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Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
Monday, September 16, 1935.

In obedience of the proclamation of  
His Excellency, James V. Allred, Gover-  
nor of Texas, convening the Forty-  
Fourth Legislature to meet in Special  
Session at Austin, the seat of government,  
this the sixteenth day of September, 1935,  
the Members of the House of Representa-  
tives assembled in Representative Hall,  
and at 12 o'clock m., the House was called  
to order by the Hon. Coke R. Stevenson,  
Speaker.

PROCLAMATION BY THE  
GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House,  
and had read, the following procla-  
mination by the Governor:

To All To Whom These Presents Shall  
Come:

Whereas, Senate Joint Resolution  
Number Three, proposing an amend-  
ment to Article XVI of the Constitu-  
tion of Texas by striking out Section  
20-a to Section 20-o, both inclusive,  
prohibiting the open saloon and vest-  
ing in the Legislature the power to  
define and enact laws against such  
vesting in the Legislature the power  
to regulate the manufacture, sale, pos-  
session and transportation of intol-  
erating liquors, including the power  
to establish a State Monopoly on the sale  
of distilled liquors; providing that in  
all counties, justice's precincts or in-  
corporated towns or cities wherein the  
sale of intoxicating liquors had been  
prohibited by local option elections  
held under the laws of the State of  
Texas, and in effect at the time of the  
taking effect of Section 20, Article  
XVI of the Constitution of the State  
of Texas, until a majority of the qual-  
ified voters in such county or political  
subdivision shall determine such to be  
lawful at an election held for that  
purpose, was by the Forty-fourth  
Legislature, Regular Session, submit-  
ted to a vote of the qualified electors  
of the State of Texas at a special elec-  
tion held throughout the State of Texas,  
on the 4th Saturday in August, 1935; and

Whereas, Such special election hav-  
ing been held in the mode and manner  
provided by law and it now appearing  
from the public press that a majority  
of the qualified voters voting in such  
election, cast the ballot in favor of  
the amendment "for the amendment  
to the State Constitution repealing  
statewide prohibition, prohibiting the  
open saloon and providing for local  
option"; and

Whereas, I consider it my duty to  
call a Special Session of the Legisla-  
ture of the State of Texas to give ef-  
f ect to the will of the people;

Now, therefore, I, James V. Allred,  
Governor of the State of Texas, do, by  
virtue of the authority vested in me  
by the Constitution of this State,  
hereby call a Special Session of the  
Forty-fourth Legislature to be con-  
voked in the City of Austin, commen-  
cing at twelve o'clock noon on Monday,  
the 16th day of September, A. D., 1935,  
for the following purposes:

1. To define the term "open saloon"  
   and enact laws prohibiting the same.
2. To enact laws regulating the manu-  
   facture, sale, transportation and  
   possession of intoxicating liquors,  
   and to preserve the absolute integrity  
of dry territory.
3. To consider and act on such  
   other subjects of public importance  
as the Governor may, from time to  
time during the Session, submit by  
message.

In testimony whereof, I have here-  
unto signed my name and cause to be  
impressed hereon the Seal of the State  

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Austin, Texas
of Texas, at Austin, this the 29th day
of August, A. D., 1935.
(Signed) JAMES V. ALLRED
Governor of Texas

By the Governor:
(Seal) CLYDE E. SMITH,
Assistant Secretary of State.

Speaker Stevenson then declared
the House of Representatives to be
duly assembled in accordance with the
Proclamation.