

Mr. Norton proposed to amend by adding "200 copies in the Norwegian language."

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

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House of Representatives,

Austin, Thursday, Nov. 17th, 1859.

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

Mr. Darnell presented the petition of Cyrus S. Millett. Referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Henderson, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported, asking that a bill to create the 20th Judicial District be referred to the committee on Judicial Districts. Also reported a substitute for the bill for the relief of Hannah C. Buckner, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of committee on Finance, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate’s Bill making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the members, and the per diem pay of the officers of the 8th Legislature; also reported two bills to-wit:

One, making an appropriation to pay the Attorney General and District Attorneys the costs due them under Article 952d, of the Code of Criminal Procedure. And another to amend Article 955 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and recommended their passage. Bills read first time.

Ad, as one of the committee on the Judiciary reported, recommending the passage of a bill to amend Article 360 of Oldham & White’s Digest.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of a bill “to incorporate the Texas Telegraph Company” with the amendments by the committee.
AMENDMENTS.

In section 3 strike out "As well as any branch lines they desire to build diverging from the main trunk lines above designated."

In section 11, amend by adding after the word "President" the words "Secretary or left at the principal office of the company, which office shall be within the limits of the State of Texas" and by adding four additional sections.

Mr. Mabry, one of the Judiciary committee, reported as follows:

We the committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution requiring said committee to enquire into the propriety of passing an act to suppress the carrying concealed weapons, beg leave to report that they deem the passage of such a law impolitic.

Mr. Harrison of Van Zandt, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of a bill for the relief of the heirs of A. D. Duncan, deceased.

Also reported a bill for the relief of Richard N. Williams, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Also reported, recommending the passage of a bill for the relief of J. J. McJennings.

A message was received from the Senate announcing to the House, that the Senate had passed the House's joint resolution to authorize the Governor to call out volunteers, &c., with amendments, and had passed a bill for the relief of James Jennings.

Mr. Buckley reported, recommending the passage of a bill supplementary to an act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, approved May 12, '45, approved Nov. 30, '50, approved August 28, '56, with the amendments by the committee.

Amend by adding to the 2nd section "Provided the cases so transferred shall not take precedence of those now on the Docket at that place."

Mr. Short, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported as follows: The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution to enquire into the expediency of each and every county in the State having a District Attorney, have the honor to report that we have had the same under consideration and have concluded that it is inexpedient to adopt the views embodied in the resolution.

Mr. Shannon, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported asking that a bill for the relief of settlers upon eleven
league claims, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McCutcheon, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of a bill granting 320 acres of land each to George Eberly Henry, Mary Eliza Henry and Julia Pierce Henry.

Mr. Bryan, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a substitute for the bill for the relief of Chester E. Stark, and recommended its passage.

(Mr. Taylor of Fannin in Chair.)

Mr. Nelson, chairman on part of the House, of the joint committee on Indian Affairs, reported that said committee had had under consideration the protection of the frontier, and had reported a bill to the Senatorial branch of the Legislature and recommended its passage.

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Charles Parks.

Mr. Speights, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph W. Bass, dec'd, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Maxey introduced a bill for the relief of A. Wilson.—Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ross offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Court of Claims be requested to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for the presentation of claims and report by bill or otherwise, at as early a day as practicable. Adopted.

Mr. Shelton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be required to examine into the expediency of so altering or amending the laws regulating the inauguration of Governor and Lt. Governor, and the meeting of the biennial session of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as to bring the inauguration within the first week of the session, and that they report as early as practicable by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Shannon presented the petition of Wm. Burford. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The joint resolution calling out troops for the suppression of the Rio Grande difficulties, was taken up, and the amendments of the Senate concurred in.

Mr. Martin offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The 24th sec. of the 3rd art. of the Constitution
of the State of Texas provides, that "no member of either House of the Legislature shall, during the term for which he is elected, be eligible to any office or place, the appointment to which, may be made in whole or in part by either branch of the Legislature; nor shall the members thereof be capable of voting for a member of their own body for any office whatever except it be in such cases as are herein provided: The President for the time being of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be elected from their respective bodies; and

Whereas, it is evident that the framers of the Constitution intended by this provision to prevent intrigue, collusion and corruption among the members for mutual promotion, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we re-affirm this provision of the Constitution and make it the rule of this House.

Resolved, 2nd. That the resignation of a member, during the session of the Legislature, for the purpose of being elected to an office for which he may have procured pledges of support from other members, is a mere evasion of the letter of the Constitution, while it violates in the most essential particular, its spirit, and will not be tolerated by this House.

Mr. Walker moved the re-jection of the resolution.

Mr. Francis moved that the House adjourn till 3 o'clock P. M.

Lost.

Mr. Culberson moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock A. M, tomorrow. Lost by the following vote:


On motion the House adjourned till 10 o'clock A. M, tomorrow. Pending the resolution.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, Friday, Nov. 18th, 1859.

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