
Mr. Baxter proposed to amend by inserting 100 copies instead of 500.

On motion, the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., Monday, pending the resolution.

House of Representatives, ?
MONDAY, NOV. 14, 1859.

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

Mr. Walworth, by permission, introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to raise 1,000 men for the suppression of the insurrection on the Rio Grande. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, the rule was suspended and the resolution read second time, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs with instructions to report at 3 o'clock to-day.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing to the House that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution to appoint a joint committee to act on our revenue laws, and had appointed Messrs. Stockdale, Gentry and Wallace on said committee.

Mr. Henderson presented the petition of Peter Norton. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Mills, Messrs. Hartley, Pirkey and Dennis were added to the Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Caddell, Mr. Maxey was added to the committee on the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, Mr. Norton was added to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ross was added to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Harrison of Cherokee, moved that Mr. Francis be added to the committee on Internal Improvements. Lost.

Mr. Martin presented the petition of the heirs of James Cook, deceased. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.
Mr. Edwards presented the petition of L. E. Griffiths. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Crawford presented the petition for the relief of the heirs of J. W. Bass, deceased. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Townes presented the petition for relief of John Birth. Referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of D. K. Ross. Referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Hall, chairman of committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

To the Hon. M. D. K. Taylor,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Privileges and Elections, to which was referred the documents in relation to the contest for the seat in the House of Representatives of Allison Nelson vs. A. J. Evans, have the honor to report that we find from all the evidence which have been submitted, that the said Allison Nelson is duly and constitutionally elected a Representative to the State Legislature from the 45th Representative District, having received 1,217 votes and A. J. Evans 1,066 votes, all of which is respectfully submitted. Report received.

On motion of Mr. Walder, the rule was suspended, the report taken up and adopted.

Mr. Billingsley, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of a bill for the relief of Charles A. Russel; the act of March 20, 1848, providing that the counties in which such services are rendered shall pay such accounts.

Mr. Harrison of Van Zandt, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported as follows:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act supplementary to and amending an act entitled an act to provide for the relief of pre-emption settlers and their assignees, under the acts of the 22th January, 1840, the 7th February, 1853, and the act of February 13th, 1854, and actual settlers in the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Reservation, approved February 10, 1858, have had the same under consideration and find, that a bill having the same objects in view, passed the House on the 12th inst. Your committee, therefore, have instructed me to report the same back to the House and ask to be relieved from any further consideration of the same.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of the committee on Private Land...
Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Joseph Thompson, reported, and recommended its passage.

The Speaker announced that he had, in compliance with a resolution adopted by the House, appointed Mr. Mangum of Grimes, and Mr. Adrian of Smith, pages to the House, who came forward and took the necessary oath.

Mr. Henderson introduced a bill to incorporate the Israelite congregation of the city of Houston.

Mr. Smith introduced a bill to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act to encourage the building of steamboats and other vessels in the State of Texas.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be and are hereby authorized to have printed for the use of the members of the House, 500 copies of the report of John Henry Brown, in reference to the sale of the University Lands; 500 copies of the report of the Peace Commissioners sent to the Reserve, and 500 copies of the report of the Board of Commissioners to examine what certificates had been improperly issued in Peter's colony, and now on file in the Land Office.

Mr. Nelson proposed to amend by inserting, "and the testimony taken by said Peace Commissioners now in the State Department." Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Townes, the resolution was referred to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Mabry offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor be and is hereby requested to furnish this House with all the information in his possession, relative to the survey of the Boundary line between Texas and the United States, as to the commissioners appointed for that purpose, the progress of the survey and the cost of the same.

Adopted.

Mr. Hubbard introduced a bill to relieve Martin V. Clary and Jasper Clary from the disability of minority for certain purposes.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Perry introduced a bill to be supplemental to the several acts now in force in this State on the subject of Estrays. Read first time, and referred to the committee on Stocks and Stock raising.

Mr. Barnard introduced a bill to ratify and confirm a decree or judgment of the District Court of Bexar county. Read first time, and referred to Committee on the Court of Claims.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill to prevent keeping, playing and betting on ten-pin alleys. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.
Mr. Short asked and obtained leave for the committee on Military Affairs, to be allowed to sit during the session of the House.

Mr. Buckley introduced a bill to be supplementary to an act supplementary and amendatory of an act to regulate Railroads, approved February 7, 1853, approved December 19, 1857. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of D. Duncan, deceased. Read first time, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Redwine introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to exempt the State from any liability in case the Public Domain of the State should be insufficient to completely furnish to each Railroad the amount of land contemplated in the general law, granting 16 sections of land to each Railroad that may be built under the provisions of said act, and to report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Manley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit at his earliest convenience, for the information of this House, all evidences in his possession with regard to the reported rebellion on the Rio Grande. Laid over one day for consideration.

Mr. Lawtey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of each and every county having a District Attorney, whose duties it shall be to attend to all cases in which the State may be a party, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the cancellation of patents in certain cases, passed February 3, 1854. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill to legalize locations and surveys made in the Pacific Railroad Reservation during the existence of the same. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Lewis of Montgomery, the joint resolution, to amend the 10th section of the constitution, was taken from the Speaker's table. Read second time, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill for the relief of Charles Lockhart and John Welsh. Read first time, and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.
Mr. Dale introduced a bill to remove the disability and legalize the acts of Benj'n A. Campbell, a minor. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Ross introduced a bill to prevent vice, immorality or unnecessary labor on Sunday. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Davis of Hays, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring) That a joint select committee, consisting of five on the part of the House and five on the part of the Senate, be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of calling a convention to frame a new constitution, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Ellett introduced a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent upon unconditional certificate No. 91, class 4, for 320 acres of land issued by the board of land commissioners of Fannin county, November 3, 1845. Read first time, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ellett introduced a bill to create the — Judicial District of the State of Texas.

Mr. Redwine introduced a bill for the regulation of patrols, and prescribing their duties. Read first time, and referred to committee on Slaves and Slavery.

On motion of Mr. Manly, the rule was suspended and his resolution, requesting the Governor to transmit all evidences in his possession relative to the Rio Grande rebellion, was taken up and adopted.

Mr. McGehee introduced a bill authorizing and requiring the advertisement of Sheriff's and Administrator's sales, and regulating the prices of the same. Read first time, and referred to committee on Printing.

Mr. Franklin introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas Telegraph company. Read first time, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Munson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on State Affairs be ordered to bring in a bill authorizing the Governor of the State to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a board of three commissioners to investigate the causes of the rebellion or invasion of the State now existing near Brownsville, whether or not the same has been investigated by the authorities of Mexico or of any complicity of said authorities with the rebels, and to ascertain any and all causes calculated to incite this extraordinary state of affairs, which board shall accompany any troops that
may be sent to suppress the rebellion, and that the board be clothed with all necessary power to send for persons and papers, enforce the attendance of witnesses, &c. Adopted.

Mr. Duncan introduced a bill to empower the county court of the county of Calhoun, in the State of Texas, to regulate and restrain the running at large of hogs in said county. Read first time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Ross offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee, consisting of one member from each Judicial District, be appointed to whom all matters pertaining to the creation of a new, and changes in Judicial Districts, and times of holding courts, shall be referred.

Mr. Davis of Hays, introduced a bill to amend article 253 of Oldham & White's Digest. Read first time, and referred to committee on Privileges and Elections.

The hour having arrived, the special order of the day, viz:

The resolution to go into the election of Senator, was taken up.

Mr. Posey proposed to amend by striking out "Tuesday 15th" and inserting "Wednesday the 16th."

On motion of Mr. Epperson, a division of the question was ordered. The motion to strike out Tuesday the 15th, was put and carried. The motion to insert Wednesday the 16th, was put and carried.

On motion of Mr. Welder, a further consideration of the resolution was postponed until 10½ o'clock to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the distribution of the penal code of the State, and the acts and journals of the Legislature, to the several counties in the State. Read second time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

A joint resolution, authorizing the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and Secretary of the Senate, to contract for printing. Read, and referred to Printing committee.

A resolution to amend the rules of the House, on motion of Mr. Barnard, laid on the table.

A resolution, requiring the Commissioner of the Land Office to have made out a map showing the vacant public domain, &c. Read, and referred to committee on Land Office.

A resolution, requiring the Comptroller to make out a statement of the condition of his office. Read, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

A bill to abrogate the charter of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad company. Read second time, and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.
A bill to legalize the marriage of C. B. and M. E. Wood. Read second time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill, requiring the clerks of the District Courts of certain counties, to apportion their dockets. Read second time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill to amend the 8th and 9th sections of an act to authorize the sale of the Public Domain. Read second time, and referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill to be supplemental to an act entitled an act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State, approved May 12, 1846, approved November 30, 1850, approved August 28, 1856. Read second time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill to regulate and determine the pay of grand and petit jurors in the county of Harrison. Read second time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill, granting 320 acres of land each to George Eberly Henry, Mary Eliza Henry, and Julia Pierce Henry. Read second time, and referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill, regulating the sale of spirituous liquors. Read second time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing to the House that the Senate had concurred in the resolution of the House to appoint a joint committee to revise the revenue laws, and had appointed Messrs. Stockdale, Duggan and Gentry, said committee.

[Mr. Hubbard in the chair.]

A bill to amend the 1st, 2d, 3d and 5th sections of an act creating the office of weigher of cotton for certain ports in this State, passed September 1, 1856, together with report from committee on Agriculture, recommending that the bill lie upon the table. Report adopted, and bill laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Branch, Mr. Lewis of Montgomery was added to committee on Education.

On motion, the House adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M., pending the cotton weighing bill.

3 O’clock, P. M.

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

The Speaker announced the committee on Judicial Districts, consisting of Messrs. McClarty, Chairman; Shannon, Wortham, Short, Maxey, Branch, Redgate, Dougherty, Hall, Camp, Davis of Hays, Mundine, Wrede, Nelson, Francis, Stewart, Mills and Barnard.
Mr. Davis of Hays, offered a substitute for the bill pending when the House adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Billingsley, the bill and substitute were referred to the committee on Agriculture.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

[Not handed in by the Clerk.]

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the message with accompanying documents, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. ———, the report of the committee on Contingent Expenses, relative to the subscription for the newspapers of this city for the use of the members of this House, was taken up and read.

Mr. Crooks proposed to amend by striking out "25" and inserting "10"; on motion of Mr. Duncan, laid on the table.

Mr. McKnight proposed to amend by striking out "50 copies" and all that follows and inserting "one copy of the daily Gazette and one copy of the tri-weekly Intelligencer for each member of the House at the regular subscription price, and no more." Rejected.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend by striking out "25 copies each" and insert "10 copies each of the daily Gazette and tri-weekly Intelligencer" at the published rates of subscription, and no more.

Mr. McKnight moved to strike out "10" and insert "2." Lost, and the amendment laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor proposed to amend by adding, "provided one of said papers shall contain a synopsis of the journals of this House, and the other a synopsis of the debates thereof; provided that said papers shall be delivered at the same price as that charged to regular subscribers." Laid on the table.

Mr. Mabry moved that the report and amendment be laid on the table. Lost by the following vote:


NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Armstrong, Barclay, Baxter, Benevides, Billingsley, Bryan, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Culberson, Dale, Darnell, Davis of Bastrop, Davis of Hays, Dennis, Dougherty, Duncan, Ellett, Harrison of Cherokee, Harrison of Van Zandt, Lewis of Robertson, Lewter, Lynch, Martin,
On motion of Mr. Taylor, his amendment to the report was taken from the table and adopted.

Mr. McKnight proposed to amend by striking out "25" and inserting "5."

Mr. Mills moved to lay the amendment on the table. Lost by the following vote:


On motion, the House adjourned till 10 o’clock, A. M., tomorrow, pending the report of committee on Contingent Expenses.

House of Representatives, 
AUSTIN, Tuesday, November 15th, 1859.

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

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen on a committee to change the Constitution: Messrs. Davis of Hays, chairman; Dale, Robertson, Pirkey and Dickson.

Mr. McKnight presented the memorial of the Brazos Synod, praying for a Sabbath Law. Referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Nelson presented two several petitions of the citizens of Comanche and Palo Pinto counties. Referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Billingsley presented the petition of the heirs of Thomas G. Dunn. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.