Perkins. Russell.
Phillips. Schuler.
Pierson. Seabury.
Pool. Searcy.
Robertson of Shaw. Strother.
Robertson of Harrison. Talbot.
Robertson of Williamson. Terrell of Cherokee.
Rochelle. Walker.
Rodriquez. Wells of Grayson.
Nays—43.

Adair. Marsh.
Aldrich. McClellan.
Allen. Meese.
Bryan. Moore.
Cullan. Morrow.
Calvin. Moursund.
Clements. Nugg.
Cole. Murray.
Conway. Murrell.
Crawford. Neff.
Dean. Palmer.
Evans. Pickett.
Glenn. Porter.
Goodlett. Rowland.
Grisham. Satterwhite.
Hawkins. Shannon.
Henderson of Stell. Stollewerck.
Hendrick. Tharp.
Hill. Wells of Red River.
Kennedy of Harris. Williams.
Kennedy of Limestone. Williamson.
Absent.
Ackerman. Moran.
Bridgers. Nolan.
Calhoun. Parish.
Fears. Perry.
Gray of Comanche. Smith.
Greer. Stewart.
Harbison. Tarpey.
Jones. Thurmond.
Lively. Absent—Excused.
Bean. Looney.
Cradock. Melina.
Decker. McKnight.
Goodman. Ragland.
Green. Roch.
Greenwood. Terrell of Henderson.
Lamar. McLennan.
Hogsett. Van Sickle.
Houts. Willacy.
Lane.

SECOND CALLED SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, CONVENE DECERNBER 5, 1901, BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

(by Mr. Schuler):
House bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor."
(The bill appropriates the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose stated.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Schuler:
House bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor."
(The bill appropriates the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose named.)
Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

HOUSE NOTIFIED.

A committee from the Senate appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, stated that the Senate, in obedience to a proclamation by the Governor of Texas, had convened in extraordinary session, had a quorum present, was duly organized, and was ready to proceed with business.

(Mr. Seabury in the chair.)

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. N. A. Cranman, Private Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented a message from the Governor, which was read in full as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS,
AUSTIN.

TO THE LEGISLATURE:

In submitting for consideration the matter of making appropriations for the support of the State government and for the public service for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1901, and ending August 31, 1903, the recommendation in reference thereto, as made in my communication to the Legislature of August 6, 1901, is renewed, and it is again respectfully urged that such appropriations do not exceed $3,500,000 for the two years.

The estimates upon which the recommendation was made were furnished by the present Comptroller, and upon the basis of increased assessed values, as shown in the returns of the tax collectors for the present fiscal year, and are, therefore, larger by $2,500,000 than those

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

By Mr. Schuler:
House bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employees of the
made by the former Comptroller, Mr. Finley. Consideration, however, was not
given to the fact that owing to the se-
vere drought that has prevailed through-
out the State during the present year,
cutting short crops of every kind, the
probability is that the revenue for the
next fiscal year will not be so large as
for the present.
The need of all the educational in-
sstitutions for increased facilities is
pressing, and provision should be made
for the proper maintenance of much
larger populations in every one of them.
Nor should the Confederate Home be
overlooked, as it has not sufficient room
with which to accommodate many who
are justly entitled to admission.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.

The message was referred to the Com-
mittee on Finance.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber.
Austin, Texas, September 5, 1901.
Hon. R. E. Price, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the
Senate to inform the House that Mr. J.
F. Pool having resigned his position as
Secretary, Mr. W. B. O'Quinn has been
elected as Secretary of the Senate, and
Mr. Clyde D. Smith has been elected As-
sistant Secretary of the Senate.

Respectfully,

W. B. O'Quinn,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn until
3:30 o'clock a.m. next Monday, and the
motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Schuler, the House,
at 11:20 a.m. took recess until 5 o'clock
p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 5 p.m., and was
called to order by Mr. Scalfair, who was
in the chair when the House took recess.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Schuler, Chairman, submitted the
following reports:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 5, 1901.
Hon. R. E. Price, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

ST: Your Committee on Finance, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled
"An Act making appropriations for the
support of the State government for the
two years beginning September 1, 1901,
and ending August 31, 1903, and for
other purposes.

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and have prepared a substitute
therefor, and I am instructed to report
it back to the House with the recom-
mendation that it do not pass, but that
the substitute do pass in lieu thereof,
and that only the substitute be printed.

SCHULTZ, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 5, 1901.
Hon. R. E. Price, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sub: Your Committee on Finance, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled
"An Act making an appropriation to pay
per diem pay of members and per diem
pay of officers and employees of the Sec-
ond Called Session of the Twenty-sev-
enth Legislature of the State of Texas,
convened September 5, 1901, by procla-
mation of the Governor."

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report it
back to the House with the recommenda-
tion that it do pass.

SCHULTZ, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 5, 1901.
Hon. R. E. Price, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sub: Your Committee on Finance, to
whom was referred
House bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled
"An Act making an appropriation to de-
stroy the contingent expenses of the Sec-
ond Called Session of the Twenty-sev-
enth Legislature of the State of Texas,
convened September 5, 1901, by procla-
mation of the Governor."

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report it
back to the House with the recommenda-
tion that it do pass.

SCHULTZ, Chairman.

Mr. Palmer offered the following reso-

Whereas, Henry Blair, a porter of this
House, has been assigned to very arduous
and disagreeable duties in the cloak
room; and,

Whereas, his pay is insufficient; there-
fore be it

Resolved, That his pay be increased to
three dollars a day.

The resolution was read second time,
and

Mr. Terrell of Cherokee moved to refer
it to the Committee on Contingent Ex-

penses.
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Henderson of Henderson. Peterson.
Henderson of Lamar. Poole.
Hescot. Porter.
Hill. Roach.
Hoggett. Robertson of Williamson.
Hurt. Rochelle.
Jones. Rodriguez.
Kennedy of Harris. Rowland.
Kennedy of Limestone. Russell.
Kyle. Satterwhite.
Little. Schluter.
Lively. Seabury.
Loomey. Scarcey.
March. Shannon.
McAlary. Shaw.
McClennan. Smith.
McCall. Stell.
Melanris. Stollmiance.
McKnight. Strother.
Meece. Talbot.
Moor. Tarpey.
Moore. Terrell of Cherokee.
Moran. Terrell of McLennan.
Morris. Tharp.
Mulkey. Thurmond.
Murray. Thikler.
Marrell. Van Sickle.
Napier. Walker.
Nolan. Wells of Grayson.
Nowlin. Wells of Red River.
Palmer. Willey.
Perry. Williams.
Phillips. Pickett.
Nays—7.
Alford. Melzien.
Beaty. Morrow.
Conway. Mugg.
Dean. Absent.
Fears. Parish.
Garner. Perkins.
Greer. Absent—Excused.
Craddock. Lane.
Cuny. McMeans.
Goodman. Moursund.
Griggs. Robertson of Harrison.
Grisham. Steward.
Harrisons. Willingham.
Houts. Absent.

REPORT OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CALLED UP.

Mr. Smith moved to take from the Speaker’s table the report of the special committee appointed to make certain investigations concerning the heads of the State departments, which report was submitted to the House September 18, ordered printed in the Record of that date, together with the testimony accompanying the report, and an account of clerical omissions in the report, was ordered reprinted in the Record of September 19.

This report was laid before the House on September 20, there being a majority report and a minority report, at which time

Mr. Boyd moved that the majority report be adopted, and Mr. Smith moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

The motion to take the report from the table prevailed.

The Speaker then laid the report before the House, with pending motions. Mr. Seabury raised the point of order on the report that neither report made any recommendations upon which to base a vote, and therefore it was not in order to entertain a motion to adopt or reject, since there was nothing to adopt or reject.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Smith yielding the floor, Mr. N. A. Cravens, Private Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented the following

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, AUSTIN.

To the Legislature:

I hereby present to the Legislature for its consideration, the desirability of providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate into the administration of each and every department of the government and of the public service in all its branches and of every institution that is in whole or in part supported and maintained from the general revenue, said committee to be clothed with the authority necessary to render it effective.

JOSEPH D. SAVAGE, Governor.

The above message was laid before the House, and was read.
(Mr. Ellis in the chair.)

PROVIDING FOR JOINT COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Seabury, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, providing for the appointment and compensation, and prescribing the duties and powers of a joint legislative committee to investigate all departments, institutions, branches and agencies of the State
government, and the collection and disbursements of the public funds, and to report thereon to the Governor of Texas.

Whereas, To provide for the economical maintenance with unimpaired efficiency of the several departments of the State government, and the institutions and agencies of the State; it is necessary that the Legislature have fuller information of their organization, administration and financial requirements.

Whereas, It is believed that a careful and impartial investigation of the condition of the State should be made periodically into the organization and administration of all such departments, institutions and agencies, both for the purpose of making known to the people of Texas how the same are managed and conducted, and to discover in what respects legislative or executive action may be required to perfect and simplify their organization and economize their administration; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That a joint committee of nine, to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives and four Senators, be appointed by the presiding officers of their respective houses, whose duty it shall be in general to examine into the organization and administration of all the departments—executive, legislative, and judicial—of the State government, all its branches and agencies, and all the institutions, whether charitable, educational, hygienic, penal or other, supported in whole or in part by the State, and especially:

1st. To ascertain the character and amount of work done by all employees of the State, with a view of determining the proper compensation for their services, and formulate a plan of legislation that will fix the salaries and define, as far as practicable, the duties of all such employees.

2nd. To ascertain to what extent, if any, a system of civil service, with provisions for classification, examination, retention and promotion of employes, can be applied to the said departments and institutions, consistently with their economical and efficient management.

3rd. To ascertain what abuses or defects, if any, exist in any such departments, institutions, branches or agencies, and report what action or legislation is necessary for their correction and prevention.

4th. To ascertain what respects the administration thereof can be made more efficient and economical by improvements in their organization, methods of business, or otherwise.

5th. To examine the present system of collecting occupation and other taxes and other moneys due the State, and ascertain whether economy and safety can be better secured by a reform of the system or a change in the agencies of collection.

6th. To examine into the organization, administration and expenditures of the legislative and judicial departments, with a view to determining whether and how economies can be effected thereby, without impairing their efficiency.

7th. To investigate the administration, investment and expenditures of the public school fund of the State, and the funds belonging to the University of Texas and the several asylums, and ascertain whether said funds have been properly managed and expended, and to report such legislation or executive or judicial action as may seem necessary in the premises.

8th. To investigate the disbursements of the general revenue fund of the State in the support, maintenance and improvement of all the institutions mentioned above and supported in whole or in part by the State, and for all other purposes of government.

The committee shall permit the hands of all such departments, institutions, etc., and all other persons that may be attacked by any part of the testimony taken, to come before it and explain the same or give their evidence thereon.

The Governor of Texas is invited and requested to cooperate with the committee by furnishing it with all information in his possession relative to said departments, institutions and agencies.

At the close of their labors, the committee shall report to the Governor in full all their findings, conclusions, suggestions and recommendations, and all the evidence on which the same may be based, and an account of their expenses, with the request that the Governor submit the report to the next Legislature, together with such message and recommendations as to him may seem necessary, and during the progress or at the close of its labors, the committee shall require immediate executive action.

Sec. 2. Said committee of investigation shall organize by electing one of their number chairman, who shall preside over their sessions and have power to call them together. Upon his failure, a majority of the committee may determine the time and place of such sessions.

The committee is authorized to sit during the vacation of this Legislature, and the committee, its individual members, and its accountants are authorized to visit and examine, freely and without restraint, supervision or inspection, all.
the chairman of the committee of the amount due, which certificate shall be
filed with the Comptroller.
Sec. 4. All powers herein conferred shall expire at the next general election,
and compensation of the members of the committee shall not be allowed for more
than 120 days.
Sec. 3. The near approach of the close
of this session, and the supreme importa-
tance to the people of the investigation
herein provided for, creates an emer-
gency and an imperative public neces-
sity for the suspension of the constitu-
tional rule requiring bills and joint res-
solutions to be read on three several days
in each house, and the same is hereby
suspended, and that this resolution take
effect and be in force from and after its
passage, and it is so resolved.
[Signed—Seabury, Henderson of La-
er, Kennedy of Limestone, Terrell of
Cherokee, Palmer.]
The resolution was read and, on mo-
tion of Mr. Henderson of Lamar, was
referred to the Committee on State Af-
fairs.

PENDING BUSINESS.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL COM-
MITTEE REPORT RESUMED.

The House resumed consideration of
the special committee report which was
under consideration when the Governor's
message was received, and after discus-
sion, in which several members partici-
pated,

Mr. Whitmer moved the previous ques-
tion on the motion to substitute the mi-
nority report for the majority report,
and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Terrell of McLennan moved to re-
consider the vote which the main ques-
tion was ordered.

Mr. Lively moved to table the motion
to reconsider, and the motion was lost.
The motion to reconsider prevailed.
Question then recurring—
Shall the main question now be or-
dered?
The House refused to order the main
question.

Question then again recurred—
Shall the minority report be substi-
tuted for the majority report?
(The Speaker resumed the chair tem-
porarily, when Mr. Ellis was again called
to the chair.)

Mr. Wells of Red River moved that
the House take a recess to 2:30 p.m. to-
day, and the motion was lost.

After further consideration of the re-
port by the House,

Mr. Fountain moved the previous ques-
tion on the motion to substitute the
minority report for the majority report,
and the main question was ordered.