with amendment: amend by adding E. B. Nichols, Benj. B. Peck and D. S. H. Durst.

Mr. Robinson, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Howard McElroy.

Mr. Townes, one of the committee on Education, reported a bill to amend the title, and the first and fifth sections of the act to incorporate the German Free School Association of the city of Austin, passed January 19th, 1858, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Andrew J. Morgan, with amendments: amend by inserting after "Houston," "and bounty land certificate No. 4449, for 1280 acres, issued by Chas. Mason, Secretary of War, to A. S. Thruston, on the 22d day of November, A. D. 1838."

Also, reported, recommending the rejection of the petition of the heirs of Wm. P. Wilson.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill for the relief of Andres Menchaca, with amendments: amend by striking out "5148 acres," and inserting "3225 acres."

Mr. Short, one of the committee on State Affairs, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to levy and collect a special tax in the counties of Wise and Denton.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported a substitute for the bill to incorporate Hermann Seminary, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Redgate, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill ordering the return of certificates in Fisher & Miller's Colony.

Mr. Redgate introduced a bill to amend the act to amend the
act to incorporate the town of Columbus, approved February 5, 1856. Read first time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McClarty offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the night session shall not be exclusively devoted to the disposition of bills of a private nature, but that bills of that character shall come up only in their regular order, as numbered upon the Speaker's table.

Laid over one day for consideration.

Mr. Branch introduced a bill for the relief of C. G. Keenan. Read first time, and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Norton introduced a bill supplementary to, and amendatory of the act passed March 30th, 1848, concerning lunatics and idiots. Read first time, and referred to Probate Laws committee.

Mr. Epperson introduced a bill to relieve T. F. Guest from minority. Read first time, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Buckley introduced a bill to incorporate the Richmond Insurance Company. Read first time.

Mr. Duncan introduced a bill requiring all persons shipping beavers from any port in this State, to have the marks and brands recorded. Read first time, and referred to committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill granting a pension to Wm. H. Anderson. Read first time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Warfield offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Education be requested to enquire whether the fifty leagues of land set apart for the establishment and endowment of a State University have all been located and surveyed, and report by bill or otherwise.

Adopted.

[Mr. Mundine in the Chair.]

Mr. Mabry, chairman of committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as follows:

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HON. M. D. K. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint committee on Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills, viz: A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and define the times of
holding courts in the district court in the several counties of the eighth judicial district.

A bill entitled an act for the relief of H. C. Lozenby.

A bill to amend the 2d section of an act entitled an act to create the 20th judicial district of the State of Texas, approved January 2d, 1860.

And find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and have this day presented the same to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The hour having arrived, the House went into committee of the whole on the bill to raise the revenue by direct taxation.

[Mr. Henderson in the Chair.]

Committee rose, reported progress, and reported the bill back to the House, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same. Report adopted.

Mr. Middleton presented the petition of Harriet M. Durst, et al. Referred to committee on Public Debt.

On motion of Mr. Ross, the bill to raise the revenue by direct taxation, was taken up and made the special order for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed a bill for the relief of Jno. Frederick.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House's amendments to the Senate's bill to amend the 11th section of the act of February 7th, 1853, to incorporate the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Senate's bill to amend the 2d, 5th, 8th and 9th sections of the act to authorize the sale of the public domain, with report from committee on Public Lands, recommending amendments, was taken up, and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Flewellen proposed to amend by striking out 50 cents, and inserting $1.

On motion of Mr. Middleton, the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Flewellen:

Mr. Ellett proposed to amend by adding:

“That the provisions herein contained shall in no wise be construed so as to conflict with an act passed at this session, entitled an act donating land to actual settlers.”

On motion of Mr. Flewellen, laid on the table.

Mr. Ellett moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost.

Mr. Munson proposed to amend by striking out 50 cents wherever it occurs, and inserting $1 25.

On motion of Mr. Harrison of V. Z., laid on the table.

Mr. Worthington proposed to amend by striking out eight months wherever it occurs, and inserting twelve months. Adopted.

Mr. Davis of H., proposed to amend by adding:

“Provided that this act shall be a perpetual pre-emption until repealed by law, and that persons shall not be compelled to act within six months to avail themselves of the benefits of this act.”

On motion of Mr. Henderson, laid on the table.

Mr. Epperson proposed to amend as follows:

In first section strike out the words “and sale or either,” in second section strike out “or assign.”

On motion of Mr. Buckley, one hundred copies of the bill were ordered to be printed, and the bill was made the special order of the day for Thursday week.

[Speaker resumed Chair.]

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill for the relief of the heirs of Mark Copeland, dec’d.

And the bill donating one league of land, each, to Dennis Mead, Richard Mead and — Eastland. Report accepted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution relative to changing the manner of disposing of the business of night sessions was taken up.

Mr. Norton moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Mr. Nelson proposed to amend by striking out the names of members, and inserting names of counties. Lost.

Mr. Ellett proposed to amend by striking out the names of members, and inserting names of districts.

Mr. Mills moved the previous, which was seconded, and the main question ordered.
The main question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put, and the resolution adopted.

The bill to incorporate the Air Line Railroad Company was again taken up.

[Mr. Mills in the Chair.]

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

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Mr. Hubbard called up a bill to incorporate the Starrville Union Academy. Read second time, and passed to a third reading. Rule suspended, bill read third time, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Hubert called up the Air Line Railroad Bill.

On motion, the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, a.m., tomorrow.

House of Representatives,}
Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 1860.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Dougherty moved to amend the journal yesterday by inserting a motion made by Mr. Armstrong, to reconsider the vote refusing to pass a bill for the relief of A. H. Cook.

Mr. Norton moved to lay the motion to amend the journal on the table.

The yeas and nays being ordered by Mr. Dougherty, the House refused to lay the motion on the table by the following vote:
