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MONDAY, 3d October, 1836.

The senate met in the chamber prepared for their use, in the town of Columbia, on Monday the third day of October, 1836, and in the year of the republic the 1st, in pursuance of the proclamation of David G. Burnett, president of said republic, dated 23d July, 1836; when,

On motion of Mr. Corzine, the honorable Richard Ellis was called to the chair, *pro tem.*; and

On motion of Mr. Everett, Richardson Scurry was appointed secretary, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed a committee of privileges and elections, to examine the credentials of the members of the senate; whereupon,

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Grimes and Robertson, the committee aforesaid; and,

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned one hour.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment; when,

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the members of the senate, made the following report through their chairman, Mr. Everett:—

The committee of privileges and elections who were appointed to examine the credentials of the members of the senate, respectfully submit the following report:—

For the district of Jasper and Jefferson, Stephen H. Everett.

For the district of Harrisburg and Liberty, Robert Wilson.

For the district of Shelby and Sabine, Willis H. Landrum.

For the district of San Augustine, Shelby Corzine.

For the district of Milam, Sterling C. Robertson.

For the district of Colorado and Austin, Alexander Somervell.

For the district of Washington, Jesse Grimes.

For the district of Goliad, Refugio, and San Patricio, James Powers and Edwin Morehouse, contested election, returns informal.

For the district of Red River, Richard Ellis.

For the district of Bexar, Francisco Ruiz.

For the district of Matagorda, Jackson and Victoria, A. C. Horton, contested election.

For the district of Mina and Gonzales, James S. Lester.

For the districts of Nacogdoches and Brazoria, no returns.

All of which your committee respectfully submit, and move that the aforementioned members be permitted to take their seats, for their respective named districts, until further action by the senate.

Signed,

S. H. EVERETT, Chairman.

JESSE GRIMES,

STERLING C. ROBERTSON.

The question recurring upon the concurrence in the report of the committee, the report was unanimously adopted.

It appearing from the report of the committee concurred in by the senate, that there were two-thirds of the whole number of the senators present, constituting a constitutional quorum to transact business, entitled to seats on the floor of the chamber, the senate proceeded to the election of its officers.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The honorable Richard Ellis, of the district of Red River, was elected president, *pro tem.* by acclamation.

Mr. Horton being called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

The senate proceeded to the election of the secretary of the senate.

Mr. Horton nominated Richardson Scurry, and

Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. E. M. Pease, when

On counting the votes it appeared that Mr. Scurry had received six votes, and Mr. Pease, four votes.

Mr. Scurry having received a majority of the whole number of votes present, was declared duly elected secretary of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The senate proceeded to the election of the other officers of the senate; whereupon,

Mr. Horton nominated N. D. Bennett,

Mr. Corzine nominated Mr. Wm. King, and

Mr. Somervell nominated Mr. Bennet M'Nally, for the office of sergeant-at-arms to the senate.

The votes being taken thereon, it appeared that Mr. Bennett had received three votes, Mr. King five votes, and Mr. M'Nally two votes. No one candidate having received a constitutional majority, the name of Mr. M'Nally, being the candidate that had received the smallest number of votes, was withdrawn from the canvass by the rules of the senate. The senate then proceeded to ballot a second time for sergeant-at-arms, when the votes being taken, it appeared that Mr. Bennet had received four votes, and Mr. King six votes. Mr. King having received a majority of the votes polled, was declared duly elected sergeant-at-arms to the senate.

Mr. Everett nominated Mr. Massillon Farley, for the office of assistant secretary, and Mr. Farley having received the whole number of votes present, there being no opposition, was declared duly elected, assistant secretary of the senate.

Mr. Everett then nominated Mr. Canter for the office of door keeper; and

Mr. Somervell nominated Mr. M'Nally; when,

On counting the votes, it appeared that Mr. Canter had received five votes, and Mr. M'Nally five votes; neither having received a majority.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until three o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment,

And proceeded to ballot the second time for door keeper, when,

On counting the votes, it appeared that Mr. Canter had received five votes, and Mr. M'Nally four votes. Mr. Canter having received a majority of the votes polled, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Resolved, That the members of the senate, and the officers thereof, proceed to take their several oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That some judicial officer administer the several oaths of office; and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That the honorable Joseph Baker, primary judge of the county of Austin, administer the constitutional oaths to the president, members, and officers of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed a committee of privileges and elections; whereupon,

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Grimes, and Robertson, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed a committee to report rules and regulations for the government of the senate, whereupon,

The chair appointed Messrs. Corzine, Wilson and Horton, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 4th October, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. president Ellis presented a petition, which was referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

Mr. Corzine, chairman of the committee to report rules and regulations for the government of the senate, made the following report, to wit:

The committee appointed for the purpose of drafting rules for the government of the senate, and its legislative action, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rules adopted by the late convention be adopted, as the rules for the government of this house, so far as applicable.

SHELBY CORZINE,
R. WILSON,
A. C. HORTON.

The question being taken on the concurrence in the resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Everett presented the returns from the district of Nacogdoches.

Mr. Faris, clerk of the house of representatives, presented a message from the house, informing the senate that they were duly organized, and ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communications from the senate.

The chairman presented a petition from sundry citizens of the district of Nacogdoches. Referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

Mr. Horton presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the house of representatives be informed that the senate is regularly organized, and ready to receive any communications that they may think proper to make; and that they have elected the honorable Richard Ellis, president *pro tem.*; Richardson Scurry, clerk; Massillon Farley, assistant clerk; Wm. King, sergeant-at-arms; and Joshua Canter, door keeper; and,

On motion of Mr. Horton, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Everett presented the following resolution:

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the republic of Texas, in congress assembled, That one member be appointed on the part of the senate, in conjunction with one member from the house of Representatives, a committee to wait upon the president of the republic of Texas, and inform him that both houses of congress are now in session, and are ready to receive any communication he may have to make to them; which,

On motion of Mr. Everett, was unanimously adopted; whereupon,

The chair appointed Mr. Everett, the committee on the part of the senate; and the clerk of the senate was directed to inform the house of representatives of the same.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. Christy of New Orleans, be invited to take a seat within the bar of this house; whereupon,

The chair directed the sergeant-at-arms to inform Mr. Christy of said resolution, which was done accordingly.

A message was received from the house of representatives, by the hands of Mr. Faris, their clerk, as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT.—I am directed by the house of representatives to inform the senate, that the house concurred in the resolution appointing a committee, in conjunction with the house of representatives, and have appointed, on the part of the

house, the honorable B. T. Archer, to act with the committee on the part of the senate.

Mr. Everett, from the committee appointed for that purpose, informed the senate, that in conjunction with the committee on the part of the house of representatives, they had waited on the president of the republic of Texas, David G. Burnett, and informed him that the two houses of congress were duly organized, and ready to receive any communication he might have to make to them; and that they were informed by the president, that he would be ready to communicate to them at 12 o'clock, M.

A message was received from the house of representatives, by the hands of the honorable Messrs. Archer and Bunton, respectfully inviting the senate to attend in the hall of the house of representatives, at 12 o'clock, to receive the message of the president of the republic of Texas; which invitation having been accepted by the senate, the chair appointed Messrs. Corzine and Everett a committee to inform the house of representatives of the same; and,

Mr. Everett of said committee having reported to the senate that they had informed the house of representatives accordingly, the senate proceeded in procession to the hall of the house of representatives, when a message was received from David G. Burnett, president of the republic of Texas, by the hands of his private secretary, Mr. Riddle, and read in presence of both houses of congress. After which the senate returned to their chamber; when,

On motion of Mr. Corzine, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives by the hands of Mr. Faris, their clerk, to wit:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to draft rules of order and decorum for the government of the house of representatives, act with such committee as may be appointed by the senate for a similar purpose, in drafting and reporting rules to govern the intercourse between the two branches of the present congress, and that the senate be informed of the same, which,

On motion of Mr. Horton, was adopted.

The chair appointed Messrs. Corzine, Wilson and Somervell the committee aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That the president *pro tem.* administers the oaths of office to the members of the senate.

Mr. Robert A. Irion, of the district of Nacogdoches, appeared, presented his credentials, and having taken the constitutional oath of office, was permitted to take his seat in the senate, for the time being. Election contested.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The senate went into secret session.

The president *pro tem.* presented sundry documents accompanying the president's message.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed, and that the documents accompanying the president's message lie on the table till to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

Resolved, That a committee of three members be, and are hereby appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee to be appointed by the house of representatives, to contract with G. and T. H. Borden, for the printing and publishing the proceedings and laws of the present congress; whereupon,

The president *pro tem.* appointed Messrs. Corzine, Irion and Landrum the committee aforesaid, to which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the house of representatives.

The clerk was directed to inform the house of representatives of the passage of said resolution, which was done accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 5th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives by the hand of their clerk, Mr. Faris, announcing that the house had adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the senate, the two houses will meet in the hall of the house of representatives, this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of opening and publishing the returns of elections for president and vice president, and

also in relation to the constitution, and the annexation of Texas to the United States of America.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The resolution of the house of representatives was concurred in; and, thereupon,

The clerk was directed to inform the house of representatives thereof, which was done accordingly.

Mr. Corzine, from the joint committee of both houses of congress, on the subject of public printing, made a report, which,

On motion of Mr. Everett was re-committed by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on printing, be re-committed to the joint committee of both houses, with power to close a contract with the Messrs. Borden, or some other person, to do the printing of both houses of congress: any contract made to be subject to the sanction or rejection of both houses of congress.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Resolved, That the thanks of the senate be tendered Messrs. G. and T. H. Borden, for the files of the Telegraph presented by them.

On motion of Mr. Corzine, the senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives that they were ready to receive the senate; whereupon,

The senate proceeded in procession to the hall of the house of representatives; when,

On examination, the following result appeared:

For president of the republic of Texas.

Sam. Houston had received	3585 votes
Stephen F. Austin,	551
Henry Smith,	144
Scattering,	47

For vice president.

Mirabeau B. Lamar,	2738
Thomas J. Rusk,	1159
Scattering,	25

<i>For the constitution as it is,</i>	3199
<i>For clothing congress with conventional powers,</i>	223
<i>For a separate republic,</i>	91
<i>For being annexed to the U. S. of America,</i>	3277

The senate returned to their chamber; and
On motion of Mr. Horton, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 6th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee of privileges and elections, having asked the leave of the senate to submit a report, and leave being granted, made a report upon the subject of the contested election from the district of Matagorda, Victoria and Jackson, between Messrs. A. C. Horton and Sutherland, unanimously recommending to the senate that the honorable A. C. Horton is constitutionally entitled to the seat he now occupies on the floor of this chamber.

And Mr. Sutherland being admitted to the floor of the chamber, addressed the senate in opposition to the report.

And Mr. Wilson having moved that the report lie on the table, which motion being overruled by the senate,—when the question recurring on concurrence in the report of the committee it was adopted without a division.

Whereupon, the president announced to the senate that the honorable Albert C. Horton, of the district of Matagorda, Victoria and Jackson, was duly and constitutionally entitled to the seat he now occupied on the floor of this chamber.

A message was received from the house of representatives by their clerk, Mr. Faris, informing the senate, that the house had concurred in the resolution of the senate recommending the report of the joint committee with instructions to close a contract with the Messrs. Borden, or some other persons, subject to the revision of both houses of congress.

On motion of Mr. Everett, it was

Resolved, That a standing committee on foreign relations be appointed to consist of three members; a part of their duty shall be to inquire into the expediency of attaching the republic of Texas to the United States of America, with liberty to report by bill or otherwise, and that the president pro tem. be a member of said committee.

Mr. Irion, from the committee on public printing, submitted a report, and moved the concurrence of the senate therein; informing the senate that the joint committee of both houses had closed a contract with Messrs. G. and T. H. Borden, on the terms reported by the joint committee on yesterday the 5th inst.

The question recurring on concurrence with the report, it was carried with a division.

Whereupon, the clerk was directed to inform the house of representatives of the same; which was done accordingly.

Mr. Everett moved a resolution, which, having been read, was laid on the table by the rules of the senate until to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett gave notice that he should present a report from the committee on privileges and elections, on to-morrow morning, in the case of the contested election of the members from the district of Brazoria, between Messrs. Wharton and White.

On motion of Mr. Everett the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 7th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee of privileges and elections, made a report from said committee in the case of the contested election between Messrs. Wharton and White, unanimously recommending to the senate that Walter C. White be constitutionally admitted to the seat now vacant on the floor of the chamber for the district of Brazoria.

Mr. Wharton, being admitted to the floor of the chamber, addressed the senate in opposition to the report, and Messrs. Everett, the chairman of the committee, and Mr. Jack, the counsel of Mr. White, in favor of the report; when

On motion of Mr. Corzine, the report and accompanying papers were laid on the table until Monday morning.

Mr. Horton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following named standing committees be appointed; to wit:

A com. of Ways & Means.	A com. of Claims & Accounts.
do. Judiciary	do Public Lands.
do P. Office & Post Roads.	do Indian Affairs.
do State of the Republic.	do County Boundaries.
do Military Affairs.	do Naval Affairs.
do Roads Bridges & Ferries.	

The rules of the senate being suspended;

On motion of Mr. Everett, the foregoing resolution was adopted without division; and

On motion of Mr. Everett the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, October 10th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The report of the committee on privileges and elections, in the case of the contested election, for the district of Brazoria, between Wm. H. Wharton and Walter C. White, was taken up.

Mr. Wharton addressed the senate at length in opposition to the report; upon the conclusion of whose remarks,

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the president, president elect, and vice president elect be admitted to the privileges of the floor of the chamber; whereupon,

The secretary was directed to inform the president, the president elect and the vice president elect of the passage of said resolution and invite them to their seats.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, general Felix Huston was invited to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Order of the day,

The report of the committee on privileges and elections.

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Mr. Jack, the counsel of Mr. White, addressed the senate sustaining the report of the committee.

Mr. Archer, the counsel of Mr. Wharton, in opposition to the report, and Mr. Everett chairman of the committee on privileges and elections in favor of the report.

After some further discussion between Messrs. Horton, Everett, Grimes and Wharton;

On motion of Mr. Horton the report and accompanying documents were laid on the table.

Mr. Horton then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contest now pending between Messrs. Wm. H. Wharton and Walter C. White be referred to the people of the district of Brazoria.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the foregoing resolution was adopted; when,

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, October 11th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

And after reading the journals;

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, presented a report from said committee in the case of the contested election from the district of Shelby and Sabine, between Messrs. Landrum and Lusk, unanimously recommend to the senate that the honorable Willis H. Landrum be entitled to the seat he now occupies on the floor of this chamber, and moved its immediate adoption.

Mr. Lusk being admitted to the floor of the chamber, opposed the adoption of the report; when,

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report, was adopted without a division.

The president pro tem. announced the appointment of the following standing committees.

Committee on Foreign Relations.—The president pro tem. Mr. Ellis, chairman, (appointed by the senate,) Messrs. Everett and Horton.

Committee on Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Robertson, Irion and Luster.

Committee on Military Affairs.—Messrs. Horton, Somervell and Landrum.

Committee on Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Wilson, Corzine and Everett.

Mr. Somervell from the special committee to draft rules for the government of the intercourse of the two houses of congress, made a report, which was laid on the table for one day by the rules of the senate.

Mr. Everett made a motion that the senate go into a committee of the whole on contested elections, the question recurring on its adoption, it was lost.

Mr. Somervell presented a letter to the president pro tem. of the senate, from Mosely Baker; which,

On motion of Mr. Somervell was laid on the table for one day, with accompanying documents.

A message was received from the president *ad interim* of Texas; which,

On motion of Mr. Everett was referred to the committee on foreign relations, having been received by the senate with closed doors.

Mr. Everett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two members be appointed to confer with the committee of arrangements and ask for the procurance of the rooms contiguous to the chamber of the senate, for the use of the different committees of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the foregoing resolution was adopted; whereupon,

The chair appointed Messrs. Somervell and Wilson the committee aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 12th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett gave notice that he would report in the case of the contested election from the district of Nacogdoches on Friday morning.

Mr. Everett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the president be requested to lay before this house, so soon as may be convenient, all communications in such parts as he may have in his power to present from our agents in the United States of America or other Foreign Nations,—also, the number of agents appointed together with their instructions,

the names of said agents, where appointed, and if now acting; also the names of all the officers of this government including the names of the members of his cabinet.

That he be requested to furnish a statement of the situation of our navy, the number of armed vessels, their size and weight of metal, the number and condition of the men, where stationed and what duty they may be performing; also the situation of our army, and an entire view of the financial operations of the government of Texas from its commencement to its present date; also, the situation and number of Mexican prisoners, and particularly general Santa Anna, and if he, the said Santa Anna, is in a place of security and under a sufficient guard.

And the rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett, the foregoing resolution was adopted:

Mr. Everett offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the rules for the government of the house, be referred to the committee for forming rules, and that they be requested to reject or add to the present rules such rules as they may deem necessary, to be printed for the use of this house.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was carried.

On motion of Mr. Horton the senate called up the communication of the honorable Mosely Baker; which,

On motion of Mr. Everett, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the report of the committee on joint rules for the government of the intercourse between the two houses of congress, was called up and passed; and the secretary was directed to inform the honorable house of representatives of their adoption, and ask the concurrence of the house therein; was done accordingly.

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE TWO HOUSES.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one house, and dissented to in the other, if either house shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other house shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committee shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their chairman, meet in the conference chamber, and state to each other verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.

2. When a message shall be sent from the senate to the house of representatives, it shall be announced at the door of the house by the door-keeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the chair, by the person by whom it may be sent.

3. The same ceremony shall be observed when a message shall be sent from the house of representatives to the senate.

4. Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each house may determine to be proper.

5. While bills are on their passage between the two houses, they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the secretary or clerk of each house respectively.

6. After a bill shall have passed both houses, it shall be duly enrolled on paper by the clerk of the house of representatives or the secretary of the senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other house, before it shall be presented to the president of the republic of Texas.

7. When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a joint committee of two from the senate, and two from the house of representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrolment with the engrossed bills as passed in the houses, and correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills—make their report forthwith to the respective houses.

8. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective houses, first by the speaker of the house of representatives, then by the president of the senate.

9. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each house, it shall be presented by the said committees to the president of the republic of Texas for his approbation, it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which house the same originated; which endorsement shall be signed by the secretary or clerk, (as the case may be,) of the house in which the same did originate, and shall be entered on the journal of each house. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the president, which time shall also be carefully entered on the journal of each house.

10. All orders, resolutions and votes which are to be presented to the president of the republic of Texas for his approbation, shall also in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined and signed, and shall be presented in the cases of bills.

11. When the senate and house of representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the president, it shall

be presented to him in his audience chamber, by the president of the senate, in the presence of the speaker and both houses.

12. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed in one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof is to be given to the house in which the same may have passed.

13. When a bill or resolution, which has been passed in one house, is rejected in the other, it is not brought in during the same session, without a notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that house in which it shall be renewed.

14. Each house transmits to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

15. After each house shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution is lost.

16. No bill or resolution that shall have passed the house of representatives and the senate, shall be presented to the president of the republic for his approbation on the last day of the session.

17. When bills which have passed one house are ordered to be printed in the other, a greater number of copies shall not be printed than may be necessary for the use of the house making the order.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

Mr. Horton offered sundry resolutions, which were read, the rules being suspended.

On motion of Mr. Everett they were referred to the committee on foreign relations.

A message was received from the house of representatives, by the hand of their clerk, Mr. Faris; which,

On motion of Mr. Everett, was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 13th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett asked for the suspension of the rules, for the purpose of introducing the following resolution; and the rules

having been suspended for that purpose, Mr. Everett introduced the following

Joint Resolution, Requiring the president to issue his proclamation, declaring the constitution in force from the 17th day of March, 1836.

Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the republic of Texas, in congress assembled, That, whereas the people of Texas, have, by solemn vote, ratified the constitution as adopted by the convention on the 17th day of March, 1836,—therefore, that the president be, and is hereby requested to issue his proclamation, declaring said constitution to have been, and hereafter to be, the supreme law of the land, from the day of its adoption by the convention of *March last*. And

The question being on its adoption or rejection of the resolution,

The ayes and noes having been demanded, by the constitutional number,

The affirmative voters were—Mr. president Ellis, Messrs. Everett, Grimes, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Robertson, Somervell and Wilson,—9.

The negative voters were,—Messrs. Corzine and Horton,—2.

The affirmative voters being in a majority, the resolution was adopted, and the secretary was directed to inform the house of representatives of its adoption, and ask the concurrence of the house therein, which was duly performed; when,

On motion of Mr. Corzine, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everett, colonel Sidney Sherman was invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate chamber.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the resolution for appointing a reporter to the senate, was taken up.

Mr. Somervell nominated Mr. E. H. Winfield. There being no opposition Mr. Winfield was elected without a division.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 14th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett chairman of the committee on privileges and elections made a report from said committee in the case of the contested election from the district of Nacogdoches, between Messrs. Irion and Burton, unanimously recommending to the senate, that the honorable Robert A. Irion is entitled to the seat he now occupies on the floor of the chamber, as senator for the district of Nacogdoches.

Mr. Burton having been admitted within the bar of the senate chamber, addressed the senate at length, in opposition to the report.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report, and the ayes and noes being demanded by a constitutional number of senators:

Affirmative voters were—Mr. president Ellis, Messrs. Corzine, Everett, Grimes, Landrum, Luster, Robertson and Somervell,—8.

The negative voters were—Messrs. Horton and Wilson,—2.

The affirmative voters having the majority, the honorable Robt. A Irion was declared by the president to be duly and constitutionally entitled to the seat he now occupies on the floor of the senate chamber.

A message was received from the house of representatives by the hands of the clerk, Mr. Faris; which, with the accompanying resolution was laid on the table for one day.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, October 15th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on privileges and

elections, presented a report from said committee in the case of the contested election between Messrs. Morchouse and Powers, from the district of San Patricio, Refugio and Goliad, unanimously recommending that the honorable Edwin Morchouse be entitled to his seat on the floor of the senate chamber, as senator from said district.—And

On motion of Mr. Everett the above report was adopted.—Whereupon,

Mr. Morehouse appeared, and the constitutional oath being administered by the president pro tem., took his seat.

Mr. Corzine, from the joint committee, on the subject of printing, made a report which was laid on the table.

A message, with accompanying documents, was received from the president; which was read,—And,

On motion of Mr. Everett, referred to the committee on foreign relations.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, October 17th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The president presented the returns from the district of Brazoria; all of which were opened by the secretary, under the direction of the president, when,

It appeared that Wm. H. Wharton had received 189 votes for senator; and W. C. White 181 for the same office.

Mr. Everett moved to refer the papers to the committee on privileges and elections; which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

The honorable Wm. H. Wharton was admitted to take his seat in the senate, the constitutional oath having been administered to Mr. Wharton by the president *pro tem.*

The president announced the following standing committees:

Committee on post offices and post roads.—Messrs. Somervell, Irion and Wilson.

On roads, bridges and ferries.—Messrs. Robertson, Grimes, and Lester.

On finance.—Messrs. Horton, Grimes and Wharton.

On the judiciary.—Messrs. Corzine, Morehouse, and Wharton.

On public lands.—Messrs. Everett, Corzine and Lester.
On motion of Mr. Corzine, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 18th October, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Corzine, from the committee appointed to draft rules for the government of the senate, asked leave to introduce a report from said committee, and moved that the rules of the senate be suspended; and the question recurring on the motion for suspending the rules, the motion was carried unanimously, Mr. Grimes in the chair.

Mr. Wharton moved to amend, by inserting the following rule:—The senate shall not have power to expunge any entry once made on their journal, after the journal has been read or approved, as required by the rules of that body; and the question being put upon the adoption of the amendment, it was carried without a division.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The rules as reported and amended were adopted without a division, and fifty copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the senate.

The president presented a letter from Mr. Winfield, declining to accept of the appointment of reporter.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The senate went into the election of reporter.

Mr. Horton nominated Augustus M. Tompkins, and there being no opposition Mr. Tompkins was duly elected reporter to the senate.

Mr. Wharton submitted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be, and are hereby instructed to call upon all the empresarios, or their legal representatives in this republic, for an expose of their original contracts with the federal government of Mexico, or the state government of Coahuila and Texas, and the manner in which they have complied with them; the number of families they have received as colonists, and the amount of lands granted within their respective limits; and the rule being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The foregoing resolution was adopted without a division.

Mr. Wharton gave notice that on Thursday next he should

introduce a bill entitled "a bill to ascertain promptly and judicially the amount of our public domain, and to grant finally the land to all *bona fide* claimants; also, a bill entitled "a bill to ascertain what portion of the owners of land in Texas, have not, either in purse or person, borne their portionable share of the burthens and expenses of the present war.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution, calling upon all commissioners, alcaldes, and political chiefs, to render an account of monied transactions of their respective offices, which was laid on the table for one day, by the rules of the senate.

A message was received from the house of representatives by the hands of Mr. Faris, their clerk, accompanied by a resolution inviting the senate to the hall of the house of representatives, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of counting the votes for president and vice president—for and against the constitution—and for and against being annexed to the United States of America; which invitation being accepted by the senate,

The senate proceeded in procession to the hall of the house of representatives, when,

On counting and comparing the votes, it appeared that	
Sam. Houston, had a majority of	4374
M. B. Lamar, " " "	1629
Majority in favor of the constitution,	3062
Majority in favor of being annexed to the	} 3671
United States of America,	

Whereupon,

The speaker of the house of representatives declared Sam. Houston to be duly and constitutionally elected president of the republic of Texas, and Mirabeau B. Lamar vice president for the term of two years, immediately ensuing from the second Monday in December next, and that the constitution had been duly ratified by the people, and that the people of Texas had almost unanimously voted to be annexed to the United States of America, thereupon,

The senate returned to their chamber; when,

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 19th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The president took his seat.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, introduced a report; and,

Mr. Irion, from said committee, introduced a report from the majority of said committee.

The rules of the senate being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The said reports were taken up by the senate, and re-committed to the committee on Indian affairs.

A message was received from the house of representatives, by the hands of Mr. Faris, their clerk, which was laid on the table for one day.

The resolution offered by Mr. Everett on yesterday, being in order, was taken up by the senate; and,

On motion of Mr. Everett, was laid on the table.

Mr. Everett gave notice that at an early day he would introduce a bill, entitled "an act to have the island of Galveston surveyed, and sold at public auction."

Mr. Horton introduced a resolution directing the military committee to enquire into the expediency of giving further bounties of land to volunteers, on condition of their enlisting or enrolling for two years, or during the war; which was laid on the table for one day.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 20th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The resolution submitted by him yesterday, relative to giving further bounties of land to volunteers, on condition of their enlisting or enrolling for two years or during the war, was taken up, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

The message received yesterday from the house of representatives, on the subject of the joint rules was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Everett, concurred in.

The chair then announced the appointment of Messrs. Wharton, Horton and Wilson, a committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, October 21st, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the president by the hands of Mr. Ricord, his private secretary, which was read and laid on the table,

On motion of Mr. Horton.

The following letter was received from the honorable Lorenzo de Zavala, directed to the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives:

Zavala's Point, Buffalo Bayou, Oct. 16, 1836.

SIRS—

Not considering my services useful, as vice president *ad interim* of Texas, on account of the bad state of my health, now, when the most important questions are to be under discussion in these honorable bodies: I have the honor to tender my resignation of the office of vice president of the republic.

With the greatest respect,

I remain your most obedient servant,

LORENZO DE ZAVALA.

To the honorable president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Indian affairs, reported a bill, entitled "a bill for the further protection of the Indian frontier," which was read the first time.

Mr. Everett asked the suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing a resolution; and,

The rules having been unanimously suspended,

Mr. Everett introduced a joint resolution to meet the house of representatives on Monday, for the purpose of qualifying and inducting the president and vice president elect into office; which,

On motion of Mr. Horton, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, October 22d, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, informing the senate that the house had passed a joint resolution for a conference from both houses of congress, to take into consideration the propriety of qualifying the president and vice president elect; and,

The rules of the senate being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The resolution was concurred in by the senate.

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Wharton and Horton, the committee on the part of the senate.

A message was received from the president, by the hands of his private secretary:

Received with closed doors.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on roads, bridges and ferries, reported a bill, which was read the first time, and Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Somervell,

The reporter was sworn to keep the secrets of the senate.

Mr. Everett, from the joint committee of conference from the two houses, appointed on this day, reported a joint resolution, to the effect that the two houses of congress should meet at four o'clock, P. M., in the hall of the house of representatives, for the purpose of inaugurating the president and vice president of this republic; and,

The rules of the senate being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The resolution was adopted, and the secretary was directed to inform the house of the same, which was duly performed.

A message was received from the house of representatives, enclosing a joint resolution, that the two houses of congress would meet in the hall of the house of representatives, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of inaugurating the president and vice president of this republic; and that those officers be notified to attend; and inviting the senate to meet the house at that time; and,

The rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

The resolution was concurred in by the senate; and

The secretary was directed to inform the house of the concurrence of the senate, which duty was duly performed.

The chair announced the appointment of Messrs. Whar-

ton, Irion and Morehouse, the committee on the part of the senate, to inform the president and vice president of the meeting of the two houses, in accordance with the joint resolution of the two houses of congress.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication was handed in by the chair, from the honorable David G. Burnett, president *ad interim* of the republic of Texas; which,

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Was ordered to be spread on the journals.

Executive Department,

Columbia, 22d October, 1836.

To the honorable, the senate and house of representatives:
GENTLEMEN—The period having arrived, when, in the estimation of congress, the constitutional government may be completely organized in all its branches, and as I conceive such organization to be desirable, I request the congress will not consider my incumbency as any obstacle to the immediate inauguration of the executive officers elect.

Sensible of having discharged my duty to my long adopted country, to the utmost of my abilities, and with a faithfulness, unmingled by a selfish feeling, I shall retire from office, with the inmost approbation of my own conscience, which I esteem more than the plaudits of men.

Signed,

DAVID G. BURNETT.

A message was received from the house of representatives, accompanied by a joint resolution, to the effect that the resignation of the president and vice president *ad interim*, be accepted, to take effect from, and after the inauguration of the president and vice president of this republic; and that the president and vice president *ad interim* be invited to a seat on the floor of the house during the inauguration.

The bill from the house of representatives, entitled "an act authorizing the president of the republic to appoint his cabinet officers, was taken up and read; and,

Mr. Wharton moved the suspension of the rules,

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

It was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 24th instant.

The chair presented a communication from the president *ad interim*, recommending to congress to pass an act recompensing his private secretary, Mr. Ricord; which,

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Was referred to the committee on finance.

The senate then proceeded in procession to the hall of the house of representatives, when the president, Sam. Houston, and vice president, M. B. Lamar, were duly qualified by the speaker of the house of representatives, and proclaimed to be the constitutional president and vice president of the republic of Texas.

After which, the senate returned in procession to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, October 24th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment

The chair observed, that as the vice president had been duly qualified, the chair would, unless objected to by the senate, induct the vice president into the chair;

The president pro tem. then conducted Mirabeau B. Lamar, vice president of the republic of Texas, to the chair.

The unfinished business of the senate was then taken up by the senate; being the message of the president *ad interim*; which was suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

To take up the orders of the day,—being “an act entitled an act authorizing the president to appoint his cabinet officers.”

Mr. Everett moved to strike out the words “or removal from office,” which was carried.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out the words] “also an attorney general,” which motion was lost.

Mr. Horton moved to strike the words “and navy” and the final letter “s” in the word departments.

The ayes and noes being demanded,

On motion of Mr. Everett, by a constitutional number of senators.

The affirmative votes were,—Messrs. Grimes, Horton and Somervell,—3.

The negative votes were,—Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Irion, Lester, Landrum, Morehouse, Wharton and Wilson,—8.

The negative votes having the majority, the motion was lost.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill as amended, it was passed without a division, on its second reading,

On motion of Mr. Everett the rule was then suspended, and the bill was passed without a division, on its third and last reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the rules were suspended, in order that the "act authorizing the president to appoint his cabinet officers," might be sent to the house of representatives forthwith for their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the message of the president, in answer to a call from the senate, with the accompanying documents, was laid on the table for further consideration.

The chair announced the appointment of Messrs. Horton and Irion, a committee on enrolled bills, on the part of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, October 25th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The unfinished business of the day was taken up by the senate, being the bill reported by the committee on Indian affairs, entitled, "an act for the better protection of the Indian frontier," on its second reading.

The senate went into a *quasi* committee of the whole,

Mr. Somervell in the chair.

Mr. Horton moved to strike out the 5th section, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all the troops who may be enlisted in accordance with the provisions of this bill, and perform the services stipulated therein, shall be entitled to pay at the following rates, viz: three hundred and sixty-five dollars per annum, in money to be paid quarterly; *provided*, the government be in such a situation as to make said quarterly payments; and a bounty of three hundred and twenty acres of land per annum; the right to which shall be secured to them at the expiration of their term of service;" which amendment,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Was carried.

Mr. Everett, moved to amend by striking out the latter part of the 8th section, and inserting in lieu thereof "by and with the advice and consent of the senate."

Which amendment was carried.

Mr. Horton moved to amend by inserting the following, or 11th section.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioned officers shall receive pay in the following rates, viz: colonel, \$150 per month; lieutenant colonel, \$125; major, \$100; captain, \$75; first lieutenant, \$65; second lieutenant, \$50; and the quantity of land guaranteed to the soldiers:

Which amendment was carried.

The committee then rose, and reported amendments;

And the question recurring upon passing and engrossing the bill for a third reading,

It was carried without division.

An act was received from the house of representatives, entitled

"An act to authorize the president to negotiate a loan on the bonds of the government, of five millions of dollars."

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Ordered, That 50 copies be printed for the use of the senate, and laid on the table, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

An act authorizing and requiring the county courts to regulate roads, appoint overseers, license ferries, &c., was taken up by the senate and read a second time:

And on motion of Mr. Wharton,

Laid on the table until called up by the senate.

Mr. Wharton submitted a resolution to raise a company of

mounted men to drive cattle from beyond the Nucces to this side of the Colorado;

And the rule being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Everett gave notice that at a future day he should introduce an act "to legalize marriage contracts." Also, an act "to prevent the locating of lands that have or may revert to government." Also, an act "to repeal certain colonization laws."

Mr. Horton submitted a resolution referring the message of the president *ad interim* to the committees on Military and Naval affairs, to the committee on Finance, or Foreign Relations, and on Public Lands, respectively.

The chair announced Messrs. Grimes, Everett and Robertson a committee on public printing.

The rules being suspended for that purpose,

Mr. Wharton submitted a joint resolution authorising the vice president to appoint a private secretary, with the emoluments and pay of the other clerks of the executive department;

Which was carried.

Mr. Wharton presented a joint resolution, authorising a joint committee of both houses to affix the salaries of civil officers;

And the rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett the resolution was adopted.

Whereupon the senate appointed Messrs. Horton, Wharton and Grimes the committee aforesaid, on the part of the senate.

Mr. Grimes presented a resolution to appoint a committee on county boundaries.

Mr. Everett presented a resolution instructing the committee on printing to have 500 copies of the journals of the senate printed. Also, instructing the secretary to furnish the printer daily with copies of the journals of the senate:

And the rules being suspended, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton submitted a resolution allowing the secretary an assistant:

And the rules being suspended,

The resolution was adopted.

Whereupon, Mr. Wharton nominated E. Lawrence Stickney, who was duly elected assistant secretary of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Mr. Wharton was added to the committee on public lands.

A message was received from the president, with closed doors.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 26th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A confidential message having been received from the house of representatives by the hands of their clerk,

The senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. Everett, the committee on public lands were allowed a clerk.

A bill for the better protection of the Indian frontier, being the special order of the day, was taken up, read a third time,

And passed without a division.

The resolution to appoint a committee on county boundaries, was then taken up and adopted.

Whereupon the chair announced Messrs. Grimes, Irion and Lester a committee on county boundaries.

A message was received from the house of representatives by the hands of their clerk, announcing their concurrence in the joint resolution for appointing a committee to report a compensation bill, so far as relates to the civil list; and that Messrs. Green, McKinney and Archer had been appointed on the part of the house.

A message was received from the house of representatives by their clerk, announcing the refusal of the house to concur in the resolution of the senate, for allowing the vice president a private secretary.

The senate went into secret session.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives by the hands of their clerk, announcing the passage of a joint resolution confirming the orders of Gen. T. J. Rusk, establishing certain mail routes.

Laid on the table for one day.

The bill from the house of representatives, entitled "an act to authorise the president to negotiate a loan on the bonds of the government to the amount of five millions of dollars," was taken up, read a second time, considered as in committee of the whole, when after undergoing various amendments,

On motion of Mr. Wharton

It was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The chair appointed Messrs. Ellis, Morehouse and Landrum a committee on engrossed bills.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 27th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton, from the joint committee of both houses of congress, submitted a report from said committee, affixing the salaries of the civil officers of the government:

Read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Wharton submitted a resolution to allow the president and his private secretaries to retain possession of their rooms during the secret sessions of the senate; and moved the suspension of the rules for the purpose of its immediate consideration;

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

The rules of the senate were suspended so far as to permit the reporter to keep his seat during the secret session of the senate.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition from sundry citizens of Washington county, east of the Brazos, praying for the laying off of a new county.

Referred to the committee on county boundaries.

The joint resolution from the house of representatives con-

firming the orders of general T. J. Rusk, establishing certain mail routes, was read the second and third time, and

Passed.

Mr. Wharton moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock; lost.

Mr. Horton moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning, half-past 9 o'clock; lost.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 28th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

An act to authorise the negotiation of a loan on the bonds of the government, not to exceed five millions of dollars, was taken up by the senate, and read;

Passed the third and last reading.

Mr. Grimes, from the committee on county boundaries, reported an act, entitled "an act to form a new county to be called *Travis*."

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, October 31st, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment,

And went into secret session.

An act entitled "an act to form a new county to be named *Travis*,"

On motion of Mr. Everett, was

Laid on the table until called for by the senate.

Mr. Everett, agreeable to previous notice, introduced an act, entitled "an act to legalize marriage contracts;

Read a first time, and

Laid on the table.

Also, an act, entitled "an act to repeal certain laws, was

Read a first time, and

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Fifty copies of each were ordered to be printed for the use of the senate.

The bill for the compensation of the civil officers of the government, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Wharton moved that the words, "and furnished house," be added to the president's salary;

The ayes and noes being called for—

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Everett and Wilson—2.

The affirmative voters having the majority, the amendment was

Adopted.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out 10,000 dollars, and demanded the ayes and noes thereon, being seconded by two.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Everett and Wilson—2.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—8.

Lost.

The question being upon the passage of the president's salary as amended; and

The ayes and noes being called for,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Everett and Wilson—2.

The president's salary passed as amended.

The vice president's salary was then taken up by the senate.

Mr. Wharton moved that the vice president be allowed \$5,000 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The ayes and noes were called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Horton, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—5.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Robertson and Wilson—7.

Lost.

Mr. Wharton moved to fill the blank with \$4,500; and

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Horton, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—5.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Robertson and Wilson—7.

Lost.

Mr. Wharton moved to fill the blank with \$4,000

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—6.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Robertson and Wilson—6.

Lost.

Mr. Wharton moved to fill the blank with \$3,500.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—6.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Robertson and Wilson—6.

Lost.

Mr. Grimes moved to fill the blank with \$3,000.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Robertson, and Somervell—9.

The negative voters were Messrs. Morehouse, Wharton and Wilson—3.

Carried.

The salaries of the secretaries of state, treasury, war, and navy, were then taken up by the senate.

Mr. Wharton moved to fill the blank with \$5,000.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative vote was Mr. Wharton—1.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Robertson, Somervell and Wilson—11.

Lost.

Mr. Horten moved to fill the blank with \$3,500; and

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—6.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Robertson and Wilson—6.

There being a tie, the vice president voted in the affirmative.

Carried.

The salary of the attorney general was next taken up by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett,
\$4,000 was stricken out.

Mr. Horton moved to fill the blank with \$2,500.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—7.

The negative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Robertson and Wilson—5.

Carried.

The compensation of the post master general, as reported, was then taken up by the senate.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Somervell and Wharton—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Grimes, Morehouse, Robertson and Wilson—4.

The compensation of the post master general was affixed as reported.

The compensation of the commissioner of the general land office was then taken up by the senate, as affixed in the report.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Morehouse, Robertson, Somervell, Wharton and Wilson—12.

The compensation was affixed as reported.

The compensation of the chief clerks of the different departments was then taken up by the senate; when,

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Irion presented the petition of Mr. I. Fortunc.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

The report was re-committed to the same committee, with instructions.

The resolution of Mr. Wharton, allowing the president and his clerks to remain in their rooms during the secret session of the senate, was taken up.

Mr. Everett moved to amend; when,

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The resolution and amendment was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 1st November, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton presented a memorial from Henry F. M'Kinney, asking for the ratification of the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce, granted by the government of Coahuila and Texas.

Referred to the committee on finance.

A bill for legalizing marriage contracts was taken up; and

On motion of Mr. Irion, was made the order of the day for Monday next.

A bill for repealing certain colonization laws was then taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Wharton, was made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Wharton, chairman of the committee to report a compensation bill, made a report.

The rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The report was taken up, and read a second time, and considered as in committee of the whole,

Mr. Grimes in the chair.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; when,

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

The bill was re-committed to a joint committee of both houses.

Mr. Everett gave notice that he should introduce a bill entitled "an act granting bounties of land to volunteers from foreign nations, since the first day of July, A. D. 1836."

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 2d 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition from J. M. Wolfe, praying remuneration for public services; which,

On motion of Mr. Everett,
Was laid on the table.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on public lands, presented a report accompanying an act entitled "an act granting bounties of land to volunteers from foreign countries;

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Ordered, that twenty-five copies of the report be printed for the use of the senate.

Mr. Wharton, chairman of the committee on compensation, submitted a report creating certain civil officers.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The rules were suspended in order to have the bill read a second time.

The senate went into committee of the whole,

Mr. Horton in the chair.

The committee then rose, reported progress, and asked leave to be discharged.

Granted.

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing the passage of an act for establishing rules and regulations for the government of the armies of the republic of Texas.

Laid on the table until 3 o'clock.

Mr. Wharton submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the republic of Texas, in congress assembled, That each house of congress appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report the most eligible point at which to locate the seat of government of this republic, from and after the adjournment of the present congress, up to the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The rules were suspended,

And the resolution adopted.

Whereupon, the chair appointed Messrs. Wharton, Grimes and Irion said committee.

Mr. Horton submitted the following resolution:

That during the recess of the senate, the senate chamber shall be occupied by the officers and different committees of the senate only.

Adopted.

Mr. Grimes presented the printers' accounts:

Referred to the committee on printing.

Mr. Grimes presented the petitions of the captors of certain vessels:

Referred to the committee on naval affairs.

Mr. Irion gave notice that on Friday next he should introduce a bill from the translation, revision, and publication of the colonization laws of Coahuila and Texas, and those of the government of Mexico, which relate to the colonization of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, November 3d, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing their dissent to the amendments of the senate, to the bill entitled "an act to authorise the negotiation of a loan on the bonds of the government, not to exceed five millions of dollars."

Mr. Wharton moved that the senate insist on their amendments.

Carried unanimously.

An act to repeal certain colonization laws was then taken up, and

Read a second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Horton was added to that committee.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing the appointment of a committee of conference on their part, on the act entitled "an act to authorise the negotiation of a loan on the bonds of the government, not to exceed five millions of dollars; and, that they had appointed Messrs. Baker, Archer, and Allen of Nacogdoches, such committee.

The chair appointed Messrs. Corzine and Everett, the committee on the part of the senate.

A special message was received from the president.

The senate went into secret session.

Doors opened.

An act entitled "an act for establishing rules and articles

for the government of the armies of the republic of Texas, was taken up.

Read a second and third time; and

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

An act entitled "an act to create certain civil officers," was taken up by the senate.

Read, and passed its third and last reading.

An act entitled "an act for the relief of Erastus Smith" from the house of representatives was read the first time; and

Laid on the table, in pursuance of the rules of the senate.

A bill for the compensation of civil officers was taken up; and

Read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 4th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Grimes, from the committee on public printing, reported a resolution in favor of G. and T. H. Borden.

Mr. Everett, from the joint committee of conference, reported the reasons of the house of representatives for dissenting to the amendments of the senate, to the "act authorising the negotiation of a loan on the bonds of the government, not to exceed five millions of dollars," with the amendments agreed on by the committee, and moved its adoption; which motion was

Carried.

A message was received from the house of representatives, concurring in the report of the committee of conference.

An act entitled "an act to negotiate a loan on the bonds of the government, not to exceed five millions of dollars," was read, and passed its third and last reading.

Mr. Horton, from the committee on finance, reported a bill confirming the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce.

A message was received from the president, enclosing a letter from Robert Triplett to William Christy.

Referred to the committee on finance.

The senate went into secret session; and, upon opening the doors,

Mr. Irion, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced a bill authorising the president to have the colonization laws translated.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, November 5th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Grimes and Lester, a committee on claims and accounts.

The senate went into secret session.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

An act granting bounties of land to volunteers was taken up by the senate.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion,

Mr. Grimes was added to that committee.

An act for the relief of Erastus Smith was taken up, and

Read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The rules were suspended, and

The act, as amended, was read a third time, and

Passed.

A message from the house of representatives, covering a joint resolution confirming the contract of the government of Texas, *ad interim*, with major general Mimican Hunt.

A bill authorizing the president to have the colonization laws translated, was read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A resolution from the committee on public printing recommending the payment of the account of Messrs. Borden was

Read a second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The rules were suspended; and

The resolution was read a third time, and

Passed.

Act confirming the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce, was read a second time; and, on motion,

Laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

An act for the compensation of the civil officers was read a second time, and amended.

On motion,

The senate went into committee of the whole.

The salary of the president was fixed at \$10,000 per annum, and furnished house.

Mr. Everett moved that the ayes and noes be called on all the final questions, as to every article.

The ayes and noes being called on the president's salary, being \$10,000, and furnished house, resulted as follows:

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—8.

Noes.—Messrs. Everett, Robertson and Wilson—3.

Carried.

Mr. Grimes moved the salary of the vice president be \$3,000 per annum.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Robertson, Somervell and Wharton—8.

Noes.—Messrs. Everett, Morehouse and Wilson—3.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

The salaries of the secretary of state, treasury, war, and navy be \$3,500 per annum.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Robertson, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—9.

Noes.—Messrs. Everett and Wilson.—2

Carried.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out the salary, \$4,000, of the attorney general, as reported in the act, which motion was

Carried.

Mr. Wharton moved to fill the blank with \$3,000.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—6.

Noes.—Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Horton, Robertson and Wilson—5.

Carried.

The post master's salary was fixed at \$2,000.

The salary of the commissioner general of the land office was fixed at \$3,000.

The salary of the chief clerks being reported in the act at \$1,500.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out.

Ayes.—Messrs. Horton, Morehouse, Somervell Wharton and Wilson—6.

Noes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes and Robertson—5.

Carried.

On motion, the controller's office, as reported in the act, was struck out, and treasurer substituted.

Salary \$2,500.

The auditor's salary was fixed at \$2,500.

The ayes and noes were taken on the salary of the chief justice—\$5,000.

Ayes.—Messrs. Ellis, Horton, Landrum, Morehouse, Robertson, Somervell and Wharton—7.

~~DE~~ Noes.—Messrs. Corzine, Everett, Grimes and Wilson—4.

Carried.

The salary of the associate, or district judges—\$3,000.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Morehouse, Robertson, Somervell and Wharton—9.

Noes.—Messrs. Everett and Wilson—2.

Carried.

The salary of district attorneys was fixed at \$200, and perquisites.

Members of congress shall receive \$5 per diem, and \$5 for every twenty-five miles travelled, going and coming.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Landrum, Robertson and Wharton—8.

Noes.—Messrs. Morehouse, Somervell and Wilson—3.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The members and officers who were at the convention at Washington, were allowed the same pay as the present members and officers of congress.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The outfit of foreign ministers was affixed at \$4,500.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Morehouse, Somervell and Wharton—8.

Noes.—Messrs. Everett, Robertson and Wilson—3.

The ayes and noes being taken on the salary of the foreign minister being \$5,000, were as follows:

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton,

Landrum, Morehouse, Robertson, Somervell and Wharton—10.
Noes.—Wilson—1.

Mr. Ellis moved to strike out "the office of secretary of legation:"

Carried.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out "the office of charge de affaires:"

Carried.

The salary of the consuls, perquisites.

Chief clerks of both houses, \$6 per diem.

Assistant clerks of both houses, \$5 per diem.

Mr. Everett moved to amend the reporter's salary, and insert \$8 instead of \$5.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The translator for congress was allowed \$5 per diem.

The sergeant-at-arms was on motion allowed \$5 per diem.

The door-keeper was on motion allowed \$5 per diem.

On motion, the rules of the senate were suspended, the act read a third time,

And passed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the house of representatives received in the morning, in relation to major-general Hunt, covering a joint resolution confirming the contract by the government *ad interim* with general Hunt, was taken up:

On motion of Mr. Everett.

The rules were suspended, and it was read a first, second and third time,

And passed.

Mr. Wharton submitted a resolution requiring the president to organize the army forthwith.

Mr. Wharton gave notice that on Monday next he would introduce a resolution fixing the day of adjournment of congress.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution allowing the president to have a private secretary, and affixing his salary.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 7th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ellis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, submitted a report, accompanied with sundry resolutions on the subject of the annexation of Texas to the United States of America.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Ordered, That 500 copies of the report be printed for the use of the senate.

Mr. Ellis moved that 50 copies of the resolutions and articles accompanying the report of the committee on foreign relations be printed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Carried.

Mr. Wharton asked leave of absence for a day or two.

Granted.

An act to legalize marriage contracts was taken up, read a second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A bill authorising the president to have the colonization laws translated was then taken up, read a third time, and,

Passed.

A resolution authorising the president to have a private secretary, and regulating his salary, was then taken up, read and passed the second time.

Mr. Wharton's resolution for adopting "Jefferson's Manual" as the common law of the senate, was taken up, read, and

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 8th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

An act confirming the charter of the Bank of Commerce and Agriculture was taken up by the senate, and

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Laid on the table until called up by the senate.

The resolutions and articles reported by the committee on foreign relations, were taken up by the senate.

The senate went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Morehouse in the chair.

The committee rose, reported amendments, and asked to be discharged:

And leave being granted, the question being 'shall the resolutions and articles as amended pass the senate,'

They were passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The rules were suspended and the resolutions and articles were read, and passed their third and last reading unanimously.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering a joint resolution, explaining the different acts in relation to the service of volunteers.

A message was received from the house of representatives concurring in the joint resolution appointing a joint committee to affix the seat of government.

A joint resolution allowing the president a private secretary, and affixing his salary, was read and passed its third reading.

Mr. Everett submitted a joint resolution affixing the 1st day of December as the day of adjournment of congress.

Mr. Everett gave notice that on to-morrow, he should introduce a bill entitled

"An act to incorporate the Bank of Neches."

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering "an act to provide for the national defence by organizing the militia:"

Read a first time.

An act providing for the increase of the navy,

Read a first time.

Joint resolution authorising the president to re-organize the army;

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Laid on the table until called for by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 9th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A joint resolution explaining the different acts in relation to the service of volunteers, and extending the acts relating to bounties of land,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Was laid on the table until to-morrow.

The joint resolution affixing the 1st day of December as the day of adjournment of congress, was read a second time.

An act providing for the increase of the navy, was taken up by the senate, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

50 copies were ordered to be printed.

An act to provide for the national defence by organizing the militia, was taken up, read by its caption, and

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, November 10th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton, by the consent of Mr. Everett submitted a joint resolution in lieu of the one offered by Mr. Everett, affixing the 1st day of December as the day of the adjournment of congress:

Read three times, and passed.

Mr. Corzine from the chairman of the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to legalize marriage contracts:

Read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Joint resolutions explaining the different acts in relation to the service of volunteers, and extending the acts relating to bounty lands,

Was taken up by the senate.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out in the 1st section "the United States and elsewhere:"

And the question recurring upon striking out,

The motion was lost.

The resolution passed the second reading, without amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 11th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Ruiz, senator from Bexar, appeared, and after the constitutional oath was administered, took his seat in the senate chamber.

Mr. Wharton, from the committee appointed to determine where the seat of government should be located, reported in favor of Groce's Retreat, now called San Jacinto.

Also, for a committee to be appointed by the senate, to act with a committee from the house of representatives to proceed to Brazoria, and ascertain what the accommodations would be for congress and the executive departments in that town, for the balance of the present session.

Laid on the table.

A joint resolution explaining the different acts in relation to volunteers, was read a third time,

And passed.

An act to provide for the national defence by organizing the militia,

Was taken up, and read a second time.

The senate went into committee of the whole,

Mr. Somervell in the chair.

The act was amended, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message was received from the house of representatives.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the senate went into secret session.

Mr. Everett moved a call of the house for the purpose of classifying the senators according to the constitution.

Carried.

The balloting or lottery for the length of service of the senators resulted as follows:

For one year.—Messrs. Ellis, Grimes, Irion, Landrum and Morehouse.

For two years.—Messrs. Horton, Lester, Robertson, Somervell and Wharton.

For three years.—Messrs. Corzine, Everett, Ruiz and Wilson.

Mr. Wharton submitted a resolution appointing a joint committee of three from both houses, on the subject of the loan bill.

Adopted.

Whereupon the chair appointed Messrs. Wharton, Everett, and Ellis.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton presented the petition of Wm. M. Cato, praying to be appointed administrator on the estate of W. B. Travis, deceased; also praying to be appointed guardian of the heirs of the said late W. B. Travis.

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Ellis submitted a resolution relative to sending a minister forthwith to the United States, on the subject of the annexation of Texas to that country.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and the resolution read a second and third time,

Mr. Everett moved that the printing committee be author-

ized to have 200 copies of the Telegraph, from the present number through the session of congress, printed for the disposal of the senators to the community.

A message was received from the house of representatives, enclosing a joint resolution, appointing a committee of conference on the loan bill.

Mr. Irion was added to the committee.

An act to provide for the relief of soldiers, and the widows of soldiers now in Columbia and elsewhere, on business with the government.

Read a second time, and

The rules being suspended,

Read a third time, and passed.

An act granting bounties of land to volunteers, was taken up and read a second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Fifty copies ordered to be printed.

An act to legalize marriage contracts was taken up, read a third time,

And passed.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Resolved, That the committee on public printing be instructed to report a bill authorizing the printing of the acts and proceedings of the consultation, of the provisional government, and of the convention of March last, in one pamphlet.

Laid on the table one day.

Mr. Wharton submitted a resolution allowing certain distinguished men to enter and seat themselves within the bar of the senate.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett from the committee on claims and accounts, made a report on the petition of Wm. M. Cato.

Laid on the table one day.

Mr. Everett from the committee on claims and accounts, reported a resolution allowing the claims of J. M. Wolfe, as agent in the United States.

On motion, the rules were suspended,
 And, on motion of Mr. Irion, Mr. Everett's motion was
 read a second time,
 And adopted.
 On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until
 Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 14th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A resolution authorizing the printing and publishing the laws of the provisional government, and the acts of the convention of March last, was taken up by the senate, and

Referred to the committee on public printing.

The joint resolution to go into an election of a judge for the county of Brazoria, was taken up by the senate,

The rules were suspended, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

It was read, and passed a second and third reading.

An act to provide for the increase of the navy was taken up by the senate:

The rules were suspended,

And it was read and passed its second and third reading.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on public lands, reported a bill from said committee entitled "an act to repeal all colonization laws heretofore in force in Texas.

Read a first time.

Mr. Everett introduced an act entitled "an act to prohibit commissioned officers from holding seats in congress:"

Read a first time.

Mr. Ellis submitted a joint resolution prescribing certain oaths of office.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on public printing, introduced an act authorizing the printing and publishing of the laws of the provisional government, and the acts of the convention of March last.

Read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, an act to form a new county to be called "Travis," was called up and read, and ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton introduced an act establishing a coat of arms.
Read a first time.

Mr. Irion from the joint committee on enrolled bills reported to the senate sundry amendments of the phrasology of an act entitled "an act to authorize the negotiation of a loan on the bonds of the government, not to exceed five millions of dollars," and moved the concurrence of the senate in the amendments.

Carried.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution inviting Mr. Bryan to a seat on the floor of the senate; which was adopted.

Whereupon, the president invited Mr. Bryan accordingly.

Mr. Wharton introduced an act entitled "an act to quiet forever the land titles of the citizens of Texas."

Read a first time, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

100 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the senate.

Mr. Wharton introduced a resolution to the following effect:

Resolved, That the senate are constitutionally justifiable in concurring in the nomination by the president, of any of its members to any office created by the constitution: *provided*, the executive by the constitution has the power of nominating to such office.

The rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 15th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton presented the memorial of Wm. Christy.

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

An act to repeal all colonization laws heretofore in force in Texas, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Colonel Gholson was invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Gen. Randolph was invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate.

An act defining who shall be entitled to seats in congress was taken up.

Mr. Everett moved to amend, and demanded the ayes and noes on the amendment.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Everett, Ruiz, Somervell and Wilson—4.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse, Robertson and Wharton—8.

The amendment was lost.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

The bill was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A joint resolution, prescribing certain oaths of office was taken up.

The rules were suspended.

Read a second time.

Considered as engrossed and read; and

Passed finally.

An act to form a new county to be named Travis, was taken up.

Read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

An act authorizing the printing and publishing the laws of the provisional government, the acts of the convention of March last, and of the present congress, was taken up.

Read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

HALF PAST 7 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution, appointing Mr. Gibson reporter to the senate, during the illness of the regular reporter.

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was adopted.

An act establishing a coat of arms was taken up.
 Considered as in committee of the whole, and amended.
 Read a second time, as amended; and
 Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

An act entitled "an act confirming the charter of the bank of commerce and agriculture," was taken up by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Laid on the table, and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 16th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act to establish and organize the supreme court, and to define the powers and jurisdiction thereof.

Read, and

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Mr. Ellis was added to that committee.

Mr. Ellis moved a re-consideration of the joint resolution prescribing certain oaths of office; which motion was

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Ellis then moved to strike out the words "president and vice president," and, after the word "navy," to insert the words "chief clerks of the several departments."

Carried.

The rules being suspended,

The resolution, as amended, was

Adopted.

An act to repeal all colonization laws heretofore in Texas, was

Read, and

Passed its third and last reading.

An act establishing a coat of arms was taken up by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Referred to a select committee of four.

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Wharton, Robertson and Ellis, said committee.

A joint resolution, authorizing the president to re-organize the army, was taken up.

The amendments of the house were concurred in by the senate.

Mr. Grimes offered a substitute, which was Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Laid on the table until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, November 17th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution, inviting the reverend R. Salmon and W. W. Hall, to officiate alternately as chaplains to the senate; and

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was adopted.

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett and Corzine a committee, to inform the reverend gentlemen of the invitation of the senate.

An act defining who shall be entitled to seats in congress, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table.

The charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce, was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Referred to a special committee of three; whereupon,

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Robertson and Corzine, such committee.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution, requesting the president to issue a writ of election, to fill the vacant seat of the district of Brazoria; and,

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 18th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, from the committee appointed to locate the seat of government, presented the proposals of A. C. and J. K. Allen, from the town of Houston. Also, from J. M. Hockley, in favor of Groce's Retreat.

Laid on the table.

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was

Read twice, and

Ordered to be printed.

An act to quiet forever the land titles of the citizens of Texas, was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Laid on the table.

An act granting bounties of land to volunteers, was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, November 19th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Somervell presented the petition of Mrs. Milsap.

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on claims and ac-

counts, made a report in the case of Wm. Christy, and moved the concurrence of the senate therein.

The senate agreed to the report.

An act to locate the seat of government was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Laid on the table, and

Ordered, that 50 copies be printed for the use of the senate.

A joint resolution, making appropriations to G. and T. H. Borden, was

Read a first time, and

Laid on the table.

Mr. Wilson asked, and obtained leave of absence, until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 21st, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ellis, from the committee on the judiciary, reported the bill, to be entitled "an act to establish and organize the supreme court, and to define the powers and jurisdiction thereof, from the house of representatives, on its second reading, with sundry amendments.

Considered as in *quasi* committee of the whole.

The rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The bill, as amended, was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, reported a bill for the relief of Mary Milsap; and,

The rules being suspended, it was

Read a first, second, and third time, and

Passed.

Mr. Corzine, from the select committee on the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce, reported a bill.

Read a first time, and

Laid on the table.

Mr. Corzine reported a bill for the relief of Wm. Christy.

Read a first time, and

Laid on the table.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill making certain bank notes a legal tender in payment of government dues.

Read a first time.

A joint resolution, to compensate G. and T. H. Borden, was taken up by the senate, and

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

An act granting bounties of land to volunteers, was taken up by the senate on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 22d, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

An act granting bounties of land to volunteers, was taken up by the senate.

Considered as in committee of the whole.

After undergoing various amendments, it was

Read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 23d, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett announced the death of the honorable Lorenzo de Zavala, and

The rules being suspended,

Mr. Everett submitted the following resolution, and moved its adoption.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consult and report to this body the most suitable arrangements to pay due respect to the memory of general Zavala, late vice president of this republic.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Ellis and Irion said committee.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, as a testimony of respect to the memory and virtues of the deceased.

THURSDAY, November 24th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering the following bills:

An act affixing the salaries of the officers of the civil list, as amended by the house of representatives: considered as in committee of the whole.

The senate refused to concur in the amendments of the house of representatives as to the salaries of the vice president, secretaries of state, treasury, war and navy, and reporters; and agreed to the other amendments of the house of representatives by the addition of the word "translator" after the word "reporters" in the third section.

Also a joint resolution for the relief of Wm. Bryan.

Read a first time, and

The rules being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Read a second time,

And referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Also, a joint resolution explaining the different acts in relation to the service of volunteers, and extending the acts relating to bounty lands; accompanied by the message of the president withholding his signature.

And the question being upon the adoption of the resolution, notwithstanding the president's veto:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Lester, Landrum, Morehouse, Robertson, Ruiz, and Somervell—11.

Negative voters—none.

So the resolutions were passed nem. con.

Also, an act for the benefit of volunteers, foreigners, and others.

Read a first time.

A joint resolution confirming the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce was taken up on its second reading,

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Laid on the table one day.

An act declaring the notes of specie paying banks and treasury drafts receivable in payment of all debts or dues to this republic.

The rules being suspended,

The act was read a first and second time,

And ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Joint resolutions for the relief of Wm. Christy were taken up on their second reading.

Mr. Horton moved their indefinite postponement.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act adopting a national seal and standard for the republic of Texas.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering an act establishing the powers and jurisdiction of the district courts.

Read a first time by its caption.

The unfinished business was taken up by the senate, being the joint resolutions for the relief of Wm. Christy; and,

On motion of Mr. Horton to indefinitely postpone the same,

The ayes and noes being called,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Lester, Landrum and Somervell—7.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Irion, Morehouse and Robertson—4.

So the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 25th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the select committee on the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce, made a report, accompanied by joint resolutions for the relief of McKinney and Williams.

Read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The rules were suspended, and

The resolutions were read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Thomas Gay, to locate the seat of government at Washington.

Mr. Everett presented the proposals of G. and T. H. Borden to locate the seat of government at Fort Bend.

An act locating temporarily the seat of government, was taken up by the senate.

Read a second time, and

The rules being suspended,

Read a third time, and passed.

An act granting bounties of land to volunteers, was taken up, on its third reading; and

Laid on the table for the present.

An act for the benefit of volunteers, foreigners, and others, was taken up, on its second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Indefinitely postponed.

An act affixing the national standard, and adopting a national seal, was taken up by the senate, on its second reading; and,

The rules being suspended,

Read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

An act establishing the jurisdiction and powers of the district courts was taken up, on its second reading; and

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The president *pro tem.*, presented the returns from the town of Brazoria, for the election of senator.

Mr. Robertson presented proposals to locate the seat of government at Hidalgo.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, November 26th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, from the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the claims of William Bryan, reported to the senate in favor of the resolutions from the house of representatives.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Made the special order of the day for Monday, the 28th instant.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act for the relief of general T. J. Green.

Read a first time, and

Laid on the table.

Also, a joint resolution, providing for the contingent expenses of the house of representatives.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table, until called up.

Mr. Everett, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill from said committee, to organize the land office.

Read a first time.

The rules being suspended,

It was taken up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

200 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the senate.

Mr. Irion presented the memorial of Francisco Ruiz, praying for relief to the citizens of Bexar.

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Ellis submitted joint resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Ordered that 200 copies be printed.

Mr. Corzine, one of the majority, moved a re-consideration of the vote given yesterday, indefinitely postponing the act for the relief of volunteers, foreigners and others, and

The question being taken thereon, by ayes and noes:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Irion, Morhouse, Robertson, Ruiz and Somervell—7.

The negative voters were Messrs. Everett, Ellis, Horton, Landrum, Lester and Wilson—6.

The bill was re-considered, and

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act to protect the frontier.

Read a first time.

The rules being suspended,

It was taken up on its second reading; and

Referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

A joint resolution for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams,
was

Read, and

Passed its third and last reading.

An act to quiet forever the land titles of the citizens of
Texas, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Ellis moved its indefinite postponement.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until Mon-
day morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 28th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the
republic of Texas, was taken up by the senate, on its second
reading.

Laid on the table; and

Made the order of the day for to-morrow.

An act to quiet forever the land titles of the citizens of
Texas, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out the enacting clause, and

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Horton,
Lester, Robertson and Wilson—6.

The negative voters were Messrs. Grimes, Irion, Landrum,
Morehouse, Ruiz and Somervell—6.

Lost.

The question was then put, "shall this bill be passed, and
engrossed for a third reading."

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Grimes, Irion, Lan-
drum, Morehouse, Ruiz and Somervell—6.

The negative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Evérett, Horton,
Lester, Robertson and Wilson—6.

Lost.

An act for the relief of general T. J. Green was taken up on its second reading; and

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

A joint resolution for the relief of William Bryan, was taken up; and

Laid on the table until to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson presented the petition of Martin, Clow, and others, to locate the seat of government at Hidalgo.

Mr. Grimes offered a resolution to send the door-keeper to Brazoria for a stove.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 29th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, reported in favor of the bill from the house of representatives, "to protect the frontier."

Read a second time.

The rules being suspended,

It was considered as engrossed and read; and

Passed its third and final reading.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Martin Allen.

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Mr. Somervell was added to that committee.

Mr. Horton, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill for the benefit of volunteers, foreigners and others, reported that it was inexpedient to pass the act.

Mr. Morehouse moved that the report be laid on the table, and the ayes and noes being called for on the question,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, Ruiz and Somervell—5.

The negative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Horton, Landrum, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—7.

Lost.

The question being then taken upon a concurrence in the report of the committee, by ayes and noes:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Everet, Horton, Landrum, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—7.

The negative voters were Messrs. Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, Ruiz and Somervell—5.

The report was concurred in,
And the bill lost.

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was taken up, on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Irion,
Laid on the table.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution, affixing the first day of December, as the last day on which the senate would receive new business.

A message was received from the house of representatives.

On motion of Mr. Horton,
Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The joint resolution for the relief of Wm. Bryan, and the substitute offered by Mr. Horton, was referred to a select committee.

The president *pro tem.*, appointed Messrs. Everett, Irion and Horton, said committee.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the joint resolution for the relief of G. and T. H. Borden, reported a substitute.

The substitute was concurred in by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 30th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, reported the honorable James Collinsworth as duly elected for the district of Brazoria.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the senate.

The chair appointed Messrs. Irion and Wilson a committee to wait on Mr. Collinsworth, and invite him to take his seat on the floor of the senate chamber.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering an invitation to meet the house at 11 o'clock, in the hall of the house of representatives, for the purpose of locating the seat of government until the end of the session in the year 1840.

Also, a joint resolution to appoint a joint committee of three from each house, to draw up and report a general land law.

Concurred in.

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Grimes and Horton said committee.

Mr. Everett, from the minority of the select committee on the joint resolutions in favor of Wm. Bryan, made a report; the report was concurred in by the senate, the joint resolutions read a second time and amended;

The rules were suspended,

And they passed their third and final reading.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury to make estimates for the current expenses for the years 1836 and 1837.

Adopted.

Mr. Wilson submitted a resolution calling on the president for information as to the release of Santa Anna and Almonte.

A message was received from the house of representatives concurring in all of the amendments to the bill to organize the supreme court, and defining the powers and jurisdiction thereof, with one exception; the senate recessed from that amendment.

Mr. Wilson, one of the majority, moved to reconsider the vote on the bill to "quiet forever the land titles of the citizens of Texas:"

And the ayes and noes being taken thereon,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Everett, Grimes, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse, Ruiz, Somervell and Wilson—9.

The negative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Horton and Robertson—3.

The bill was reconsidered; and

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Referred to the committee on public lands.

A committee from the house of representatives was received, informing the senate the house was in waiting on them: the senate proceeded in procession to the hall of the house of

representatives, where both houses of congress in joint committee proceeded to vote, *viva voce*, for the location of the seat of government.

On the first ballot the town of Nacogdoches had 4 votes, Hidalgo 1, Matagorda 8, Houston 11, Washington 7, Velasco 3, Refugio 1, Goliad 1, Bexar 3, and San Patricio 1.

There being no one place having a majority of the votes polled,

The two houses proceeded to ballot a second time;

When Hidalgo had 1 vote, Matagorda 7, Houston 17, Washington 12, Fort Bend 1, and Bexar 1.

No one place having a majority,

The two houses proceeded to ballot a third time;

Nacogdoches had 1 vote, Matagorda 7, Houston 19, Washington 13.

No one place having a majority, the joint committee proceeded to ballot a fourth time.

When Matagorda received 4 votes, Houston 21, Washington 14 and Columbia 1.

Twenty-one being a majority of the whole number polled,

The town of Houston was declared by the speaker of the house of representatives to be duly chosen as the place at which the two houses of congress had affixed the seat of government until the year 1840.

The senate returned in procession to their chamber, and

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The honorable James Collinsworth appeared, was duly and constitutionally qualified as a member of the senate of this general congress, and asked and obtained leave of absence until tomorrow evening.

Mr Horton presented the petition of Charles F. LeBaron and Geo. W. Bonnel:

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Horton submitted a resolution for the election of certain officers therein named.

Mr. Everett moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the affray in the senate chamber.

Carried.

The chair appointed Messrs. Morehouse, Landruth and Lester on said committee.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the motion was re-considered.

Mr. Everett submitted a joint resolution appointing a joint committee of three from both houses, to investigate the affray that took place in the senate chamber.

Adopted.

The chair appointed Messrs. Morehouse, Somervell, and Grimes on the committee.

A message was received from the house of representatives asking for a committee of conference on the act for the relief of Wm. Bryan.

Agreed to.

The president pro tem. appointed Messrs. Everett, Irion and Horton on the committee of conference.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering an act to establish the general post office-department.

Read a first time.

Mr. Everett gave notice that on to-morrow he should introduce the following bill:

To authorize the president to appoint a commissioner to examine all banks in Texas.

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on to-morrow he should introduce a bill to exempt certain property from execution.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 1st, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton introduced a bill for the relief of Robert Triplett and others:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to exempt certain property from execution:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Everett introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of a bank commissioner:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Everett presented the memorial of Sterling C. Robertson, empresario:

Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Everett introduced a bill for the relief of ministers of the gospel:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Grimes presented the memorial of Mary Dust:

Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Wilson moved to reconsider the bill for the relief of volunteers, foreigners, &c.

The president decided the motion out of order:

Mr. Irion appealed from the decision to the senate.

When Mr. Wilson withdrew his motion to reconsider.

Mr. Horton gave notice that he would introduce an act to create an agency in the city of Mobile.

Mr. Horton gave notice that he would introduce an act to grant one league and labor of land to Wm. Christy and others.

A resolution, calling on the president for information, relative to the departure of Santa Anna and Almonte, was taken up by the senate, and

Adopted.

A joint resolution to appoint a day for the election of certain officers, was taken up on its second reading, and,

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Laid on the table, until called up.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering joint resolutions for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams, with amendments.

An act creating a general post office, was taken up on its second reading, and

Passed.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Robertson moved to reconsider the resolution, affixing the 1st day of December as the last day on which to receive new business.

The motion carried was amended, so as to make it necessary for two thirds only to agree to the introduction of new business.

Adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Joint resolutions for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams, as amended, were taken up by the senate.

Mr. Everett moved to lay them on the table.

Lost.

The question being put "will the senate concur in the amendments of the house of representatives;" and

The ayes and noes being called,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Horton, Irion, Morehouse and Somervell—5.

The negative voters were Messrs. Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Landrum, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—7.

So the senate refused to concur in the amendments.

Mr. Irion presented the memorial of A. J. Gates, accompanied by a bill to charter the Texas fur company.

Read a first time,

And passed to its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 24, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the joint committee on enrolled bills, reported that the president had approved and signed the joint resolutions, prescribing oaths of office; also,

A joint resolution, for the relief of J. M. Wolfe; also,

A joint resolution, authorizing the president to re-organize the army.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Messrs. Hall, White, Yates and Menard, were invited to seats within the bar of the senate.

An act for the benefit of Robert Triplett and others, was taken up on its second reading, and

Laid on the table until called up.

A bill to exempt certain property from execution, was taken up on its second reading, and

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Joint resolutions prohibiting the slave trade were taken up on their second reading; and

Laid on the table until called up.

An act for the relief of ministers of the gospel was taken up on its second reading, and amended.

Passed; and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act creating a general post office, was

Read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

An act authorizing the appointment of a bank commissioner, was taken up on its second reading, and

Laid on the table.

Joint resolutions to authorize the president to take command of the army, &c., were taken up on their second reading, and made the special order of the day for Monday.

A bill to charter the Texas fur and trading company, was taken up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Referred to a select committee.

The president *pro tem.*, appointed Messrs. Irion, Grimes and Robertson, such committee.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering joint resolutions for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams.

The house of representatives insisted on their amendments.

Mr. Irion moved that a committee of conference be asked on the part of the senate.

Carried.

Also, an act defining the pay of mounted riflemen, now and heretofore in the ranging service on the frontier.

Read a first time, and

Passed to its second reading.

Also, an act relinquishing one league and labor of land, to Michael B. Menard and others, on the east end of Galveston island.

Read a first time.

Mr. Robertson moved to lay it on the table indefinitely.

The ayes and noes being called for:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Robertson and Wilson—2.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse and Somervell—10.

Lost.

A message was received from the house of representatives,

agreeing to the committee of conference on the joint resolutions for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams:

The president appointed Messrs. Horton, Somervell and Grimes on said committee. Also,

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was taken up, read a second time, and passed to its third reading. Also,

An act affixing the compensation of the officers of the civil list: concurred in by the house without amendment.

Ordered to be enrolled. Also,

A joint resolution to authorise the president to negotiate for twenty thousand dollars:

Read a first time,

And passed to a second reading.

Mr. Everett, from the committee of conference on the joint resolutions for the relief of Wm. Bryan, made a report from said committee:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 3d, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, from the committee of conference on the joint resolutions for the relief of Wm. Bryan and others, made a written report that the reasons advanced by the committee on the part of the house were satisfactory:

Which was received in lieu of the verbal report of Mr. Everett, made on yesterday.

Mr. Corzine, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to exempt certain property from execution, reported the bill with amendments.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Everett, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the relief of Sterling C. Robertson, empresario:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

The orders of the day were taken up by the senate.

An act defining the pay of mounted riflemen, now and heretofore in the ranging service on the frontier:

Read a second time,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A joint resolution, authorising the president to negotiate for twenty thousand dollars, was taken up on its second reading, amended, and passed, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was taken up by the senate, and made the special order of the day for Monday, the 26th inst.

Mr. Everett moved to reconsider the joint resolution authorising the president to negotiate for twenty thousand dollars.

The motion carried.

The resolution was amended, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act relinquishing one league and labor of land to Michael B. Menard and others, on the east end of Galveston island, was taken up on its second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Referred to a special committee.

An act for the relief of ministers of the gospel was taken up, read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

A joint resolution for the relief of William Bryan and others, was taken up on the report of the committee.

The ayes and noes being called for, on the voting the reasons of the ~~same~~ of representatives satisfactory,

Mr. Collingsworth was excused from voting:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, Robertson and Wilson—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Horton, Landrum, Lester and Somervell—4.

The senate voted the reasons satisfactory, and receded from their amendment.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 5th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett introduced a bill for the relief of certain persons therein named.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Robertson, from the select committee on an act relinquishing one league and labor of land to Michael B. Menard and others, on the east side of Galveston island, reported in favor of the passage of the act.

A joint resolution authorising the president to take command of the army, &c., was taken up by the senate; and,

On motion of Mr. Collinsworth,

Made the order of the day for Monday next.

An act to exempt certain property from sale on execution, was taken up.

Read a second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Referred to a select committee.

Whereupon, the chair appointed Messrs. Horton, Ellis and Collinsworth, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing the passage of an act establishing general regulations for the army of the republic of Texas.

Also, an act organizing justice's courts, and defining the powers and jurisdictions of the same, and also creating and defining the office and powers of commissioners of roads and revenue.

Also, an act for the election of sheriffs, coroners and constables, defining their several duties.

Which were severally read a first time, and

Laid on the table for one day.

A joint resolution to change the names of certain counties, was received from the house of representatives.

Read, a first time, and

Laid on the table until to-morrow.

An act for the relief of Sterling C. Robertson, was taken up, and

Read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Mr. Collinsworth was added to that committee.

Mr. Irion presented the petition of James Fortune, praying for the restoration of certain papers therein named.

Granted.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 6th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton offered the petition of Col. Perry, praying for relief.

The ayes and noes being called upon the reception of the petition,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse and Somervell—7.

The negative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Ellis, Everett, Robertson and Wilson—5.

An act granting land to certain persons therein named,

Was taken up on its second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table until called up.

A joint resolution authorizing the president to negotiate for twenty thousand dollars was read,

And passed its third and final reading.

An act to organise and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was taken up on its second reading,

And on motion of Mr. Collinsworth,

Laid on the table one day.

An act relinquishing one league and labor of land to M. B. Menard and others, on the east end of Galveston island, was taken up on its second reading, and amended:

The question being "shall the bill be engrossed for a third reading,"

The ayes and noes being called on motion of Mr. Collinsworth,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse, Robertson and Somervell—11.

The negative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth and Wilson—2.

The bill passed its second reading,

And was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A joint resolution changing the names of certain counties therein named, was taken up on its second reading:

On motion of Morehouse,

Laid on the table until called up.

An act defining the pay of mounted riflemen now and heretofore in the ranging service on the frontier, was taken up on its third reading, and amended by unanimous consent,

And passed finally.

An act establishing the army regulations, was taken up on its second reading:

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

Mr. Morehouse was added to that committee.

An act organizing justices' courts and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same; and also creating and defining the office and powers of commissioners of roads and revenue, was taken up on its second reading, and

Referred to the committee on roads, bridges and ferries.

An act for the election of sheriffs, coroners and constables, and defining their several duties, was taken up on its second reading, and

Laid on the table one day.

Mr. Horton obtained leave to introduce a bill to establish an agency in the city of Mobile:

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Ellis submitted a resolution in testimony of respect to the memory of Col. B. R. Milam:

The resolution was amended, and unanimously adopted.

An act relinquishing one league and labor of land to M. B. Menard and others, on the east end of Galveston island, was taken up on its third reading, and

Referred to a select committee.

The chair appointed Messrs. Grimes, Lester and Landrum on said committee.

An act providing for the election of sheriffs, coroners and constables, was taken up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The unfinished business was taken up.

The bill was amended, and passed its third and final reading.

An act organizing justices' courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same; and also creating and defining the office and powers of commissioners of roads and revenue, was taken up on its second reading, amended, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The rules were suspended,

And the bill establishing an agency in the city of Mobile, was read a second time,

And ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Grimes, from the select committee to whom was referred the act relinquishing one league and labor of land to M. B. Menard and others, on the east end of Galveston island, having obtained leave, reported the bill with amendments; the amendments were concurred in, and

The bill passed its third and final reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The president *pro tem.* in the chair.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on roads, bridges and ferries, to whom was referred the bill organizing justices' courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same; and also creating and defining the office and powers of commissioners of roads and revenue, reported back the bill to the senate.

Mr. Corzine, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill authorising the establishment of the district courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction thereof, reported the bill with amendments:

The amendments were concurred in, and the bill was passed,

And ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was taken up by the senate on its second reading:

Mr. Collinsworth moved to strike out the first part of section 16,

The yeas and noes being called for,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse, Robertson and Wilson—11.

The negative voters were Messrs. Horton and Somervell—2.

The motion carried, the bill underwent further amendments and passed, and was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message was received from the president.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Referred, with the accompanying documents, to the committee on naval affairs.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering an act to raise a revenue, and to confiscate certain property therein mentioned.

Mr. Everett moved to lay it on the table until the 1st day of January, 1840.

The motion was lost, and the bill passed to a second reading.

Joint resolutions affixing the day of adjournment of congress, was received from the house of representatives, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the senate, that the vice president have leave of absence for six months, from this republic.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 8th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act for the relief of Mary Milsap.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

Joint resolutions authorising the president to issue his proclamation calling for 20,000 volunteers.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

Also, an act for the relief of those who lost property during the war.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

Mr. Horton, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred an act establishing rules and regulations for the army of the republic of Texas, reported the same without amendments.

Mr. Irion presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Nacogdoches, praying for the laying off of a new county:

Referred to the committee on county boundaries.

Mr. Somervell presented the memorial of Spencer H. Jack, agent of Austin & Williams, on the subject of the upper, or Robertson's colony:

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Grimes, from the committee of conference on the joint resolutions for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams, reported the same with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Mr. Woodward, Mr. Owen and Mr. Underwood were invited to seats within the bar of the senate chamber.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act punishing crimes and misdemeanors:

Read a first time.

Mr. Collinsworth moved its indefinite postponement.

Lost.

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

An act establishing an agency in the city of Mobile was read, and

Passed its third and last reading.

A bill to raise a revenue, and confiscate certain property therein named, was taken up on its second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The bill for the relief of Robert Triplett and others, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Everett moved to strike out the words "fifteen present."

The ayes and noes being called,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Everett and Wilson—2.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Landrum, Lester, Morehouse, Robertson and Somervell—10.

Lost.

The bill passed its second reading, and was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Mr. Moore was invited to a seat within the bar of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

The bill authorising and requiring county courts to regulate roads, appoint overseers, and license ferries, &c., was taken up on its second reading, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett having obtained leave, introduced a joint resolution for the relief of Thomas Toby.

Read a first time.

The rules being suspended,

Read a second time.

Mr. Horton moved to amend the resolutions.

The motion was lost; and
 The rules were suspended,
 The resolutions were considered as engrossed, and finally passed.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on county boundaries, having obtained leave, introduced a bill to create a new county to be called "Houston:"

The rules being suspended,
 The bill passed a first and second reading, and was
 Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 9th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

An act for the relief of Mary Milsap, was taken up, read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act authorizing the president to issue his proclamation calling for 20,000 volunteers, was taken up on its second reading,

And leave being granted,

It was withdrawn by Mr. Collinsworth for amendment.

An act for the relief of those who lost property during the war, was taken up on its second reading:

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A joint resolution for the relief of certain prisoners was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act authorising the president to sell ten leagues of land for certain purposes therein specified:

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Also an act to publish the laws of the republic—amended by the house of representatives:

The amendments were concurred in by the senate, with one exception.

Also an act organizing the inferior courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same:

Read a first time, and

The rules being suspended,

It was read a second time, and

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

An act organizing justices' courts was taken up on its third reading:

Passed.

An act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas, was read,

And passed its third and final reading.

The report of the committee of conference on the charter of the bank of agriculture and commerce, was concurred in by the senate,

And the resolutions passed.

An act establishing the district courts was taken up on its third reading, and

Recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

An act authorising and requiring county courts to lay off roads, appoint overseers, license ferries, &c., was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

On motion of Mr. Collinsworth, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering the following bills:

Joint resolutions defining the duties of the heads of the departments of the government:

Read a first time,

Passed to a second reading.

An act manifesting the gratitude of Texas to those officers and soldiers who were in the service of Texas on the 21st of April last, and previously:

Read a first time,

And passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 10th, 1856.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

An act for the relief of Mary Milsap was taken up by the senate, and read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

Joint resolutions defining the duties of the heads of department, was

Read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act manifesting the gratitude of Texas to those officers and soldiers who were in the service of Texas, on the 21st of April, and previously, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Collinsworth moved that the bill be laid on the table until the first day of July next.

And the ayes and noes being taken thereon,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Lester, Ruiz, and Somervell

—9.

The negative voters were Messrs. Morehouse, and Wilson

—2.

The motion was carried, and

The bill was laid on the table until the first day of July next.

An act for the relief of Robert Triplett and others, was taken up on its second reading; and,

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the joint resolutions for the relief of T. J. Green, from the house of representatives, reported a substitute for the same, which was

Read a first time, and

Passed to its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 12th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering the following bills:

An act regulating strays; which,

On motion of Mr. Grimes, was

Referred to a select committee.

The president, *pro tem.*, announced Messrs. Grimes, Lester and Landrum, such committee.

A joint resolution affixing the rate of interest, was read a first time, and

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Ellis, from the committee on the judiciary, reported the bill organizing the inferior courts, with amendments.

The bill, as amended, passed its second reading; and

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

Mr. Corzine, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill organizing the district courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Laid on the table until 3 o'clock.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, reported an act establishing regulations and instructions for the government of the naval service.

Read a first time, and

Passed to its second reading.

Mr. Robertson presented his answer to the memorial of Spencer H. Jack and Stephen F. Austin.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Joint resolutions to authorize the president to take command of the army, &c.,

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Laid on the table.

A joint resolution, defining the duties of the heads of departments was taken up on its third reading.

Passed.

An act for the relief of general T. J. Green was taken up on its second reading, and,

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

Referred to the committee on public lands.

An act for the benefit of Robert Triplett and others, was taken up on its third reading, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Referred to a select committee.

The president appointed Messrs. Everett, Irion and Collinsworth, such committee.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett having obtained leave, introduced a bill establishing a fee bill.

Read a first time, and

The rules being suspended,

It was taken up on its second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table until to-morrow.

Also, a bill making appropriations for paying the expenses of the republic of Texas.

Read a first time, and

The rules being suspended,

Read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Everett having obtained leave, made a report from the special committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Robert Triplett, and others;

And the ayes and noes being called for on concurrence in the report:

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Lester, Morehouse, Robertson, Somervell and Wilson—11.

The negative voters were Messrs. Horton and Landrum—2.

The report was concurred in, and

The bill passed.

Mr. Wilson having obtained leave, introduced a joint resolution, regulating and compensating the captors of the schooners Fanny Butler, Watchman and Cumanche.

Read a first time,

And passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 15th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ellis, from the committee on the judiciary, reported the bill organizing the district courts.

The bill was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The secretary was authorized to employ one or more additional secretaries.

Mr. Everett, chairman of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of general T. J. Green, reported that it was inexpedient to pass the bill, and

The question recurring upon a concurrence in the report,

The ayes and noes being called for,

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Everett, Horton Landrum, Lester, Robertson, Ruiz and Somervell—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, and Wilson—6.

The report was concurred in, and

The bill lost.

Mr. Grimes, from the select committee to whom was referred a bill regulating strays, reported the bill with amendments.

The amendments were adopted.

The bill passed its second reading,

And was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Robertson presented his memorial in relation to the upper colony.

Mr. Corzine, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the memorials of S. H. Jack, S. F. Austin and S. C. Robertson, reported that it was a subject exclusively belonging to the judiciary.

The report was laid on the table until evening.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering a bill establishing a general land office for the republic of Texas.

Read a first time.

The rules being suspended,
 Was taken up on its second reading, and
 On motion of Mr. Everett,
 Referred to the committee on public lands.

Also, that the house had under consideration the amendments of the senate to the bill fixing the military establishment of the republic of Texas, and had concurred in the amendments except the 19th section.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The senate insisted on their amendments, and asked a committee of conference.

The president appointed Messrs. Everett, Horton and Collinsworth, said committee.

A message was received from the president, recommending to the favorable consideration of congress, the claims of John Woodward, of New York.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The message and accompanying documents was referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Somervell, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The following bills from the house of representatives, were taken up, viz:

An act to define the boundaries of the republic of Texas.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

An act to incorporate the Texas rail road, navigation and banking company.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

A joint resolution, compensating officers and soldiers who have received wounds in the defence of the country.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

A joint resolution for the relief of G. and T. H. Borden.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The joint resolution affixing a day for the election of certain officers therein named, was called up from the table, and Passed.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, re-

bills, reported that the president had signed, and duly filed in the office of the secretary of state, "joint resolutions, for the relief of M'Kinney and Williams," and in like maner, "joint resolutions, authorizing the president to issue scrip to the amount of five hundred thousand acres of land."

A joint resolution fixing the rate of interest on treasury emissions.

Read a second time,

And ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill establishing a fee bill.

Read a second time,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill making appropriations for paying the expenses of the republic of Texas,

Was read, and passed its third and final reading.

A joint resolution to equitably settle the accounts of the captors of the schooners Fanny Butler, Watchman and Cumanche was taken up on their second reading.

And the question being put, shall the resolutions be engrossed for their third reading,

And the ayes and noes being called for.

The affirmative voter was Mr. Wilson—1.

The negative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Lester, and Somervell—9.

Lost.

Mr. Corzine called up the report of the committee on the judiciary, on the memorials of Jack, Austin and Robertson.

The report was concurred in by the senate.

Mr. Somervell asked and obtained leave to withdraw the papers presented by him from the honorable Mosely Baker, in the beginning of the session.

Mr. Horton, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred an act for the relief of those who have lost property during the war, reported the bill without amendments.

Laid on the table one day.

A message was received from the house of representatives, informing the senate that the house of representatives had agreed to the amendment of the senate to the 19th section of the act to organize and fix the military establishment of the republic of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Collinsworth, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 14th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Corzine, from the committee on the judiciary, reported the bill exempting certain property from execution.

Mr. Irion, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported the approval of the president to certain bills therein named.

Mr. Everett, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the message from the president, and the letter of John Woodward, reported a joint resolution for his relief, which was

Read a first time.

Mr. Everett, from the committee on public lands, reported the bill organizing the general land office, on its second reading, with amendments.

Considered as in committee of the whole.

After undergoing various amendments,

Passed its second reading.

The rules being suspended,

The bill was placed upon its final passage.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering an act supplementary to an act organizing the inferior courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same,

The rules being suspended,

The act was read,

And passed its first, second and third reading.

Also, a joint resolution requiring the chief justices of the county courts to give information to the secretary of state, concerning the boundaries of their respective counties.

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was read,

And passed its first, second and third reading.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The unfinished business was taken up, being the bill organizing the general land office.

Mr. Collinsworth moved to lay the bill on the table until the first day of May next.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Grimes, Landrum and Morehouse—4.

The negative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Horton, Irion, Lester and Robertson—7.

Lost.

The question being then put, shall the bill finally pass,

Mr. Collinsworth called for the ayes and noes.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Horton, Irion, Lester and Ruiz—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Landrum and Morehouse—3.

The bill was finally passed.

Mr. Everett having obtained leave, called up the joint resolution for the relief of G. and T. H. Borden.

Read a second time; and,

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

An act to define the boundaries of the republic of Texas, was taken up.

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

An act to incorporate the Texas rail road, navigation and banking company, was

Read a second time, and

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering a joint resolution for the relief of Messrs. Hooper and Wright.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

An act establishing fees of office.

Read a first time.

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read,

Passed to its second and third reading.

An act to ascertain forfeited land, was taken up; and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Indefinitely postponed.

An act appropriating forfeited land to the republic of Texas was taken up.

Read a first time, and passed to its second reading.

An act compensating officers and soldiers who have been wounded in the service of the republic of Texas was taken up,

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Indefinitely postponed.

An act adopting the Louisiana fee bill was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution authorizing certain officers to administer oaths to the officers and soldiers of the army,
Adopted.

Mr. Everett, by leave, presented the memorial of T. J. Green, and moved the reconsideration of the joint resolution for general T. J. Green.

Mr. Collinsworth called for the ayes and noes.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, Robertson, Ruiz and Wilson—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Horton, Landrum and Somervell—4.

The question carried.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing their concurrence in the act to incorporate the Texas rail road, navigation and banking company.

Also, their concurrence in a joint resolution for the relief of John Ricord.

On motion of Mr. Somervell, the senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The joint resolution for the relief of T. J. Green being taken up:

The substitute submitted by Mr. Everett was

Read a second time, and

The rules being suspended,

It was read a third time, and

Passed.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, Robertson, Ruiz and Wilson—9.

Noes.—Messrs. Collinsworth, Horton, Landrum, Lester and Somervell—5.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing their concurrence in an act regulating strays.

A joint resolution affixing the rate of interest on treasury emissions was taken up, and

Read a second and third time, and

Lost.

Ayes.—Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Horton, Landrum, Lester, Robertson and Somervell—7.

Noes.—Messrs. Collinsworth, Everett, Grimes, Irion, Morehouse, Ruiz and Wilson—7.

The bill to compensate those who lost property since the commencement of the war, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table until the first day of May next.

On motion of Mr. Collinsworth, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 15th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett called up the resolutions for the relief of S. C. Robertson, empresario, and moved their reconsideration.

And the ayes and noes being called.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Corzine, Ellis, Everett, Irion Morehouse, Robertson and Wilson—8.

The negative voters were Messrs. Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Lester, Ruiz and Somervell—6.

Carried.

Mr. Everett asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolutions for amendment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act for the benefit of those who have had wagons and teams pressed into the service.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Also, a joint resolution making specific reservations.

The rules being suspended,

Read, and passed its first, second and third reading.

Also, that the house had refused to concur in the amendments of the senate, to the bill establishing a general land office, and asked for a committee of conference, which was granted.

The president pro. tem. appointed Messrs. Horton, Irion and Lester, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett called up the report of the committee on public lands, in the case of John Woodward.

The resolutions were read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A joint resolution for the relief of Messrs. Wright and Hooper was

Read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill appropriating forfeited lands was taken up on its second reading, and

Referred to the committee on public lands.

A joint resolution for the relief of John Ricord was taken up, and

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was read, and

Passed its first, second and third reading.

A message was received from the house of representatives, concurring in the report of the committee of conference on the land bill.

The senate refused to receive the bill, and recommitted it to the committee of conference.

Mr. Horton was excused from serving on the committee, and Mr. Landrum was appointed in his place.

Also, an act affixing the minimum price on public lands.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

An act authorizing the president to issue his proclamation calling for 20,000 volunteers was taken up on its second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Everett submitted a substitute for the joint resolutions for the relief of S. C. Robertson, empresario.

The substitute was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 16th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett called up the joint resolution for the relief of John Woodward:

Read, and passed its third reading.

Mr. Horton moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken: Carried.

The resolution was withdrawn for amendment.

Mr. Grimes submitted a resolution authorising the president to organize the army:

Withdrawn.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering a joint resolution affixing the day for the election of certain officers, with amendments:

The resolution underwent further amendments, and Passed.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported that certain acts therein mentioned had been submitted to the president for his signature.

Mr. Landrum, from the joint committee of conference on the land bill, reported the reasons of the house for disagreeing to the amendments.

Mr. Everett moved a call of the senate, and

The door-keeper was sent for the absentees.

The question was put "will the senate vote the reasons of the house of representatives satisfactory?"

The question was lost.

The affirmative voters were Messrs. Corzine, Ellis, Grimes, Horton, Landrum, Lester and Robertson—7.

The negative voters were Messrs. Collinsworth, Everett, Irion, Morehouse, Ruiz, Somervell and Wilson—7.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

A new committee of conference was appointed.

The senate appointed Messrs. Collinsworth, Grimes and Lester on said committee.

A committee from the house of representatives was received announcing that the house of representatives would be ready to receive the senate in ten minutes; the senate took a recess of ten minutes, at the expiration of which time,

The senate proceeded to the hall of the house of representatives, when by joint vote of both houses,

The Hon. James Collinsworth was elected chief justice of the supreme court.

Shelby Corzine was elected judge of the 1st district,
 B. C. Franklin, " 2d "
 R. M. Williamson " 3d "
 J. W. Robinson. " 4th "
 R. Scurry was elected district attorney, 1st "
 A. M. Tompkins " 2d "
 H. C. Hudson " 3d "
 J. Ricord " 4th "
 J. W. Moody, auditor.
 Asa Brigham, treasurer.
 G. A. Parker, postmaster general.

CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE COUNTY COURTS.

Thomas Barnett for the county of Austin,		
G. B. M'Kinstry	" "	Brazoria,
Joseph Baker	" "	Bexar,
M. Parker	" "	Sabine,
B. D. M'Clure	" "	Gonzales,
W. H. M'Intire	" "	Goliad,
A. Briscoe	" "	Harrisburg,
Joseph Mott	" "	Jasper,
C. Chaplin	" "	Jefferson,
D. P. Coit	" "	Liberty,
S. Dinsmore, jr.	" "	Matagorda,
Andrew Rabb	" "	Mina,
C. S. Taylor	" "	Nacogdoches,
R. Hamilton,	" "	Red River,
Jno. M'Henry	" "	Victoria,
Wm. M'Farland	" "	San Augustine,
George O. Lusk	" "	Shelby,
Jno. Dunn	" "	Refugio,
Jno. Turner	" "	San Patricio,
Jno. P. Coles	" "	Washington,
Massillon Farley	" "	Milam,
P. Usher	" "	Jackson,
William Menifee	" "	Colorado.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The president presented the letter of resignation of the honorable James Collinsworth, which was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

It was ordered that the president be informed thereof.

A bill to raise a revenue by impost duties, was read a first time:

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read a second time, and amended; and

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read a third time, and

Finally passed.

Mr. Grimes submitted a resolution authorizing the president to organize the army:

Read a first time.

The rules being suspended,

Was read a second and third time,

And the resolution passed.

Mr. Irion presented the petition of James Fortune, asking leave to withdraw certain documents:

Which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 17th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ellis, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill punishing crimes and misdemeanors, without amendments:

The rules being suspended,

The bill was read by its caption, and

Finally passed.

A message was received from the house of representatives relating to the adjournment of congress.

Mr. Horton introduced a substitute for the joint resolution on the claims of John Woodward:

The rules being suspended,

The joint resolution was read, and

Passed its second and third reading.

A joint resolution for the relief of Messrs. Hooper and Wright was read, and

Passed its third and final reading.

A joint resolution affixing the minimum price on public lands, was taken up on its second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing that the house was in waiting to receive the senate, to elect the different officers under the land bill.

Mr. Horton submitted a resolution postponing the day of the adjournment of congress until Wednesday the 21st inst.

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was finally passed.

Mr. Everett submitted a resolution declaratory of the right of the president, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, to nominate and appoint the different officers of the land office.

Adopted.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act prohibiting the introduction of African negroes.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

Also, agreeing to the day of adjournment of congress.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 19th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act establishing a general post office, accompanied by the president's veto, together with the amendments of the house.

The amendments were concurred in by the senate, and

The bill passed.

Mr. Irion, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported

that certain bills therein named, had been signed by the president, and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The bill prohibiting the introduction of African negroes was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Horton,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported that certain acts therein named had been submitted to the president for his signature.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The bill changing the names of certain counties was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Laid on the table until next session.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing the concurrence of the house in the act organizing and establishing a general land office.

Mr. Everett submitted an act supplementary to an act punishing crimes and misdemeanors, as a substitute for the act to prohibit the introduction of African negroes.

The rules being suspended, was

Read a second and third time, and

Passed.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing the passage of a joint resolution for the relief of the late controller and the clerks of the different departments of the government *ad interim*.

Read a first time, and

The rules being suspended,

Was read a second and third time, and

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

The chair appointed Messrs. Everett, Corzine and Lester, a committee on the part of the senate, to wait on the president, and inform him that the two houses of congress were ready to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Corzine,

The chair appointed Messrs. Corzine, Somervell and Grimes, a committee of conference on the part of the senate, on the act organizing and establishing district courts.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 20th, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everett, from the committee appointed to wait on the president, and inform him that the senate would adjourn on the 21st inst., reported that the president would be ready to make his nominations on this evening or to-morrow morning.

Mr. Everett submitted a joint resolution for the appointment of a contractor general, and

The rules being suspended,

The resolution was read, and

Passed its first, second and third reading.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported that certain bills therein named had received the signature of the president, and become laws.

And also, that other bills had been submitted to the president for his signature.

On motion of Mr. Morehouse, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering an act punishing crimes and misdemeanors, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in by the senate,

And the bill passed.

Also, a joint resolution on the claims of the honorable John Woodward, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in by the senate.

Also, a joint resolution for refunding money to the clerk and door-keeper of the house of representatives.

Read a first time, and

The rules being suspended.

The resolution was taken up on its second reading, and amended, and

Passed finally, as amended.

A committee from the house of representatives was received informing the senate that the house of representatives would be ready to adjourn on to-morrow at 12 o'clock, and stand adjourned until the first day of May next, to meet at the town of Houston.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 21st, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives, that the house had refused to concur in the amendments made by the senate, to the joint resolutions refunding money to the clerk and door keeper. *

On motion of Mr. Horton,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Also, an act changing the location of the county seat of the county of Harrisburg.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Laid on the table until the first day of May next.

A joint resolution compensating the chaplains of congress.

The rules being suspended,

Read, and passed its first, second and third reading.

Messrs. Horton and Irion were appointed a committee to wait on the honorable house of representatives upon the subject of adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Messrs. Ellis, Everett and Corsine were appointed a committee to wait on the president, upon the subject of the land bill.

A message was received from the house of representatives, covering a joint resolution that the two houses adjourn from day to day.

The resolution was concurred in by the senate.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the president to receive 40,000 volunteers.

Read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 22d, 1836.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills made a report that certain acts therein named had been submitted to the president for his signature.

The bill authorizing the president to receive 40,000 volunteers was taken up.

Read a second time; and,

The rules being suspended,

Read a third time, and

Passed.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing the passage of an act organizing and establishing a general land office, by the constitutional majority, but having been returned by the president without his approval.

Passed the senate unanimously.

Also, a joint resolution authorising the secretary of state to make an index to the laws of the present congress, and for other purposes:

The rules being suspended,
The resolution was read three several times, and
Passed.

Mr. Horton presented the resignation of the honorable E. Morehouse, as senator:

Which was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,
The act establishing the county seat for the county of Harrisburg was reconsidered, and
Passed.

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the act organizing the general land office be printed for the use of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everett, the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the house of representatives announcing that the house was ready to adjourn until the first Monday in May next, to meet at the town of Houston:

Agreed to.

Mr. Wilson submitted a resolution authorising the president to take securities from certain officers therein named.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported certain bills as having been submitted to the president for his approval.

Mr. Scurry presented his resignation as secretary of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Grimes,

Resolved, That the thanks of the senate be presented to the president pro tem. of the senate:

And also to the secretaries, and other officers of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the senate adjourned until the first Monday in May next, to meet at the town of Houston.

R. SCURRY,

Secretary of the senate.

RICHARD ELLIS,

President pro tem. of the senate.