FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1895.

In obedience to the proclamation by his Excellency, Chas. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, convening the Twenty-fourth Legislature to meet in special session, at Austin, the seat of government, this the 1st day of October, A. D. 1895, the House was called to order at 12 o'clock m., by Hon. T. S. Smith, Speaker.

The roll of the House was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker,
Allen of Colorado, McBride,
Allen of Dallas, Huddleston,
Andrews, Jennings,
Armistead, King,
Avery, Langhammer,
Bailey, Lillard,
Barron, Lindsey,
Bass, Logan,
Beall, Martin of Coryell,
Beard, Martin of Milam,
Beard, Mathis,
Bennett, McDermott,
Bertie, McMullen,
Bosley, McWilliams,
Boyd, Mills,
Burnett, Mitchell,
Burns, Moody,
Burmeister, Moore of Morris,
Campbell, Moore of Lamar,
Carson, Morris,
Darroch, Murchison,
Davis, Nix,
Drew, O'Conor,
Edwards, Orr,
Farnsworth, Owlsley,
Favre, Patterson,
Faygin, Puck,
Felder, Peyton,
Floyd, Redford,
Foster, Saginaw,
Gilliland, Beiger,
Gough, Rhodes of Wood,
Hackett, Ritter,
Hale, Robbins,
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every pretext for disregarding the laws that all controversy respecting them should be removed by legislation, and all reasonable means resorted to in the first instance to enforce them; and insomuch as the present Legislature unanimously passed such a prohibitory law on the 16th and 24th days of April, to become effective August 1, 1895, as part of the Penal Code, it should require a session of only a few days at a small cost to remove any possible defect and put the law into immediate operation, an extraordinary occasion has arisen requiring the Legislature to be convened in special session.

Now, therefore, I, Charles A. Culberson, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution thereof, do hereby call a special session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, to be convened in the city of Austin, beginning at noon Tuesday, October 1, 1895, for the following purposes:

1. To denounce prize-fighting and kindred practices in clear and unambiguous terms, and prohibit the same by appropriate pains and penalties, putting the law into immediate operation, and making necessary provision for its enforcement, so that proposed exhibitions of this character within the State may be prevented, the unoffended will of the people upon the subject respected, and this affront to the moral sense and enlightened progress of Texas averted.

2. To consider and act upon such other matters as may be presented pursuant to section 40, article 3 of the Constitution.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of State to be affixed this the 26th day of September, A.D. 1895.

C. A. Culberson,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor,
Allison Mayfield,
Secretary of State.

Mr. Culberson then declared the House ready for business.

Mr. Brigance offered the following resolution, which was read a second time and adopted:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Texas, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee from the Senate, for the purpose of notifying the Governor of Texas that the Twenty-fourth Legislature has assembled and has duly organized in pursuance with his call, and ready for business.

2nd. That a like committee be appointed to notify the Senate of the organization of the House.

In accordance with the above resolution, the Speaker announced the following appointments:

Committee to notify the Senate:

Committee to notify the Governor:
Messrs. Dashiel, Jennings and Gough.

Mr. Allen of Dallas arose in his seat and stated that he would enter a protest against the membership in this House of Hon. R. H. Ward, one of the representatives from Travis county, and of Hon. G. R. Turner, representative from Rusk county, and later he would offer a resolution touching the subject.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Hon. T. S. Smith, Speaker of the House:
Sir: We are directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has a quorum present and is ready to proceed with its business.

Mr. Brigance, chairman, submitted the following report:

Hon. T. S. Smith, Speaker of the House:
Your committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Texas, is organized and ready for business, beg leave to report that we have performed said duty.

A. P. BRIGANCE,
Seth P. Mills,
T. D. T. Andrews,
Committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Oct. 1, 1895.

Hon. T. S. Smith, Speaker House of Representatives:
I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has a quorum present and ready to transact any business coming before it in special session.

J. P. Pool, Secretary.

Mr. Allen of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the membership of Mr. Turner of Rusk and Mr. Ward of Travis county has been challenged for the following reasons, to wit:

1. Because the Hon. G. B. Turner, elected from Rusk county, has removed from his representative district and is now a resident citizen of Gregg county.

2. Because the Hon. R. H. Ward of Travis county was chosen and duly