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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1892.

In obedience to the proclamation by his excellency, J. S. Hogg, Governor of Texas, convening the Twenty-second Legislature to meet in special session, at Austin, the seat of government, this, the 14th day of March, A. D., 1892, the House was called to order at 12 o'clock, n. m., by Hon. R. T. Miller, speaker.

Roll called.
Quorum present.


Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Dr. H. W. Dodge.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, Mr. Browning of Donley was excused until next Friday on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Derden, Mr. Wilson of Hill, was excused immediately on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Wise, Mr. Clegg was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Agnew, Mr. Hood of Fannin was excused immediately on account of sickness in his family.

By direction of the Speaker the following proclamation of his excellency, the governor, was read:

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TX., FEB. 19, 1892.

To Whom These Presents May Concern:

Whereas, The constitution requires the State to be re-apportioned for certain purposes every ten years, and the time having about expired since the last apportionment, it is now necessary to perform that duty in obedience to organic law, that the people may have their full and just representation in the next congress and State legislature; and,

Whereas, By vote of the qualified electors on the second Tuesday in August, A. D. 1891, five several amendments to the State constitution were adopted and should be put in force at the earliest opportunity consistent with public interests; and,

Whereas, The livestock industries of Texas are being seriously injured by restrictive laws passed by congress, affecting transportation and sale of cattle under quarantine regulations, which can only be corrected by legislative action by the State; and,

Whereas, The extravagant issuance of railway and municipal bonds, without valuable, just or proper consideration, but for speculative, fictitious purposes, threaten calamity to public prosperity, depreciate honest securities, cast opprobrium on the State's reputation abroad, and should be checked by just, restrictive laws.

For these and other good and sufficient reasons heretofore named an extraordinary occasion has arisen requiring the Legislature to be convened.

Now, therefore, I, James S. Hogg, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of said State, hereby call a special session of the Twenty-second Legislature, to be convened in the City of Austin, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1892, for the following purposes:

1. To re-apportion the State into Congressional, Senatorial, Judicial and Representative districts, and to provide for election of officers therein.

2. To pass all laws necessary to put in force and give effect to each and all of the five amendments of the present State constitution, adopted by the people at an election duly held therefor on the second Tuesday of August, A. D. 1891, to wit: Amendment to
section four of article six; amendment to section five of article seven; amend-
ment to section eleven of article sixteen; amendment to section twenty of
article sixteen; and amendments to sections one, two, three, four, five, six,
seven, eight, eleven, twelve, sixteen, twenty-five and twenty eight of article
five, of the said constitution.

3. To provide for the protection of the public and investors against the
fraudulent and fictitious issuance and
circulation of railway bonds and stock
and county and municipal scrip and
bonds; to restrict and regulate the is-
suance of bonds and stocks by such
corporations; and to give full effect to
the constitution on that subject.

4. To adopt such laws as may be
necessary to protect live stock within
the State from contagious and in-
fected diseases, and from the rigor of
Federal quarantine regulations with
reference thereto.

5. To re-enact or amend and
strengthen chapter 117, General Laws
1889, defining, punishing and prohib-
iting trusts and conspiracies against
trade.

6. To accept by resolution, and au-
thorize the Governor to receive from
the Federal government, the return of
and to appropriately dispose all
money due the citizens or inhabitants
of this State, collected as taxes from
them under the act of Congress ap-
proved August the 3d, 1861, and
amendatory acts thereto.

7. To change the laws that quarter-
ly examinations of teachers shall not
conflict with the time of holding their
summer normal schools.

8. To receive and act on the report of
the committee appointed to investi-
gate the case of Jay Gould vs. the I. &
G. N. R., under a concurrent reso-
lution passed at the general session by
the Twenty-second Legislature.

9. To provide more secure liens for
artisans, mechanics, material-men, con-
tractors, builders and laborers and
their assignees for material and money
furnished and services performed in
building and construction.

10. To amend Article 2800, Revised
Statutes, and amendments thereto,
that receivers of railroads and other
orporations may be held liable for
damages when the death of or injury
to persons is caused by the negligence
or carelessness of themselves or their
servants in executing their trusts.

11. To amend, modify, change or re-
 enact chapter 95, General Laws, passed
by the Twenty-second Legislature,
providing for uniformity of public-
school text books.

12. To correct, modify, change, re-
 enact, repeal or amend chapter 62, Gen-
eral Laws, passed by the Twenty-
second Legislature, limiting and regulat-
ing the right of aliens to own real
estate in Texas.

13. To define perpetuities, and to re-
strict, regulate or prohibit corpora-
tions owning land in this State, on
prescribed conditions.

14. To make appropriation out of
the general revenue to pay off public
debt bonds issued in 1871, and to be-
come due in March and April.

15. To elect a United States Senator.

16. To consider an act on such
other subjects of public importance
as the Executive may from time to
time during the session, submit by
message or otherwise.

In testimony whereof, I have
hereunto signed my name
and caused to be impressed
hereon the seal of the State,
at Austin this 18th day of
February, A. D. 1892.

[Signature]
J. S. Hogg
Governor of Texas

By the Governor.
[Signature]
Geo. W. Smith
Secretary of State.

Mr. Baker of Tom Green moved that
those gentlemen present in the hall of
the House who had been elected to fill
vacancies in the House of Representa-
tives since the adjournment of the
regular session of the Twenty second
Legislature, do now present them-
selves to the chief clerk and be sworn in
as members of the House.

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon Messrs. J. A. Beall of
Ellis, W. L. Crawford of Dallas and S.
G. Ragland of Burleson presented
their credentials, took the oath of
office and assumed their seats.

The Speaker laid before the House
the following communication:

AUSTIN, March 14, 1892.

Hon. R. T. Miller, Speaker of the
House of Representatives:

I hereby respectfully tender my
resignation as chief clerk of the House of
Representatives, to take effect at
once. Very respectfully,

S. H. Dixon.