

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

Mr. Taylor moved to reconsider the vote passing the bill to a third reading. Mr. Baxter moved a call of the House. Lost, and the motion to reconsider lost by the following vote:


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

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
FRIDAY, Dec. 9th, 1859.

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

Mr. Franklin presented the petition of Thos. Ellis. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Nelson presented the petition of the citizens of Lampasas. Referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill to regulate factors and warehousemen. Report accepted.
Mr. McKnight, one of the committee on Education, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to amend the act incorporating Paine’s Female Institute, passed Aug. 6th, 1856.

Mr. Dickson, chairman of committee on Public Debt, reported, asking to be relieved from further consideration of the petition of Ashley H. Dodd.

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate’s bill for the relief of Lewis Duval.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported the following resolution and recommended its adoption:

Resolved, That the committee on Printing have printed 300 copies of the special report of the State Engineer upon the Pacific Railroad, for the use of the House of Representatives, provided said printing is done under the law on the subject of printing passed at the present session of Legislature. Resolution adopted.

Also, reported, recommending the rejection of the resolution instructing the Internal Improvement committee to enquire into the expediency of loaning to railroad companies certain funds.

Also, reported, recommending the rejection of the bill to amend section 1623 of Oldham & White’s Digest.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the rejection of the petitions of Manuel Farias, Juan Longoria, Zenobia Longoria, Marjil Garcia and Antonio Garcia Vela.

Mr. Cadwell, chairman of committee on Penitentiary, reported a bill to make appropriations for the support of the State Penitentiary, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Navarro, one of the committee on Education, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to revise the act to incorporate the La Grange Collegiate Institute, and to change the name of the same to Ewing College.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on the Judiciary, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the joint resolution to change the Constitution as to banking.

Mr. Darrell gave notice that he with others would submit a minority report on the same subject.

Mr. Townes, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend sections 3rd and 11th of the act to organize county courts, passed March 16th, 1848, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.
Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Education, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the "Lexington Male and Female Academy."

Mr. Manley, one of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill to incorporate the Hebrew Congregation, in the city of Houston. Report accepted.

Mr. McClarty, one of the committee on Printing, reported, recommending the passage of the bill authorizing and requiring the advertisement of sheriffs and administrator's sales and regulating the prices of the same.

Also, as chairman of committee on Judicial Districts, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to change the time of holding the courts in the 6th judicial district.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee on State Affairs, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to relinquish nine-tenths of State tax of the county of Navarro to said county, with the amendments by committee:

Amend by striking out the words "years 1859 and 1860" wherever it occurs and insert "year 1859."

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Jose Ma. Gonzales, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Dougherty, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported a substitute for the bill to define the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and to regulate the fees of the same, and recommended its passage.

Also, as chairman of the committee on Stock and Stock-raising, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to amend article 702 of the Penal Code.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to contract for 500 copies of the new Abstract of titled lands.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire whether or not Oldham & White's Digest is a compliance with the act of February 14th, 1858, entitled "an act to provide for a Digest of the laws of Texas," and whether it has been received by the proper officers of the State, and what copies have been distributed, and also enquire into the propriety of recalling the copies so distributed and sell the whole to the highest bidder, and, also the propriety of purchasing additional copies of Hartley's Digest for the use of the State. Adopted.

Mr. Dennis introduced a bill for the relief of George Sargent.
Read first time and referred to committee on Court of Claims.

Mr. Haynes introduced a joint resolution to investigate the causes of the condition of affairs in Cameron and Hidalgo counties.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, referred to special committee of 3. The Speaker announced Messrs. Haynes, Dougherty and Dale on said committee.

Mr. Davis of Bastrop offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law allowing persons holding open accounts the right to charge legal interest upon the same, from the date they are due, and payable, until paid, and that they be instructed to report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Craig offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education enquire into the propriety of granting aid and donation of land to the several colleges, established in the different counties in the State, by private enterprise and that they report as early as practicable, by bill or otherwise, with such suggestions as they may think proper for the advancement of Education. Adopted.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of the Representative Hall be granted to the Superintendents and Officers of the Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums of this State for the purpose of public exhibitions by the members of said Institutions, at such times as they desire. Adopted.

Mr. Henry introduced a bill to amend the act regulating the pay of petit jurors. Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Camp introduced a bill to regulate the time of holding courts in the 8th Judicial District. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judicial Districts.

Mr. Culberson introduced a bill to regulate the sale of real estate belonging to minors. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of H. introduced a bill for the relief of Moses Guess. Read 1st time and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Piriey introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas Mutual Insurance Co. at Boston. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Speights introduced a bill to authorize pre-emption settlers to float their claims. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Public Lands.
Mr. Culberson introduced a bill to repeal art. 1065, Oldham and White’s Digest. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Nelson introduced a bill to authorize the patenting of lands therein described. Read 1st time, and referred to committee on Public Lands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Senate’s bills were taken up, read 1st time, and disposed of as indicated:

A bill for the relief of Joseph Turner was taken up, read 1st time, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to provide payment for printing the Proclamations of the Governor; passed to 2d reading.

A bill to provide for the election of a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. L. T. Wigfall.

On motion of Mr. Redwine the rule was suspended, and the bill read a 2d time.

Mr. Craig proposed to amend the bill by striking out “5 days’ notice,” and inserting “8 days’ notice.”

Mr. McKnight moved to refer the bill and amendments to committee on Privileges and Elections. Lost, and the amendment adopted by the following vote:


On motion of Mr. Shannon the rule was further suspended, the bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lewis of M., Mr. Lewis of R. was added to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Mills, by permission, introduced a bill declaring the object and intention of an act passed Aug. 26, 1856, to adopt and establish a Penal Code for the State of Texas. Read 1st time and referred to Judiciary committee.
A bill to incorporate the Air Line Railroad company, referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to provide for patenting headright certificates not presented to the Court of Claims for approval within the time prescribed by law, and for issuing duplicates and unlocated balance. Read 3d time and passed.

**HOUSE BILLS.**

A bill to regulate public sales in the county of Bastrop taken up, read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Baxter moved to take up the resolution relative to the election of a State Engineer. Lost.

A bill to repeal the 7th section of an act to regulate railroad companies, approved February 7th, 1859, taken up, read 3d time and passed.

A bill to relieve Jackson L. Leonard from the disabilities of minority, and to permit him to practice law, taken up, read 3d time and passed.

A bill to repeal the act creating the system of bankruptcy, and regulating the collection of foreign debts, taken up, read 3d time and passed.

A bill to amend the act incorporating the city of San Antonio, taken up.

Mr. Martin moved to postpone the bill indefinitely. Lost, and the bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Henderson in the Chair.

A bill for the relief of Mary Elam taken up, read 3d time and passed.

A bill to regulate factors and warehousemen taken up.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend by inserting after the word “agent” the words “or retain or have an interest direct or indirect in the purchase of such cotton or produce.” Adopted.

Mr. Maxey offered an additional section. Adopted.

Mr. Mabry proposed to amend the caption, by adding “and repealing an act authorizing the appointment of public weighers in certain ports in this State, approved September 1st, 1856.” Adopted.

Mr. Stewart proposed to amend, by adding to the 3d section the following: “and that he will not weigh any sugar, cotton or other produce, without first notifying the seller or factor, or commission merchant of the time and place of weighing.”

On motion of Mr. Flewelling laid on the table.

Mr. Mills moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock, P. M., whereupon the yeas and nays were demanded and stood thus:

**Yeas—** Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Armstrong, Barclay, Bax-
So the House refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Flewelling, the main question was ordered, which being the final passage of the bill, the same was put and bill passed.

On motion the House adjourned, until 10 o'clock, A.M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

SATURDAY, December 10, 1859.

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

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had concurred in the House’s amendment to the bill to provide for the selecting of a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. L. T. Wigfall.

Also had passed a bill to create the 20th Judicial District, and to define the times of holding Courts therein.

Mr. Mahre presented the petition of J. S. Nash & Co. Referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee on State Affairs, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to authorize Gillespie county to levy a special tax for 1859 and 1860.

Also reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate Colfax Lodge No. 36 of I.O.O.F., at Clarksville, of Red River county, Texas.

Mr. Bogart introduced a bill to ascertain what land certificates have been illegally issued by the county courts of counties in Peters’ Colony, and to provide for issuing patents on such of said