SECOND DAY
(Continued)
Thursday, January 12, 1967

After Recess

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m. and was called to order by the President.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Berry was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Herring.

Senator Connally was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Aikin.

Senator Hazlewood was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Senator Moore was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Senator Ratliff was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Senator Strong was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Aikin.

Senate Resolution 12

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Notoriety surrounding the publication of Mr. Manchester's commissioned-volume "The Death of a President" points up fallacies and errors and, as stated by Governor Connally, "... is filled with editorial comment based on unfounded rumor, distortion and inconsistency" which "cannot qualify as factual history" with its "recitation of recollections and observations collected and reflected through the prisms of prejudice"; and

Whereas, Some of the rumors, distortions and inconsistencies relate to the distinguished Governor of Texas who, himself, sustained wounds caused by the assassin of President Kennedy, as he and his charming wife rode in the Presidential Car with the President and the First Lady; and

Whereas, Governor Connally, with becoming modesty, has heretofore declined "airing more details of the trip and tragedy" for the reason, as so well expressed by him, "The intensity of our personal feelings and sense of helplessness as participants left deep emotional scars which we felt were best borne in silence" but has now concluded that "we no longer have the choice in view of recent developments" and, continuing the Governor, speaking on behalf of himself and Mrs. Connally, "in the interest of unmanaged history, I have reluctantly concluded that we have no choice but to assemble and present the facts and details as we know them relating to President Kennedy's visit" and that "These facts and details will be recorded in the hope that present-day writers and legitimate historians may find them useful in reaching objective judgments"; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate to commend our distinguished Governor in his decision to set aright the record of events surrounding "the details of the trip and tragedy" of November 22, 1963, in which he and his wife, as participants," sustained "deep emotional scars" heretofore borne by them in becoming modesty and silence, and to condemn the distortions, rumors, and inconsistencies raging uncontrolled through writings of irresponsible persons of questionable motives and integrity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That it does hereby condemn the publication of such "distortions, rumors and inconsistencies" of irresponsible writers in connection with the "trip and tragedy" of November 22, 1963, and that it commends the Honorable John B. Connally, as Governor of Texas, for his decision to break his silence and record the facts surrounding the events in which President Kennedy became the victim of an assassin's lethal weapon and the Governor severely wounded, so "that present-day writers and legitimate historians may find them useful in reaching objective judgments," and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution, under the Seal of the Senate, be delivered to Governor Connally.

The resolution was read.
Senator Harrington moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Senator Hardeman moved that the resolution be considered immediately.

Question first on the motion to consider the resolution immediately, the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—15
Aikin
Blanchard
Cole
Creighton
Grover
Hall
Hardeman
Herring
Hightower
Parkhouse
Reagan
Wade
Watson
Word

Nays—6
Brooks
Christie
Harrington
Wilson
Jordan
Manzy
Absence—Excused
Schwartz
Kennard

The resolution was then considered immediately and was adopted.

Senate Resolution 13

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Quarter Horse is the oldest breed of horses in America, having been developed in early Colonial times by crossing imported English mares with stallions descended from the Spanish Barbs brought to Mexico by Cortez in 1519, resulting in a compact, heavy-muscled horse that can run a short distance faster than those of any other breed; and

Whereas, From its fountain-head in Texas, the Quarter Horse has spread throughout the United States and in many foreign countries, thereby emphasizing the popularity, as well as the utility, of the breed; and

Whereas, In recognition of the value of the Quarter Horse and to establish a registry for the preservation of the blood lines of this time-honored cow-horse and the world's fastest short-distance racehorse, an association was organized in 1940, at Fort Worth, which has grown into an international association, with permanent headquarters at Amarillo, Texas, presently with more than 37,000 paid members in every State of the United States and in 31 foreign countries, with a staff of 135 employees to serve its members; and

Whereas, Honorable J. L. (Dusty) Rhoades of Odessa, Texas, was unanimously chosen President of the American Quarter Horse Association, of which he had been a member for 25 years, at its recent annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, after having served as its vice-president and on its executive committee, thereby bringing international recognition to Texas for its contributions to horsemen; and

Whereas, This adopted son of Texas has resided in Odessa since 1940, following his removal from his native Colorado, where he and his brother have continued to operate the ranch established by their father at Kit Carson, Colorado, in 1886; and

Whereas, "Dusty," as he is familiarly known, has carried on extensive civic endeavors, as well as engaging in successful business enterprises, since coming to his adopted State. He has been a director of the Colorado River Municipal Water District since it was created in 1949; a director and past president of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce; director and past president of the Odessa Community Chest and United Fund; director of the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo and chairman of its Club Calf and Lamb Sale Committee. Mr. Rhoades has been active with Boy Scout work for 33 years and has served as president of the Buffalo Trail Council and holds the Boy Scouts' Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church in Odessa. He was named "Citizen of the Year"
in 1960 and given Odessa's "Civic Service Award." In addition, this civic worker serves as a director of Key Investment Company and of the First National Bank of Odessa, as director of Texas Electric Service Company, Fort Worth, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Racing Association; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhoades is married to the former Virginia Shaw, a native of Waco, and they have two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That its congratulations be, and they are hereby, extended to J. L. (Dusty) Rhoades for the many achievements and constructive contributions he has made to the development of his City and West Texas and for his promotion and preservation of the bloodlines of the Quarter Horse and that copies of this Resolution, under the Seal of the Senate of Texas, be forwarded to the Honorable J. L. (Dusty) Rhoades of Odessa and to the headquarters of the American Quarter Horse Association at Amarillo, Texas.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, January 12, 1967.

Hon. Preston Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 3, In memory of the Honorable R. Wright Armstrong, Jr.

S. C. R. No. 1, Providing for a committee to canvass the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at a Joint Session and for a committee to arrange for their inauguration, etc.

H. C. R. No. 4, Inviting the Honorable Dean Rusk to address a Joint Session of the 60th Legislature in the House of Representatives at 11 a.m. on January 26, 1967.

H. C. R. No. 5, Requesting that all state offices be closed, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on January 17, 1967, so that all state officials and employees may witness the Inaugural Ceremony.

H. C. R. No. 6, Instructing the State Board of Control to close all entrances to the Capitol Grounds to motor vehicles on January 17, 1967.

H. C. R. No. 7, Providing that the expenses of the inauguration be paid out of the Contingent Expense Fund of the 60th Legislature.

H. C. R. No. 8, Inviting the Honorable John Connally, Governor of the State of Texas, to address a Joint Session on January 18, 1967, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolution 5 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading:

H. C. R. No. 5, Requesting that all State offices be closed from 11:30 a.m. on January 17, 1967, so that all State Officials and employees may witness the Inaugural Ceremony.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Senate Bill 1 on First Reading

The following bill was introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

By Senator Watson:

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making voter registration lists for the voting year of 1966 the controlling lists for run-off elections held during February, 1967; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

House Concurrent Resolution 8 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading:

H. C. R. No. 8, Inviting the Honorable John Connally, Governor of the State of Texas, to address a Joint Session on January 18, 1967, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

The resolution was read.
On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

**House Concurrent Resolution 7 on Second Reading**

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading:

H. C. R. No. 7, Providing that the expenses of the inauguration be paid out of the Contingent Expense Fund of the 60th Legislature.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

**House Concurrent Resolution 6 on Second Reading**

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading:

H. C. R. No. 6, Instructing the State Board of Control to close all entrances to the Capitol Grounds to motor vehicles on January 17, 1967.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

**Report of Standing Committee**

Senator Hightower submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas, January 12, 1967.

Hon. Preston Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to which was referred S. B. No. 1, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HIGHTOWER, Chairman.

**Senate Bill 1 Ordered Not Printed**

On motion of Senator Watson and by unanimous consent Senate Bill No. 1 was ordered not printed.

**Senate Bill 1 Postponed**

On motion of Senator Watson and by unanimous consent consideration of Senate Bill No. 1 was postponed until 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, January 16, 1967.

(Pending discussion of the motion to postpone, Senator Hall occupied the Chair.)

(President in the Chair.)

**Welcome Resolutions**

S. R. No. 15—By Senator Herring: Extending welcome to students and teacher of Civics and American History classes of Buda High School.

S. R. No. 17—By Senator Herring: Extending welcome to students and teacher of the M. J. Sims School of Austin.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:16 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. on Monday, January 16, 1967.
Senator Brooks offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 14)

Whereas, Goldthwaite, Mills County, and the State of Texas mourn the loss of Sergeant First Class Bobby W. Letbetter, United States Army, killed in action by hostile fire in South Viet Nam on November 21, 1966; and

Whereas, He was a 1953 graduate of Goldthwaite High School and attended Texas Technological College at Lubbock before entering the Army in 1954; and

Whereas, He was a classmate of Chet Brooks, a Member of the Senate of Texas; and

Whereas, Sergeant Letbetter was a member of the United States Parachute Team which set several world records in international competition at Lincoln, California, in March and April, 1963; and

Whereas, Sergeant Letbetter had been in South Viet Nam only a month with the Third Platoon, Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Cavalry, First Cavalry Division; and

Whereas, He was the first man in his platoon to be killed in action; and

Whereas, Memorial services were held for Sergeant Letbetter December 1, 1966, in the main Post Chapel, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Members of the United States Parachute Team served as honorary pallbearers at his burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on December 2, 1966; and

Whereas, Sergeant Letbetter is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Letbetter; his sister, Mrs. Freddie Spinks; his wife, Mrs. Marie Letbetter; and his children, Sharon and Bobby; and

Whereas, The Senate of the 60th Legislature of the State of Texas wishes to pay tribute to this gallant American soldier who gave his life fighting for his country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas adjourn this day in memory of Sergeant First Class Bobby W. Letbetter; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent with deepest sympathy to his family.

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The resolution was read and adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.
In Memory of

Tom W. Bates

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 16)

Whereas, Close friends and colleagues of Senator Jim Bates were deeply saddened to learn of the death of his father, Tom W. Bates, on Monday, January 9, 1967; and

Whereas, Mr. Bates was a resident of Edinburg and had lived there for the past 35 years, being employed as Roadmaster for the Southern Division of the Southern Pacific Railroad until his retirement; and

Whereas, This outstanding Texan was an active leader in his church, the First Baptist Church of Edinburg, and held high offices in the Masonic Lodge, including the office of District Commander; and

Whereas, He will be sorely missed by his many friends and his children: Senator Bates, and other sons, Frank Bates, Bill Bates and Gene Bates; and one daughter, Mrs. Helen McMillen; and

Whereas, The Senate of Texas wishes to recognize this fine gentleman and to extend sympathy to the members of his family on their great loss; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 60th Legislature, That this Resolution stand as a token of the esteem of this body for a distinguished Texan, Tom W. Bates, the father of our fellow Member in the Texas Senate; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution under the Seal of the Senate of Texas be sent to his sons and his daughter as an expression of tribute from this body, and that when the Senate adjourns this day it do so in memory of Tom W. Bates.

HARDEMAN


The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Patman and by unanimous consent the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all of the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.