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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, July 10, 1910.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, T. M. Campbell, Governor of Texas, convening the Thirty-first Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this, the 10th day of July, A. D. 1910, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall at 2 o'clock p. m., and the House was called to order by Hon. John Marshall, Speaker.

Speaker Marshall then directed the Clerk to call the roll, and the following members were present:

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Total number present, including the Speaker in the chair, 102.

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Joyce, Chaplain.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

The Speaker then handed the Clerk the proclamation of the Governor, which was read to the House; as follows:
House Journal.

Executive Office, State of Texas.

I. T. M. Campbell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call a Special Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, July 19, 1910, for the following purposes, to wit:

1. To enact a law repealing the law enacted by the Thirty-first Legislature at its First Called Session, known as Chapter 18, and entitled "An Act providing conditions upon which fire insurance companies shall transact business in this State, and providing for the regulation and control of rates of premium on fire insurance, and to prevent discrimination therein, and to create a Fire Insurance Rating Board, and to provide penalties for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency."

2. To enact adequate laws preventing discrimination by fire insurance companies and to prevent combinations between such companies to destroy competition in fire insurance rates in Texas, and to provide penalties therefor, and to provide means for the enforcement of such laws.

3. To consider and act upon such other matters as may hereafter be presented to me, pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at Austin, Texas, this the 15th day of June, A. D. 1910.

(Seal.) T. M. Campbell, Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

W. B. Townsend, Secretary of State.

The State of Texas, Department of State.

I. W. B. Townsend, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proclamation of the Governor of the State of Texas calling a Special Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, July 19, 1910, as said proclamation appears on file in this Department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of State at my office in the city of Austin, Texas, on this the 19th day of July, A. D. 1910.

(Seal.) W. B. Townsend, Secretary of State.

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On account of important business:

- Mr. Johnson indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Moller.
- Mr. Wortham indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Roberson of Erath.
- Mr. Davis indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Goodman.
- Mr. Luce indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Baker of Panola.
- Mr. Turney indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Schluter.

COMMITTEES OF NOTIFICATION.

Mr. Adams moved that the Speaker be authorized to appoint two committees of three members each, one to notify the Governor, and one to notify the Senate that the House has a quorum present, is organized and is ready for business.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To notify the Governor: Messrs. Adams, Gilmore and Crockett of Washington.

To notify the Senate: Messrs. O'Bryan, Roberson of Erath and Brownlee.

GOVERNOR NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House has a quorum present, is organized and now ready to transact business, appeared at the bar of the House and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor desired them to say that he would communicate with the House at an early hour.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. McCallum offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Private Secretary to the Speaker at $5.00 per day; one private stenographer to the Speaker at $5.00 per day; one private page to