purposes, and for other purposes. Read first time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Ross, the bill to re-organize the Court of Claims, &c., was taken up, and made the special order of the day for Friday next, 11 o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The bill to grant to settlers on vacant public domain pre-emption privileges, together with proposed amendments, was again taken up.

Mr. Henderson moved to recommit the bill to committee on Public Lands. Lost.

Mr. Harrison, of V Z., moved to postpone till 2d of January next, at 11 o'clock. Lost.

Mr. Davis, of H., moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock, P. M.—Lost.

On motion, the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow, pending the pre-emption bill.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 1859.

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

Mr. Dickson presented the petition of W. C. Phillips. Referred to committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Wortham presented the petition of sundry citizens of Hopkins county. Referred to committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of Mary Ann Long. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Darnell presented the petition of Hugh Kinney. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the following named bills:

A bill to change the time of holding courts in the 6th judicial district.

A bill supplemental to the act supplementary and amendatory to the act to regulate railroad companies, approved February 7th, 1853, approved December 19th, 1857.

And the bill to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee on State Affairs reported, recommending the passage of the following named bills, to-wit:
A bill to incorporate the Fire Association of San Antonio.
A bill for the relief of Joseph Dougherty.
A bill to authorize the surveyor of Denton District to transcribe the records of said District.
And a bill to amend the 24th section of the act passed 27th August, 1856, to consolidate in one act and to amend the several acts incorporating the city of Galveston.
Also, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the following named bills, to-wit:
A bill to increase the pay of Sheriffs and Constables, and
A bill to relinquish the State tax of Denton county, to said county for the purpose of building a jail, and,
The petition of the citizens of Mason county.
Mr. Harrison of V. Z., one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Wm. Jackson, deceased, and recommending its passage. Bill read first time.
Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims reported, recommending the rejection of the Philander Priestley's petition.
Mr. Craig, chairman of committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Yegua Bridge and Turnpike Company, and recommended the indefinite postponement of the bill to amend the 15th section of the road law.
Mr. Houghton, one of the committee on Public Lands reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill, to permit the location of 'Mercers' colony certificates on any of the vacant public domain of the State.
Mr. Worsham, one of the committee on Public Lands reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to amend the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th sections of the act authorizing the sale of public domain, with amendments by the committee.
Amend section 9th by adding after the words, "General Land Office," the words, "and shall be required to pay taxes on the same from the date of his or her survey," and by striking out "two years" and inserting "three years."
Mr. Foster, one of the committee on State Affairs reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the bill to relieve Moses Guess from the disabilities of minority.
Mr. Ross, one of the committee on State Affairs reported, asking that the petition of the citizens Llano county be referred to committee on Counties and County Boundaries. Report adopted.
Mr. McClarty, chairman of committee on Judicial Districts reported, asking to be relieved from further consideration of the resolution requiring said committee to enquire into the expediency of creating a new district from the counties of Karnes, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Caldwell.

Mr. Dickson, chairman of committee on Public Debt reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Catherine R. S. Jones.

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Public Lands reported, recommending the passage of the bill to authorize the corporation of Laredo to dispose of certain lands, &c., with amendments by the committee.

Amendments: "provided, that more than eight leagues of said land be disposed of for erecting said school house."

Mr. Camp presented the petition of a portion of the citizens of Cass, Harrison, Upshur and Tins counties. Referred to committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Norton introduced a bill to restrict the loan of the school fund to railroad companies. Read first time and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Elliott introduced a bill authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue land scrip to certain companies. Read first time and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Darnell introduced a bill for the relief of Jas. Loring. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Burnard introduced a bill to regulate elections. Read first time and referred to committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Davis of B. introduced a bill for the relief of Wm. De Woody. Read first time.

M. Davis of B., moved that the rule be suspended and the bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. Parker the bill was referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Henderson introduced a bill for the relief of Wm. Price. Read first time, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Redwino introduced a bill to amend arts. 1775, 1783, 1786 and 1787 and to repeal arts. 1782 and 1793 of Oldham & White's Digest. Read first time and referred to committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Harrison of V. Z., introduced a bill to authorize J. L. Brown to construct a bridge across the Sabine river. Read first time and referred to committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.
Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to prevent the carrying of deadly weapons. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Culberson introduced a bill to incorporate a literary institute of Gilmer in Upshur county. Read first time and referred to committee on Education.

Mr. Hartley introduced a bill to provide for the relinquishment to the U. S., of titles to lands in certain cases: for lighthouse sites and for other purposes, &c. &c. Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs.

The hour having arrived, the special order of the day, to-wit: The Senate's bill to provide for the protection of the frontier, was taken up and read second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Ross in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was suspended by the following vote:


NAYS—Messrs. Caddell, Craig, Crooks, Franklin, Foscue, Harrison of Cherokee, McClarty, Ross, Shelton, Speights, and Whitmore—11.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The bill read 3rd time.

Mr. Foscue moved a call of the House. Lost, and the bill passed by the following vote.


NAYS—Messrs. Caddell, Craig, Crooks, Franklin, Foscue, Harrison of C., McClarty, Redwine and Ross—8.
On motion the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M. tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Wednesday, December 28th, 1859.

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

Mr. Mills, one of the committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to amend the 17th section of the act to incorporate the Indianola Railroad Company.

Mr. Foscue gave notice that he would submit an adverse minority report.

Also, as chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Vicksburg, Henderson and West Texas Railroad Company.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to amend the 11th section of the act of February 7th, 1853, of the act to incorporate the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company.

Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled and properly signed the bill to incorporate the Hebrew Congregation of the city of Houston, and that it had been presented to the Governor for approval and signature.

Mr. Harrison of V Z., one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of James T. White, dec'd, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the following named bills:

A bill for the relief of O. T. Boleware.
A bill for the relief of Alston Ferguson.
And the bill for the relief of David Ferguson.
Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed bills, reported correctly engrossed the following named bills, to wit:

Bill for the relief of Jose Maria Gonzales.
Bill for the relief of J. C. P. Kennymore.
Bill for the relief of Wm. Phelps.
Bill to change the South boundary line of Smith county.
Bill to fix the time of holding the courts in the 7th judicial district.