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as Volunteer Guard, and which committee was announced March 31st.
The motion prevailed, and it was so ordered.

GRANTING REPRESENTATIVE HALL TO U. C. V.

Mr. Peeler, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:
Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the use of this Hall be granted the John B. Hood Camp of United Confederate Veterans at 8:30 p.m., on Thursday evening, April 16, 1903, for the purpose of having addresses by Hon. John H. Reagan, Governor Frank Lubbock and other Confederate veterans with reference to the unveiling of the Confederate monument in the capital grounds on that day.
The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

PENDING BUSINESS.
(The General Appropriation bill on second reading.)
The Speaker again laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,
Substitute House bill No 1, the General Appropriation bill.
The bill was read by caption, the substitute being adopted by the House in lieu of the original bill.

Question then being upon engrossment of the bill,
Mr. Boyd moved that the House go into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the bill.
The motion prevailed.
The Speaker then called Mr. Connally to the chair.
(In Committee on the Whole House, Mr. Connally in the chair.)

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

While the House was sitting in Committee of the Whole, Speaker Neff resumed the chair temporarily to receive the following message from the Governor, presented by his honorable private secretary, Mr. N. A. Cravens, after being duly announced at the bar of the House:

To the Legislature.

I am advised by the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home at Corsicana that the school building at that institution is unsafe and condemned by the board.

They say, "the condition of the building puts at hazard the lives of the children as well as the teachers, and calls for immediate action." A local architect, Mr. H. B. Lockhead, has examined the building, and he reports that "the building in its present condition is wholly unsafe." It is estimated that an appropriation of $4,750 will be required to meet the exigency and that it should be immediately available. I transmit herewith a copy of the report of the Board and architect for your information. I present this matter as a subject of legislation and thereof recommend your consideration.

S. W. T. Lanham, Governor.

"Corsicana, Texas, April 8, 1903.
Hon. S. W. T. Lanham, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We beg to call your special attention to the report of the architect, H. B. Lockhead, on the school building at the State Orphan Home. He condemns it as unsafe. We feel sure from our own knowledge of the building that his report is correct, and we also condemn the building as unsafe. The condition of the building puts at hazard the lives of the children as well as the teachers and calls for immediate action. The architect says it will take $4,750 to put the building in proper condition, and that amount ought to be appropriated for that purpose. We would unhesitatingly make appropriation if we had the power to do so. As we have not the power, we desire to discharge our responsibility in the matter by making known to the proper authority the emergency of the case. In the event of collapse of the building and ensuing accident, we feel our responsibility is discharged by advising and strongly recommending immediate repairs. We are sure you will take this matter up and make provision to prevent disastrous consequences.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Prince, President.
R. H. Danie.
Mrs. H. L. Scales,
W. A. Polk,
Board Trustees, State Orphan Home.

I join in above report.

J. J. Swann,
Superintendent State Orphan Home."

"At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Orphan Home, April 6, 1903, Hon. J. L. Halbert introduced the following, and the same was adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the State Orphan Home, That we adopt the report of Architect H. B. Lockhead on the school building of said institution, which report is hereto attached and made a part hereof, and that we urge upon the Legislature of the State of Texas, now in session, to make appropri-
ation immediately available in the sum recommended by the present condition of the two-story brick school building on the State Orphan's Home property, I beg to submit the following report:

I have made a careful examination of the building and do not hesitate to pronounce it unsafe. The foundations have settled deeply, and in many places are generally cracked. A large amount of the mortar (which was weak and of poor quality) has washed out of the joints in the walls. In my opinion, it is only a matter of a short time before this settling will reach such a point as to throw the walls so far out of plumb as to remove all support to the upper floors and the roof. This would mean a total collapse of the building. Already the roof trusses over the auditorium are sagged some half foot or more. As long as three years ago (only two years after its completion) it became necessary to assist the decaying mortar and arch work by a series of rods and pointings to hold the opposite walls plumb, and additional rods have been placed each year.

The decay and washing of the mortar joints is due to imperfect work and inferior material, and most of the cracking and settling is because of too shallow foundations under the heavier portions of the structure.

It would require an expenditure equal to the original cost to put the building in repaired and lasting condition as a structure of this kind should be, but the repairs suggested below will make it safe and secure for a considerable time. My recommendation is as follows:

The main and dwarf towers should be removed and rebuilt from a lower foundation, using secret rods embedded in arches and first-class mortar, thus releasing the dead strain and more evenly distributing weight of brick work on piers and walls. All material found in good condition could be re-used, and the towers rebuilt according to present design and proportion, thus not marring the symmetry and intention of the original idea.

All the exterior brick walls should be stuccoed from footing courses in foundation to eaves of roof, rock face design and composed of German Imported Portland cement and sand. The stucco would fill all joints and crevices where mortar has washed out and would preserve the brick work generally against any further decay, besides adding greatly to the appearance of the building.

All of the overhead plastering (or what remains of same) on each floor should be removed and beaded ceiling substituted.

The roof trusses over the Auditorium should be reinforced with iron straps on wall bearings and rods adjusted, using cast shoulders. All bottom chords should be cumbered and lined true and level to receive the beaded ceiling.

All the tin and galvanized work in and about the towers should be replaced with new material, and whatever leaks exist in main roof, new material should be placed and well painted.

All doors and windows throughout the building should be refitted and the windows glazed wherever necessary.

All new work of wood should receive two coats of best lead and oil.

The approximate cost of removing the old work and placing the new, as above suggested, including the painting, will be as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Lockhead,
Architect.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

While the House was sitting in Committee of the Whole, Speaker Neff resumed the chair temporarily to receive the following message from the Senate, presented by a messenger from that body, after being duly announced at the bar of the House:

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 13, 1903.

Hon. Pat J. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the
Mr. Onion for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Stollenwerck.

On account of sickness:
Mr. Kyle for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Glenn.
Mr. Weinert for today, on motion of Mr. Strother.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

(Investigation as to the Staff Correspondent of the Beaumont Journal.)

In accordance with an order of the House adopted yesterday, on motion of Mr. O'Quinn, the Speaker announced the following special committee to investigate and to ascertain who is the staff correspondent of the Beaumont Journal at the capital, said committee being instructed to report their findings to the House as soon as practicable:

Messrs. Terrell of Travis, Woods and Jackson.

Mr. Terrell of Travis rose and asked to be relieved from service on the committee.

The Speaker then in deference to the wishes of the member from Travis, Mr. Terrell, appointed in his stead Mr. Calvin.

So the committee will stand: Messrs. Calvin, Woods and Jackson.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(Portrait of Roger Q. Mills.)

Mr. Mays, chairman, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas, April 14, 1903.
Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your committee appointed to arrange a program to be observed at the acceptance of the portrait of Hon. Roger Q. Mills by the House, on Monday night, April 20th, beg leave to report that said portrait will be presented to the House by Hon. Rufus Hardy, of Corsicana, and will be accepted on the part of the House by Judge Alexander W. Terrell.

MAYS, Chairman, BROWN of Kaufman, LOVE.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 ON SECOND READING.

(Investigation relative to investment of the permanent school fund.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, To define the status of the account between the State of Texas and the permanent university and common school funds, and providing for a joint committee to determine and report the same to this session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature.

Said resolution having been read yesterday and postponed until today (see Journal of yesterday for resolution in full).

The resolution was read second time.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

SENIOR TRAVIS HENDERSON ADDRESSES THE HOUSE.

Mr. Schutle rose and stated that Senator Travis Henderson, of Lamar county, the author of the resolution, is present in the Hall, and asked unanimous consent of the House that he be invited to address the House on the merits of the resolution.

There was no objection offered, and Senator Henderson addressed the House.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Pending consideration of the resolution a messenger from the Executive Office appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, April 14, 1903.

To the Legislature.

I present the following as additional subjects for legislation:

1. To provide for uniform text books in the public free schools in the State.

2. To authorize counties to issue bonds for the purpose of improving and maintaining therein the public roads.

3. To provide a method of making application for the purchase of the State school and asylum lands, and regulating the manner of filing on the same.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

PENDING BUSINESS.

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, relative to investigation concerning investment of the permanent school fund.)

The House resumed consideration of the pending question, same being—Shall Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 pass?

Mr. Moran raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution, stating that the time allotted under the rules for consideration of resolutions had expired.
and are hereby tendered the courtesies of the House and the privileges of the floor while in this city.

DAVIS of San Augustine,
RAMSEY,
MILLER of Milam,
EDWARDS,
JOHNSON,
RANDOLPH,
BRYANT,
REIFF,
SHANNON,
ROBERTSON of Williamson,
HAGAN,
GREEN,
KREX,
MULKEY,
JOHNSON,
WOODS,
RICE,
HURT,
GLENN,
Brown of Falls,
KYLE,
CONNALLY,
GRISHAM,
MORAN,
O'QUINN,
BEALOCK,
ADAIR.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the following joint committee on the part of the House, in compliance with the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, relative to making certain investigations concerning the permanent university and common school fund: Messrs. Hodges, Williams and Mays.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A messenger from the Executive Office appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.
AUSTIN, April 15, 1903.

To the Legislature:

I present the following as an additional subject for legislation:

To provide for special road laws for counties.

S. W. T. LANSHAM,
Governor.

CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Speaker laid before the House the request of the Committee of the Whole House to sit again in consideration of the General Appropriation bill.

Question—Shall the House go into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the bill?

The request was granted.

Speaker Neff then called Mr. Connally to the chair, and the House again resumed consideration of the General Appropriation bill in Committee of the Whole House.

(Congress of the Whole House, Mr. Connally in the chair.)

IN THE HOUSE.

(Speaker Neff in the chair.)

After considering the bill, the committee rose, and through Mr. Connally, chairman, submitted the following report:

Committee Room,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 15, 1903.

Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred Substitute House bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905, and for other purposes;" have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by the committee to report to the House that the last vote taken in the committee developed the absence of a quorum.

CONNALLY, Chairman.

CALL OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. Terrell of Travis moved a call of the House for the purpose of obtaining a quorum.

The call was seconded.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the following members answered to their names:

Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker.
Ainsworth. Calvin.
Adair. Cobb.
Aldridge. Connally.
Anthony. Cotrell.
Baumes. Crawford of Robertson.
Barrett. Cunningham.
Benn. Daugherty.
Bentley. Davis of Brown.
Bennett. Davis of San Augustine.
Bealock. Dull.
Boyd. Edwards.
Brown of Falls. Fountain.
Brown of Karnes. Fowler.
Bryant.
MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A messenger from the Executive Office appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
STATE OF TEXAS
Austin, April 20, 1868

To the Legislature:

I present the following additional subjects of legislation:

1. To provide a method of securing for the State the right-of-way across lands and of condemning the same for public purposes.

2. To authorize the city of Austin to enter into certain contracts, and to sell, transfer or lease certain of its property, property rights and franchises, in order to secure more economical and satisfactory water, light and power system for the use of the people of said city.

S. W. T. LANTHAM,
Governor.

CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. Boyd moved that the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering the General Appropriation Bill.

The motion prevailed.

Speaker Neff then called Mr. Connally to the chair, and the House again resumed consideration of the General Appropriation bill in Committee of the Whole House.

(In Committee of the Whole House, Mr. Connally in the chair.)

IN THE HOUSE.

(Speaker Neff in the chair.)

After considering the bill, the committee rose, and through Mr. Connally, chairman, submitted the following report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1868.

Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sub: Your Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred

 Substitute House bill No. 1. A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1868, and ending August 31, 1869, and for other purposes."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report progress, and ask leave to sit again generally.

CONNALLY, Chairman.
special committee in the Twenty-seventh Legislature, with reference to Pan-American relations and trade relations,
which was read first time April 20th, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, said committee having reported favorably.
The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.
The Speaker now put the pending motion of Mr. Boyd that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering the General Appropriation bill.
The motion prevailed.

CONNeALLY, Chairman.

IN THE HOUSE.

(Speaker Neff in the chair.)

After considering the bill, the committee rose, and through Mr. Connally, chairman, submitted the following report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 22, 1903.

Hon. W. T. Lanham, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred Substitute House bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905, and for other purposes," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report progress, and ask leave to sit again generally.

CONNALLY, Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A messenger from the executive office appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, April 22, 1903.

To the Legislature:

I present as an additional subject for legislation the matter of deficiency for the maintenance of the Confederate Home and the clothing of the inmates. It is estimated by the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Managers that it will require $16,228.00 for the months from the 1st of May, 1903, to the 31st of August, 1903, inclusive. Accompanying this is a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Confederate Home and a statement approving the same from the President of the Board of Managers, as well as an estimate from the State Purchasing Agent.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

Austin, Texas, April 21, 1903.

Hon. S. W. T. Lanham, Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas.

DEAR Sir: I beg to call your attention to a verbal statement I recently considered my duty to make to you to the effect that on the 1st day of this month there was in the treasury of the State to the credit of the maintenance fund of the Confederate Home only $4,866.99. There was appropriated by the Twenty-seventh Legislature to the maintenance fund of the Home for the current fiscal year $45,000. When I entered upon the superintendency of the Home on the 1st day of February of the current fiscal year there was to the credit of this fund only $12,857.58. Against this amount I have drawn as Superintendent of the Home in the settlement of approved bills to the amount, including old bills for supplies consumed at the Home prior to February 1st, $9,381. We have now to the credit of the maintenance fund only $4,866.99. Last month (March) we were required to approve bills amounting to $4,981, and for the present month our expenditures, for all purposes, upon the most economical lines we have so far been able to follow, will require nearly as much. At this rate we are compelled to face a deficiency for May and for the other three months of this fiscal year. All our spring clothing, hats, shoes, etc., remain undelivered, and, of course, not settled for. These articles were contracted for on a cash basis by the Purchasing Agent, and it will be bad faith on our part if we receive them and require the contractors to hold their bills for a future Legislature to appropriate the money necessary for their liquidation. If the Legislature adjourns without making provision for meeting the expenses of the Home for the next four months and for the bills for clothing which we are soon to receive, it will put a stigma upon the management of the Home, so far as our clothing account is concerned, and work great disadvantage with reference to the purchase of all necessary supplies for the maintenance of the Home for the remaining months of the present fiscal year.
I am prepared to make the affidavit provided for by the General Laws of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, which will require at your hands the issuance of an order to the Comptroller for a deficiency warrant when our bills, commencing with our expenses for next month, are presented and filed in his department. Every business reason and good management seem to suggest that the present Legislature be asked to provide for these deficiencies.

My estimates for the maintenance of the Home for the four months of this fiscal year unprovided for are:

For maintenance proper .................................................. $12,000 00
For clothing under contract by Purchasing Agent....................... 4,228 10
Total ................................................................................. $16,228 60

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. Q. CHENOWETH,
Superintendent.

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement of the Superintendent of the Confederate Home, and approve the same. His statements are correct and his estimates for the maintenance of the Home for the four unexpired months of the present fiscal year are moderate and absolutely necessary for an economical maintenance of the Home.

Respectfully,

W. H. RICHARDSON,
President Board of Managers.

Bills outstanding and not paid:

Suits for summer ............ $2,429 85
Hats for summer .............. 127 50
Shoes ............................ 552 00
Extra pants ..................... 831 25
Undershirts and drawers ... 288 00

Total .................................. $4,228 60

Above estimated as accounts now outstanding in Purchasing Agent's office.

W. B. ANDERSON,
State Purchasing Agent.

COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Peeler presented the following communication, which was read to the House:

Austin, Texas, April 22, 1003.

To the Honorable Members of the Twenty-eighth Legislature:

In connection with the dance to be given to the members of the Legislature this evening by the Institute for the Insane, I have the honor to tender yourselves and ladies free street car transportation to such dance. The cars will leave exactly at 8 o'clock at the south gate of the capitol walk and return at 11 o'clock p. m.

FRANK E. SCOVILL,

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT ON HOUSE BILL
NO. 13.

(General Road bill.)

Mr. Isaacks, for the committee on part of the House, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas, April 22, 1903.

Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sirs: Your Free Conference Committee, consisting of Senators Hicks, Faust, Stafford, Lipscomb and Harbison on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Beaty, Isaacks, Rowland, Cunningham and Kyle on the part of the House, appointed to adjust the differences between the House and Senate on House bill No. 13, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the following report:

"Amend by striking out 'Bexar county' and inserting 'Jefferson and Maverick counties' to the bill; amend further by adding to the caption the following: 'And regulating the compensation of certain officers.'"

Respectfully submitted,

ROWLAND,
ISAACKS,
BEATY,
CUNNINGHAM,
KYLE,

On part of the House.

HICKS,
HARRISON,
LIPSCOMB,
FAUST,

On part of the Senate.

The report was read and adopted.

HON. C. A. CULBERSON.

Mr. Standifer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives extend the privileges of the floor to that distinguished citizen of Dallas county, the Hon. C. A. Culberson, and that he be invited to the Speaker's stand.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Standifer, Talbot and Grisham a committee to inform Senator Culberson of this action and to escort him to the Speaker's stand.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Weinert, the House,
to enter into certain contracts and to sell, transfer or lease certain of its property, property rights and franchises, in order to secure a more economical and satisfactory water, light and power system for the use of the people of said city."

Senate bill No. 5. A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905, and for other purposes."

CLYDE D. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A messenger from the Executive Office appeared at the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, April 27, 1903.

To the Legislature:

I present the following additional subjects of legislation:
1. To provide that non-payment of poll tax shall not disqualify persons otherwise competent for jury service.

2. To define abuses in the operation of trains for the transportation of passengers and property, and to make the same cognizable by the Railroad Commission of Texas; to prescribe the duties of train dispatchers and station agents in the matter of furnishing and issuing train bulletins, and to provide penalties for violation thereof.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the appointment, on part of the House, of the following committee in accordance with a resolution by Mr. Middlebrooke, adopted last Friday, to investigate the value of the "old waterworks plant" in the city of Austin:
Messrs. Middlebrooke, Trice and Stel lenverock.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:
House bill No. 8, "An Act to amend Article 877, Chapter 2, Title XXV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, authorizing the commissioners courts of the counties of this State to issue bonds for the purpose of improving and maintaining the public roads in their respective counties."

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Mr. Seabury and Mr. Nicholson:
House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 9122 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and Articles 393, 394, 668 and 678 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the qualification of jurors."
(See Appendix to proceedings of today for bill printed in full.)

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL.

On motion of Mr. Seabury, it was ordered that the above bill (House bill No. 19) be printed in full in the Journal of today.
(See Appendix to proceedings of today for same printed in full.)

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read first time, and referred to appropriate committees, viz. (see Senate message above for captions in full):
Senate bills Nos. 5 and 6, to Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO HON. C. C. PEARSON.

Mr. Ainsworth offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. C. C. Pearson, of Burnet county, one of the most able, consistent and popular members of the Twenty-eighth House of Representatives, was chiefly instrumental in originating and carrying to a delightful success the excursion to Granite Mountain and Marble Falls last Saturday, April 25th; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members take this method of thanking Representative Pearson for his untiring efforts in their behalf to afford them a pleasant visit, and further assure him that the day was one of the most enjoyable and eventful ever experienced on any similar occasion. Grateful acknowledgment is also made to the good citizens of Burnet, Granite Mountain, Marble Falls and the contiguous country for the many courtesies ex-
bills (House bills Nos. 10 and 12) on the subject referred to said committee, viz.:

Substitute House bill Nos. 10 and 12, A bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 125, of the General Laws of Texas, approved April 19, 1901, and to provide a method of making application for the purchase of the State school and asylum lands, and regulate the manner of filing on the same, and providing a penalty and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency.”

The majority report was accompanied by a minority report recommending that, in lieu thereof, House bill No. 10 do pass with certain amendments recommended by the minority.

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Brelsford moved that the substitute reported by a majority of the committee be adopted.

Mr. Murray of Wilson raised a point of order on consideration of the substitute, stating that it has no standing in the House, not having been introduced in the House, read first time, referred to a committee and reported back to the House as required by Section 37, of Article 3, of the State Constitution.

The point of order was overruled.

Mr. Smith moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. Nowlin raised a point of order on consideration of the minority report, stating that the bill recommended by the minority contained subject matter not contemplated in the message of the Governor to the Legislature, April 14th, submitting the question of land legislation and therefore should not be considered by the House.

The point of order was overruled.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 27, 1903.

Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 4, Requesting the Governor to submit the subject of revenue and taxation for consideration during the Special Session.

Respectfully,

CLYDE D. SMITH, Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A messenger from the Executive Office appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, April 27, 1903.

To the Legislature:

I present the following additional subject for legislation:

To authorize the heads of departments and others having possession of State property to loan to the Texas World’s Fair Commission, without expense to the State, such of said property as may be suitable for the purpose of making an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held at St. Louis, Mo.

S. W. T. LANHAM, Governor.

PENDING BUSINESS.

(The General Land bill, on passage to engrossment.)

The House resumed consideration of the pending business, same being, Substitute House bill Nos. 10 and 12, the General Land bill.

With pending motions:

Motion of Mr. Brelsford that the majority report be adopted; and

Motion of Mr. Smith that the majority report be substituted for the majority report.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 27, 1903.

Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

Substitute House bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled “An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905, and for other purposes,” with amendments.

Respectfully,

CLYDE D. SMITH, Secretary of the Senate.