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THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS

CONVENEDE IN OBEDIENCE TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
GOVERNOR AUGUST 18, 1910, AND ADJOURNED
WITHOUT DAY SEPTEMBER 10, 1910.
By Mr. Reedy and Mr. Ballengee:

House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to authorize the working of short-term felony convicts on the public roads by the counties of Texas; defining who are short-term convicts, and providing rules and regulations under which said convicts can be so worked."

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

On motion of Mr. Selph, it was ordered that House bill No. 7, providing for the working short-term convicts on the public roads, with majority adverse and minority favorable report, be printed.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Steptoe, the House, at 12:05 o'clock p. m., took a recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

On motion of Mr. Crockett of Mitchell, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 6, known as the "I. & G. N. claim bill," be not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

M. T. Barrett, private stenographer to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented a message from the Governor, which was read as follows:

Executive Office, State of Texas.

Austin, August 29, 1910.

To the Legislature:

By virtue of authority vested in me by Section 10, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I hereby designate and present to you for your consideration the following subject and legislation thereon:

1. Legislation amending an act entitled "An Act to authorize Galveston county to build and own the combination roadway and bridge from mainland to Galveston island, across Galveston Bay, to connect as part of the roadways of the county on the island and mainland and the county to issue bonds for same on taxation; also establishing three-mile limit and condemnation proceedings and providing for the right of way; also to authorize all corporations contracting for right of way upon or use of said structure to issue and sell bonds therefor upon the regulation and authority of the Railroad Commission; and to lease and authorize corporations and the city of Galveston to lease right of easement of user of portion of said structure from such county on terms provided by this act and agreed on with the county commissioners court, with an emergency clause," approved March 16, 1907, being Chapter 26 of the Special Laws, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature by adding thereto Sections 1a and 1b, authorizing the commissioners court of said county to issue for the purpose mentioned in said act bonds of the county bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent per annum and to levy and collect an additional annual ad valorem tax to pay interest and create a sinking fund on said bonds provided that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax nor to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property subject to taxation in said county, and providing for the sale of such bonds, and for the cancellation or sale of bonds heretofore issued by said commissioners court under said act, and declaring an emergency.

Very respectfully,

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill was introduced, read first time, and referred to appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Moller:

House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to authorize Galveston county to build and own the combination roadway and bridge from mainland to Galveston Island, across Galveston Bay, to connect as part of the roadways of the county on the island and mainland and the county, to issue bonds for same on taxation; also establishing three-mile limit and condemnation proceedings and providing for the right of way; also to authorize all corporations contracting for right of way upon or use of said structure to issue and sell bonds therefor