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REPORT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

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CITY OF HOUSTON, May 1st., 1837.

Pursuant to an adjournment of Congress made on the 23d December, 1836, at Columbia, the Senate met at the City of Houston, in the room appropriated as their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Mr. Grimes was appointed Chairman pro tem. and E. Lawrence Stickney secretary pro tem. of the Senate.

After calling the roll a quorum not being present,

On motion of Mr. Irion,

The senate adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock, Tuesday May 2d, 1837.

E. L. STICKNEY, *Sec. pro tem.*

MAY 2d., 1837.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 3d., 3 o'clock,

P. M.

E. L. STICKNEY, *Sec. pro tem.*

MAY 3d., 1837,

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and there being no quorum present,

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Mr. Byers was appointed sergeant-at-arms, and instructed to go in search of the absent members.

Senator Hill, from the district of Brazoria, and senator Augustin, from the district San Augustine, presented their credentials, took the oath prescribed by the constitution, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Everitt presented the following returns:

Resolved, That we proceed forthwith to elect a president pro tem. to act for the remainder of this session: which was carried, senators and Lester and Wilson were appointed Tellers.

On motion of Mr. Somervelle,

The senate adjourned till to-morrow, the 4th May, three o'clock p. m.

E. L. STICKNEY, *Sec. pro tem.*

MAY 4th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Mr. Tompkins was invited to resume his duties as reporter.

The senate was then organized by the election of the several officers, to wit:—

HON. JESSE GRIMES, *President.*

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, *Chief Secretary.*

E. M. GLENEN, *Assistant Secretary.*

E. L. STICKNEY, *Enrolling Clerk.*

OSCAR FARISH, *Engrossing Clerk.*

N. J. BYERS, *Sergeant-at-Arms.*

MARSHALL MANN, *Door Keeper.*

The oath of office was then administered.

Mr. Ellis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed jointly with such committee as the house of representatives may appoint to wait upon the president of the republic of Texas, and inform him that they are organized, and ready to receive any communication he may deem proper to make; which was carried, and Messrs. Ellis and Hill was appointed said committee.

Mr. Everitt moved that the Rev. W. W. Hall be invited

to resume his duties as chaplain of the senate, which was carried.

A message from the house of representatives was received from the chairman of the committee, informing the senate that the house was organized, and ready for business.

Mr. Irion moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the house of representatives, and inform them that the senate is organized, and ready for the transaction of business.—Carried. Messrs. Irion and Somervelle were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Somervelle,

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow. May 5th, 10 o'clock
A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

MAY 5th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

After a prayer from the Rev. Mr. Hall,

Mr. Ellis, from the committee appointed to wait on the President, conjointly with the committee from the house, to inform him they were organized and ready to receive any communication he might have to make,—reported that the President would appear at 12 o'clock, and deliver his message to Congress.

Mr. Everitt then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the committees heretofore appointed, be discharged from their several duties.—Carried.

Mr. Somervelle moved that the journal of the senate of the three preceding days be read.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That Messrs. Hill, Irion and Somervelle be appointed to nominate such standing committees as may be requisite to perform the several duties devolving on the senate, and that they report the same to the House.

Mr. Somervelle moved that Mr. Everitt be added to said committee.—Carried.

Mr. Everitt moved that Mr. Ellis be also added to the same committee.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The senate adjourned till half past eleven o'clock.

HALF PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hill, from the committee to select the standing committees, reported as follows:

Committee on	Foreign Relations, Messrs. Ellis, Hill and Horton.
"	Judiciary, Ellis Horton, Irion,
"	Finance, Everitt, Somervell, Lester.
"	Military Affairs, Somervell, Robertson, Augustin.
"	Naval Affairs, Wilson, Horton, Augustin.
"	Public Lands, Hill, Everitt, Horton.
"	Indian Affairs, Irion, Robertson, Lester.
"	Post Offices and Post Roads, Wilson, Lester, Hill.
"	Roads, Bridges and Ferries, Hill, Augustin, Somervell,
"	County Boundaries, Everitt, Ellis, Irion.
"	Private Land Claims, Robertson, Somervell, Hill.
"	Claims and Accounts, Everitt, Augustin, Wilson.
"	Engrossing, Wilson, Lester, Augustin,
"	Contingent Expenses, Lester Wilson, Ellis.
"	Enrolling, Irion, Hill, Lester.
"	Privileges and Elections, Everitt, Irion, Hill,

Which report was accepted by the senate.

A message was received from the house inviting the senate to attend the lower house for the purpose of receiving a communication from his excellency the President.

On motion of Mr. Somervell,

A committee of two were appointed to inform the house of representatives that the senate would attend; Messrs. Somervell and Wilson were appointed said committee.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the senate proceeded to the lower house, and received the communications of his Excellency the President of the Republic. Upon the return of the senate Mr. Irion moved an adjournment till Monday, May 8th, at 10 o'clock A. M., which was carried.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

MAY 8th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

There not being a quorum present, owing to the indisposition of the honorable member from Nacogdoches, the senate, on motion of Mr. Somervell, adjourned till Tuesday, 9th May, 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

May 9th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, Mr. Ellis offered the following resolution,

Resolved, by the senate that so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of the north eastern boundary line between the republic of Texas and the United States of America, be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

And be it further resolved, That so much of said message as relates to the establishment of our intercourse with England and other foreign nations friendly to us, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Everitt gave notice that he would introduce an act entitled "an act to open a public road from the City of Houston to the nearest point of the Sabine."

Mr. Hill gave notice that he would introduce "an act to repeal the twenty-fourth section of the land law."

Mr. Somervelle moved that five hundred copies of the President's message be printed for the use of the senate, which was carried.

The motion of Mr. Everitt for the suspension of the rules of the house, for the purpose of having Mr. Ellis' resolution read, was carried, and the resolution read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Somervelle,

Resolved, That the parts of the President's message relating to the army, be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. Irion,

Resolved, That the parts of the President's message relating to Indian affairs, be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

On motion of Mr. Somervelle,

Resolved, That the chairman of the committee to nominate standing committees report a committee on printing.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That such parts of the President's message as relate to the land law and public lands be referred to the committee on public lands, and that they report as soon as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That such portions of the President's message as relate to the common law of England be referred to the committee on the judiciary, and that the committee report as speedily as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the finance and treasury departments, be referred to the committee on finance.

The Chairman of the Committee to nominate standing committees, reported Messrs. Everitt, Augustin and Lester, as committee on printing.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Land be, and are hereby authorized to employ a clerk for the use of said committee.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow, the 10th May, 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

MAY 10th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment; but in consequence of there not being a quorum present, and of the bad state of the senate chamber, owing to excessive rains;

On motion of Mr. Robertson, they adjourned till to-morrow 11th May, o'clock A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

MAY 11th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ellis gave notice that he would introduce a bill to legalize certain elections held in the county of Mina.

Mr. Everitt submitted a petition from Manuel Bangs, resident of Tamaulipas, praying a confirmation of contract for settling 250 families between the rivers Grande del Norte and Nueces within the boundaries of the republic of Texas, which,

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Everitt introduced a bill for the prevention of gaming except under certain restrictions.

On motion, it received a first reading and was laid on the table till to-morrow.

Mr. Ellis moved,

That whereas in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the standing committees were unable to report,

The bill for the relief of those who lost property during the war, and which had passed the house of representatives, should receive its first reading.

The motion was carried,
 And the bill read, and laid on the table until to-morrow.
 On motion of Mr. Hill the senate adjourned till to-morrow
 10 o'clock A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, *Sec.*

MAY 12th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton gave notice that he should introduce a Bill entitled, an act to incorporate a Protestant Episcopal Church in Matagorda.

Mr. Everitt offered a joint resolution that the president of the republic be requested to send an agent to the court of Great Britain for the purpose of forming a treaty with, and soliciting the acknowledgment of our Independence from her, and an appropriation of \$9,500, to effect the object.

Mr. Everitt moved the suspension of the rules, in order that the resolution might receive a second reading.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a second time.

Mr. Everitt then moved, a further suspension of the rules for a third reading; which was carried, and the bill was read a third time; adopted, and sent to the house of representatives for concurrence.

Mr. Robertson submitted a joint resolution for the purpose of making an expedition against the hostile Indians on our frontiers.

Mr. Robertson moved a suspension of the rules, that the resolution might receive a second reading; which being carried,

The resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Robertson then moved a further suspension of the rules for a third reading; which being carried,

The resolution was read a third time, adopted, and sent to the house of representatives for concurrence.

The senate then proceeded to act on the orders of the day.

Mr. Everitt's bill for the suppression of gaming, except under certain restrictions, was read a second time.

Mr. Somervell submitted a substitute for said bill, entitled a bill to suppress gambling, which was received by the proposer of the original bill.

Mr. Everitt moved a suspension of the rules of the senate for a second reading, which was carried.

Mr. Horton proposed an amendment, which being received,

The bill was read the third time and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Horton then took the chair at the request of the president pro. tem.

The bill entitled "an act for the relief of those who lost property during the war," was called up and received a second reading.

Mr. Grimes offered an amendment.

Mr. Everitt moved that the engrossing clerk make out half a dozen copies of the bill for the use of the senate.

Carried.

Mr. Ellis moved that the bill lie upon the table until Monday.

Which was carried.

Mr. Everitt submitted a bill entitled "an act to lay off a public road from the city of Houston to the Sabine river,"

Which received a first reading, and

Was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till to-morrow May 13th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

May, 13th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton presented a petition in behalf of R. R. Royall, praying remuneration for expenses incurred whilst acting as receiving agent at Matagorda.

Which was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Irion presented a petition from the inhabitants of that section of the republic situated north of the Sabine, praying for a separate county, to be called "Green county," and the establishment of a land office in the same.

On motion of Mr. Irion the petition was referred to the committee on county boundaries.

Mr. Ellis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, submitted a report on the subject of our north eastern boundary, with an act appended, to authorize the president of the republic to appoint a commissioner for that purpose,

Which received a first reading, and was laid on the table.

Mr. Everitt submitted an act to establish "Ports of Entry," which was read a first time, and

On motion of Mr. Everitt for a suspension of the rules, was read a second time by its caption.

On motion of Mr. Somerville the bill was referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, that the reverend Mr. Hall, chaplain of congress, have the use of the senate chamber for divine worship, every Sabbath day, during the session.

The bill for the suppression of gambling, which received its final reading and was adopted yesterday, was sent to the house of representatives for their concurrence.

Mr. Horton introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate a Protestant Episcopal church in Matagorda,

Which received a first reading and was laid on the table.

The bill entled, "an act to lay off a public road from the city of Houston to the Sabine," received a second reading.

Mr. Horton moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, Which being objected to, the president pro tem. called for the ayes and noes, which stood—Ayes,—3, Noes,—7;

And on motion of Mr. Ellis, it was referred to the committee on roads, bridges, &c.

Mr. Irion gave notice that he should introduce "an act to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches."

On motion of Mr. Horton the senate adjourned till Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON, Sec.

May 15th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everitt presented a petition on behalf of the citizens of Jasper and Jefferson, praying for a road to be established from thence to this city.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and the petition referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The bill for running a boundary line between the republic and the United States, was passed.

Mr. Hill offered a petition from Greenbury Logan, a free man of color.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Horton presented a petition from Jane Earle, praying for a divorce;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Lester presented a petition in behalf of Mrs. Gillan;

Which was laid on the table.

The chief secretary, Mr. Robertson, having some business which required his absence from the chamber for two days, applied for leave of absence, and on motion of Mr. Everitt, leave was granted.

Mr. Ellis introduced a bill entitled an act supplementary to the several acts organizing the several counties of the republic.

The rules were suspended,

The bill passed, engrossed, and sent to the lower house for concurrence.

The bill entitled "an act for the relief of those who lost property during the war," being the first order of the day, was read a third time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the house of representatives with an act regulating the rate of interest.

Also, a resolution requesting a committee from the senate to meet one on the part of the house, to draft a bill for the better protection of the Indian frontier.

A message from the president, by his private secretary Mr. Richardson, was received and the senate went into secret session.

After the session,

A bill for the relief of Mr. Faris was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to incorporate a Protestant Episcopal church in the town of Matagorda, was read a second and third time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The petition of R. R. Royall, was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

A message was received from the house informing the senate that they had passed the joint resolution requesting the president to appoint an agent to the court of Great Britain.

Mr. Everitt moved that a special committee be appointed to obtain a room for the senate to meet in the present session.

On motion of Mr. Ellis the senate adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

MAY 16th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Augustin presented the petition of Sebastian Francois, and J. W. Bryan, which was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Irion presented the petition of James F. Perry, praying for a continuance of time to make out his report as executor of Stephen F. Austin, deceased, which was referred to the committee on public land claims.

Mr. Horton moved that the senate will not after this day receive any business of a local or private nature.—Carried.

The act "to establish a rate of interest" was read a second time.

Mr. Horton moved that the above act be postponed indefinitely, but afterwards withdrew his motion, and amended the bill, which was carried.

Mr. Everitt introduced a bill for the relief of those who achieved the victory of San Jacinto, and the taking of the Alamo, which was laid on the table.

The senate then went into secret session.

After the session,

Mr. Irion moved that the senate adjourn till to-morrow, the 17th May, 10 o'clock, A. M., which was carried.

MAY 17th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Irion presented a report from the enrolling committee which was received.

Mr. Everitt presented the resignation of E. M. Glenen, assistant secretary of the senate, which, on motion of Mr. Everitt, was received.

Mr. Irion moved to call up an "act to incorporate the Texas fur and trading company," which was referred to a committee last session but on which they had not reported—the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That the President be requested to nominate to the senate such officers as may be necessary to carry the "Revenue Laws" into operation.

Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Everitt and Robertson a committee to wait on the President.

Mr. Horton offered a resolution asking the house of representatives for copies of any communications they may have received from the heads of department—adopted.

A bill for "the relief of those who achieved the victory of San Jacinto and the taking of the Alamo," was read, and on motion of Mr. Horton was laid on the table until the first day of June.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering certain papers, resolutions &c.

An act to establish a rate of interest, passed its third and final reading.

Mr. Ellis offered a joint resolution directing the pay of the district judges—the rules were suspended, and the resolution was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Irion offered a resolution instructing the committee on public printing, which was adopted.

A resolution from the house of representatives on the subject of the land bill was received, and referred to the public land committee as a special committee.

Mr. Everitt introduced a joint resolution naming the first Monday in November, as the day on which the two houses of congress should meet annually.

On motion the senate adjourned till half past seven o'clock.

The senate met at half past seven o'clock, and on motion, adjourned till to-morrow, May 18th, 10 o'clock A. M.

MAY 18th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journal was read, amended and approved.

Mr. Robertson presented a report from the committee appointed last session relative to his colony, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

A petition was received from John W. Cochran of New York, which was referred to the committee on military affairs.

A message was received from the house with a joint resolutions relative to elections in the depopulated districts.

The Hon. Judge Collinsworth was invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate.

A motion was made to re-consider the resolution prohibiting any new business, and the question being put, it was lost.

Mr. Hill from the committee appointed to consider the petition of Manual Bang, reported unfavorably, and on motion it was withdrawn by Mr. Everitt.

Mr. Horton from the judiciary committee, reported the bill for the relief of those who lost property during the war, without amendments; it was read, amended and passed to a second reading by suspension of the rules, when it was amended and finally passed.

Col. Butler was invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate.

A message was received from the house of representatives covering a joint resolution for the relief of A. Houston.

Mr. Everitt made a report from the committee appointed to wait upon the President, and instructed by a resolution, which report was received.

Mr. Everitt reported from the committee to ascertain from the printer certain information, which report was received.

Mr. Irion introduced a resolution to enroll a certain act which had been lost from the archives of congress—the rules were suspended and the resolution passed.

The senate then went into secret session, and after the doors were opened,

A bill "for the relief of the district judges," was read a third time, and passed.

A joint resolution for the relief of A. Houston was read a second time and referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

A joint resolution in regard to holding elections in the depopulated districts was read and laid on the table.

On motion the senate adjourned till four o'clock this evening.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Cruger was elected assistant secretary, and took the usual oath.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the petition of Greenberry Logan was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Hill, Augustin and Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Horton the senate adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

MAY 19th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals was read, amended and approved.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the enrolling committee submitted a report which was received.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Sterling C. Robertson, concerning the Nashville grant, submitted a report which was received.

Mr. Hill from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Greenberry Logan and his wife Caroline, submit-

ted a report in favor of the petitioners, which was received and read.

Mr. Everitt moved a suspension of the rules for a second reading, which was carried, and on a further suspension of the rules, it received a third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the joint resolution for the relief of Col. A. Houston, submitted a report which was received and referred again to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Irion, Mr. Horton was added to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Everitt requested to be excused from said committee, and the question being put was lost.

Mr. Everitt introduced a joint resolution for both houses of congress to adjourn on the first day of June next, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Somervell, according to previous notice introduced a bill to incorporate the Brazoria Insurance Company, and in consequence of the resolution passed "that no business of a private or local nature should be received by the senate," it was not received.

The joint resolution relating to elections in the depopulated districts received a second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Irion was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from his excellency the President of the republic, through the hands of his private secretary Mr. Richardson, and

The senate went into secret session.

The communication was read, and laid on the table.

The doors being opened,

Mr. Irion introduced a bill to incorporate the town Nacogdoches, which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 20th, 10 o'clock

A. M.

MAY 20th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and

The journals was read, amended and approved.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs submitted a report, "that the joint committee had instructed him to say that the bill for an expedition against the Indians had been under consideration, and that a report had been submitted to the house of representatives."

Mr. Irion, chairman on the enrolling committee, reported that the President had signed the following joint resolutions, to wit:—

"An act authorizing the President to appoint commissioners to run the boundary line between the United States and this Republic," and "an act for the relief of ministers of the Gospel."

Mr. Everitt gave notice that he would introduce on Monday a bill to regulate the practice of law in the different districts of this Republic,

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The senate went into secret session,

When doors were opened,

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The injunction of secrecy was removed, and the proceedings were recorded on the secret journals.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The joint resolution "that congress adjourn on the first day of June next," was read a second time.

The bill to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches was read a second time.

Mr. Irion proposed an amendment forming a new section to said bill, which was received, and the bill with the amendment was read a third and last time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The Senate adjourned until Monday, 22d May, 10 o'clock.

MAY 22d, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and

The journals were read and approved.

Mr. Horton chairman of the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate a Protestant Episcopal church in the town of Matagorda with amendments, submitted a report which was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Agreeably to previous notice,
Mr. Everitt introduced an act to regulate the practice of law in the different districts of this Republic, which received a first reading, and on suspension of the rules, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

The caption was amended, and the substitute adopted—
passed a second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Ellis,

Was laid on the table till to-morrow.

Mr. Everitt chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the account of Sebastian François and J. W. Bryan, reported favorably.

A message was received from the house announcing that a bill for the better protection of our northern frontier had passed the house, and the concurrence of the senate was solicited.

Mr. Irion moved a suspension of the rules, which was carried, and the bill passed with amendments, and was sent to the house.

Mr. Horton presented a petition from J. M. Allen, which was received, and

On motion of Mr. Horton, it was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

Mr. Everitt moved an adjournment till 8 o'clock P. M.—
carried.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The senate met in secret session.

The doors being opened,

Mr. Horton gave notice that to-morrow he should introduce an act to authorize the associate justices of the county courts to act as judges of probate, and notaries public in certain cases; also,

To ask a charter for a national bank.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 23d, 10 o'clock

A. M.

MAY 23d, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals were read and approved.

Mr. Irion chairman of the enrolling committee, reported that the President had signed an act entitled "an act supplementary to the several acts organizing the different counties of the Republic, which was adopted.

Mr. Somervell chairman of the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Cochran of New York, reported unfavorably.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on public lands, submitted a report which received the first reading, and was laid on the table.

Mr. Ellis moved that five hundred copies be printed, which was carried.

Mr. Horton from the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the joint resolution for the relief of A. Huston, reported that they thought that it would be inexpedient to pass the same: received.

Mr. Augustin moved that Col. Huston be permitted to withdraw his petition.—Carried.

Mr. Ellis introduced a resolution that the President and the heads of the different departments, be invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate whenever it may suit their convenience, which was adopted.

Mr. Horton introduced a bill authorizing the assistant justices of the county courts to act as judges of probate and notaries public in certain cases—read a first time and laid on the table.

A message was received from his excellency the President through his private secretary Mr. Richardson, and the senate went into secret session.

On the doors being opened,

A message was received from the house of representatives announcing that the act to suppress gambling had passed with amendments, and the concurrence of the senate was solicited.

Also, a bill entitled "an act for the better protection of our northern frontier," had passed the house with amendments, as proposed by the senate.

The bill entitled "an act to incorporate a Protestant Episcopal Church in Matagorda," received its third and final reading and passed—sent to the house for concurrence.

An act authorizing the digesting a code of laws for the republic of Texas, passed a second reading.

A joint resolution for congress to adjourn on the first day of June next received a third reading.

A bill to suppress gambling, which was received from the house was concurred in with amendments by the senate, and sent back.

Mr. Everitt gave notice that he should introduce an act supplementary to the act for the suppression of gambling.

On motion the senate adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 24th; 10 o'clock A. M.

MAY 24th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, the journal was read, amended and approved.

Mr. Everitt presented a petition from Hon. S. Rhoads Fisher, Secretary of the Navy, praying an investigation of certain documents relative to the re-capture of schooner Hannah and Elizabeth, which was received.

Mr. Everitt moved to refer the same to a special committee, with power to send for persons and papers: and the motion being put, was lost.

Mr. Everitt chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of J. M. Allen, reported, authorizing an adjustment of his accounts—received.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported that the bill entitled "an act for the better protection of our northern frontier," was handed to the President for his signature on the 23d inst.

The senate then went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

A message was received from the house of representatives announcing that a joint resolution for the relief of the Hon. B. C. Franklin had passed the house, and that the concurrence of the senate was solicited: Also, that an act for the relief of those who lost property during the war, with amendments, had passed the house, and was now in the hands of the enrolling committee,

Mr. Everitt submitted an act for the relief of John M. Allen, which was read a first time, the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time by its caption.

An act authorizing the associate justices of the county courts to act as judges of probate and notaries public in certain cases, was read a second time.

Mr. Ellis proposed filling the blank in the bill entitled an act to authorize the digesting and compiling of a code of laws for the republic of Texas, with the names of Messrs. Collinsworth, Franklin, Birdsall, Grayson and Wynns, which was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Irion the senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 25th, 10 o'clock A. M.

MAY 25th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and

The journals were read, amended and approved.

The joint resolution of B. C. Franklin received a second reading and was laid on the table.

The act for the relief of John M. Allen received its third and final reading, passed, and was sent to the house of representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Somervell,

An act authorising the compiling and digesting of a code of laws for the Republic, which had been called up, was laid on the table till to-morrow.

A message was received from the House, that an act to incorporate the Trustees of Washington College had passed the House of Representatives, and the concurrence of the senate was solicited, which act received a first reading, and was laid on the table.

An act authorising the associate Justices of the county court, to act as judges of probate and notaries public in certain cases, received a third and final reading, and was sent to the house of representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everitt moved that the petition of the Hon. S. Rhoads Fisher, secretary of the navy, concerning certain documents in the navy department relative to the re-capture of the American

schooner Hannah and Elizabeth be called upon, which the Ayes and Noes being called, the motion was lost.

Mr. Everitt requested leave to withdraw the petition, which was granted.

A message was received from the house of representatives through Mr. Gray, that an act authorizing the associate justices of the county courts, to act as judges of probate and notaries public in certain cases, had been concurred in by the house of representatives.

Mr. Everitt offered a preamble and resolution to grant letters of citizenship to J. I. Audubon, the celebrated Ornithologist, which were laid on the table.

A message from the President was received by the hands of his private secretary.

On motion the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

Mr. Irion chairman of the enrolling committee, reported that the bill to suppress gambling had been handed to the President on the 25th day of May for signature.

on motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till tomorrow 10 o'clock A. M.

MAY 26th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

And the journals were read and approved.

Mr. Everitt chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of R. R. Royall, reported that in their opinion there was no necessity for the action of congress upon it—received.

Mr. Hill presented a petition from Ellen McGary, which was received, and on motion of Mr. Horton it was laid upon the table until called up.

Mr. Horton introduced a joint resolution that a committee of five be appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee from the house for the purpose of inquiring into the situation of our army and navy, and the propriety of carrying on an offensive war, which was read a first time, and on suspension of the rules, a second and third time when it passed, and was sent to the house of representatives for concurrence.

The committee appointed were Messrs. Somervell, Horton, Hill, Robertson and Augustin.

Mr. Wilson introduced an act to stay executions until next

session of congress, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint resolution for the relief of the Hon. B. C. Franklin received its third and final reading, and was returned to the house of representatives.

The act authorizing the digesting and compiling of a code of laws for the republic was called up, and Mr. Everitt moved that the word "five" in the second section be stricken out, and the word "one" inserted, which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A message was received from the house of representatives, announcing that they had passed an act legalizing marriage contracts &c.

Mr. Ellis then took the chair.

An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington college was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Grimes the word "subscriber" in the line of the second section was stricken out, and the word "member" inserted.

A joint resolution granting letters of citizenship to J. I. Audubon, the Ornithologist, was laid on the table till to-morrow.

The bill legalizing marriage contracts, which was received from the house received a first reading, the rules were suspended and it received a second reading.

Mr. Everitt moved that 500 copies be printed, which being put, was lost.

Mr. Everitt moved that 100 copies be printed, which being put, was lost.

Mr. Everitt then moved that 25 copies be printed, which was also lost.

On motion of Mr. Grimes it was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Horton accordingly to previous notice, introduced a bill for the charter of the national bank, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the senate adjourned till this evening, 8 o'clock.

Eight o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

In consequence of the indisposition of Messrs. Augustin and Irion, there was not a quorum present, and

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 27th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

MAY, 27th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wilson in the chair, a quorum being present, the journals were read and approved.

Mr. Everitt presented a petition of sundry persons praying for remuneration for the defense of the schooner "Comanche," received and referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on printing, reported that they could not contract for the public printing to the extent required, unless some advances were made by this government, which was received.

Mr. Horton then took the chair.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of James F. Perry, reported a joint resolution which was read a first time.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on public lands, reported an act supplementary to an act, entitled an act to establish a general land office for the Republic of Texas, which was read a first time, and the rules being suspended it was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, fifty copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the senate and house of representatives.

A message having been received from the President through his private secretary,

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the senate went into secret session.

Mr. Somervell moved that the injunction of secrecy be removed, and the communication be referred to the committee on finance, which was carried.

A message was received from the house, announcing that the house had passed the following acts:

"A resolution in regard to the payment of district judges."

"A joint resolution for the meeting of congress on the first Monday of November next."

"The joint resolution of the senate and house to appoint a committee to enquire into the expediency of carrying on an offensive war."

Orders of the day were then called.

"An act to stay executions until after the next session of

congress," received its second reading, Mr. Everitt moved its indefinite postponement, and the Ayes and Noes being called, the motion was lost.

AYES.—Messrs. Everitt, Somervell and Horton—3.

NOES.—Messrs. Augustin, Ellis, Hill, Irion, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—7.

On motion of Mr. Ellis it was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Monday.

"An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington college," was read a third time and passed.

"An act to grant letters of citizenship to J. I. Audubon," was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

"A bill to charter a national bank received a second reading, and on motion of Mr. Everitt, was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A joint resolution authorizing the President to perform certain acts for the benefit of the Texian prisoners was read a second and third time—and the Ayes and Noes being called, passed.

AYES.—Messrs. Augustin, Ellis, Everitt, Irion, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—7.

NOES.—Messrs. Hill, Horton and Somervell—3

Mr. Everitt offered a resolution for the president to countermand the orders given for the release of the Mexican prisoners, except those that accompany a flag of truce, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horton in the chair, a quorum not being present owing to the indisposition Messrs. Grimes and Irion.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till Monday, May 29th, 10 o'clock A. M.

MAY 29th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, the journals were read and approved.

Mr. Ellis chairman of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred "an act to legalize marriage contracts and the celebration of marriages in certain cases," reported without amendments, and

The report was received.

Mr. Horton, of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to charter a National Bank, reported with amendments.

Mr. Horton also reported the petition of Jane Earl with out being acted upon.

A message from the house was announced by their chief clerk, Mr. Gray, that they had passed the following bills, originating in the house,—to wit:

“An act to authorize the consolidation and funding of the National Debt.”

“An act to incorporate the trustees of the Independence Academy,” and of the “University of San Augustine.”

“A joint resolution for the relief of John M. Clifton.”

“An act for the incorporation of the town of Liberty.”

“A joint resolution for free persons of color.”

And that they had also passed the following acts originating in the senate,—to wit:

“A bill to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches,” with amendments, and

“An act for the relief of John M. Allen,” with amendments.

Mr. Irion chairman of the enrolling committee, reported, that the president had approved and signed the “bill for the suppression of gambling;” also a “bill for the better protection of our Northern frontier.”

The order of the day was then taken up, and a resolution to grant an extension of time to James F. Perry as executor of Stephen F. Austin, deceased, was read a second time.

The rules were suspended, and the resolution was read a third time and passed.

The act to stay executions till after the next session of congress, was on motion of Mr. Everitt, referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to legalize marriage contracts, received a second reading, and was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Horton moved that the bill be considered engrossed, and the rules being suspended, it passed a third and final reading.

The resolution in favor of Messrs. Francois and Bryan, was ordered up on its second reading, and

On motion of Mr. Everitt, was referred to the committee on military affairs.

The bill to incorporate a national bank, with the amendments as reported by the committee on the judiciary, which were adopted, received a second reading.

Mr. Everitt moved that the words "forty-nine," be struck out, and "thirty" substituted, and the ayes and noes being called for, the motion was lost.

AYES:—Messrs. Augustin, Everitt, Irion and Robertson; —1.

NOES:—Messrs. President, Ellis, Hill, Horton, Lester, Somervell and Wilson:—7.

Mr. Ellis moved that the bill lie on the table till the first Monday of November next as unfinished business.

A joint resolution relating to elections in the depopulated districts, was read a second time.

Mr. Ellis moved that the act should continue in force twelve months and no longer.

The amendment was received, and the resolution having been ordered to be engrossed, received a third reading and passed.

The act for the relief of John M. Allen, with the amendments as proposed by the house, was concurred in.

By leave of the senate Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on county boundaries, reported on the petition of sundry individuals, praying for the establishment of a new county, to be called and known by the name of "Calhoun County," which petition received a first reading.

"An act to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches," with amendments as passed by the house, was on motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to a select committee of three appointed by the chair—to wit: Messrs. Horton, Irion and Robertson.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was announced from the president by his private secretary Mr. Richardson.

With leave of the senate Mr. Horton, chairman of the select committee, to whom were referred the act to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches and other towns, with the amendments of the house, reported the following amendment. "An act to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches and other towns herein named," which was read a second time, and ordered to be en-

grossed for a third reading; the rules being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

A message from the house was announced by the clerk, Mr. Gray, that they had passed an act for the relief of Jane Irvine and others.

On motion of Mr. Horton the senate went into secret session.

On the doors being opened,

A joint resolution for the relief of John M. Clifton, was read the first time.

An act to incorporate the town of Liberty was read a first time.

A joint resolution in favor of free persons of color, was read a first time.

An act to incorporate the Independence Academy, and the University of San Augustine, was read a first time.

An act authorizing the consolidating and funding of the National Debt, was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second time by its caption, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, was referred to the committee on finance.

An act for the relief of James Irwin and others, was read a first time, the rules suspended, and the bill read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Horton was referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Irion gave notice that on to-morrow he would introduce a bill describing the manner of approving deeds, and other instruments of writing.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till to-morrow, May 30th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

MAY 30th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to apjournment.

A quorum not being present on account of the indisposition of Messrs. Hill and Ellis, the senate, on motion of Mr. Irion, adjourned till to-morrow, May 31st, 10 o'clock, A. M.

MAY 31st, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, the journals were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Horton presented a petition for the relief of B. B. Boling, which was not received.

Mr. Irion presented a petition of James Fortune, which was rejected.

Mr. Irion presented a petition of Robert Wilson respecting a survey of Galveston Bay, which was received; and on motion of Mr. Irion, was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the enrolling committee, reported that the following acts were submitted to the president for approval 29th May, 1837,—to wit:

“An act authorizing the justices of the county courts to act as judges of probate and notaries public in certain cases.”

“A resolution in regard to the pay of district judges.”

“A joint resolution regulating the meeting of congress.”

“A joint resolution for the relief of honorable B. C. Franklin.”

“A joint resolution for the relief of J. M. Allen,” and

“A joint resolution instructing the president to send the vessels of war, Brutus and Invincible to Matamoros, for the Texian prisoners.”

Also, on the 30th ult., “an act for the relief of those who lost property during the war.”

Mr. Everitt chairman of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the petition of James Irwin and others, reported without amendments, and the report was received.

Mr. Irion then took the chair, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the bill was read by sections.

In section 1st, on motion of Mr. Ellis, the words “or fraction,” in the last line, were stricken out.

Section 2nd, and 3d, were adopted without amendments.

In section 4th, on motion of Mr. Ellis, the following proviso was inserted, “provided no lands granted by this government shall be located on Salt Springs, Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead or other mines.

Section 5th and 6th were adopted.

On suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third and final time, and passed.

A message from the house was received through Mr. Gray, chief clerk, stating that they had passed a bill granting a divorce to Robert Stephenson and his wife Narcissa.

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on finance, to whom was referred an act authorizing the consolidating and funding of the National Debt, reported with an amendment to the eighth section; which was received, and on motion of Mr. Ellis the bill was read by sections.

In the 1st section, Mr. Ellis moved the insertion of the following proviso: "provided always, that all public creditors who may not choose to avail themselves of the benefit of this act, may retain all the evidences of the debts due them by the government, which shall be received in all payments of duties, taxes, and public lands."

And the yeas and nocs being called for, were as follows;

AYES.—Messrs. President, Ellis, Hill, Irion, Lester, Robertson:—6.

NOES.—Messrs. Augustine, Everitt, Horton, Somervell and Wilson:—5.

It was therefore decided in the affirmative, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Somervell, chairman of the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Sebastian François and John W. Bryan, reported favorably, and it was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on finance, to whom was referred the communication of the president relative to the establishment of a second auditorship, reported an act establishing said auditorship; which was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second time by sections.

Section 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th, were read and no amendments offered.

Section 6th was, on motion of Mr. Everitt, entirely stricken out.

To section 7th, no amendments were offered.

In section 8th the blank was filled up with \$2,500 00.

In section 9th the blank was filled up with \$2,500 00.

In section 10th the blank was filled up with \$2,500 00.

The rules being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Somervell the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A joint resolution requiring the attorney general, under the direction of the president, to report to the next session of congress a system for the organization of the different accounting officers of this government, was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second and third time and passed.

A message was received from the house, by Mr. Gray, announcing that the house had concurred in the amendments of the senate to the petition of James Irwin and others, and had further amended it.

Mr. Everitt offered a joint resolution authorizing the president to appoint a secretary of Legation to the Embassy to England; which was read a first time, and the rules being suspended it was read a second and third time and passed.

The petition of James Irwin and others, with amendments as made by the house of representatives, was concurred in by the senate.

Mr. Irion introduced a bill prescribing the manner of approving deeds and other instruments of writing, which was read a first time.

"An act granting a divorce to Robert Stephenson and his wife Narcisa," was read a first time.

"A joint resolution for the relief of free persons of color," was read a second time, and engrossed for a third reading.

"An act to incorporate the town of Liberty," was read a second time and engrossed for a third reading.

"A joint resolution for the relief of John M. Clifton," was on motion of Mr. Everitt, referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of Independence Academy, and the University of San Augustine," received a second reading and was engrossed for a third reading.

"An act to organize the county of Calhoun," was read a first time.

Mr. Everitt, with the consent of the senate, introduced a bill to ascertain the extent of the public domain and define the location thereof: which was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Everitt, was referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Horton the senate adjourned till 8 o'clock, P. M.

8 o'clock, P. M.

JUNE 1st, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals were read and approved.

A message was received from the president through his private secretary Mr. Richardson, and

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

Mr. Everitt presented a petition of Alexander Jones, inventor of the new cotton gin, praying for a patent.

The petition was received, and on motion of Mr. Everitt, was referred to a select committee:—Messrs. Everitt, Augustine, and Horton, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Everitt, chairman of committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of J. M. Clifton, reported the inexpediency of granting said petition, which was then laid on the table,

Mr. Horton, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred an act to stay executions, reported that they believed it inexpedient to pass said bill,

And on motion of Mr. Wilson, the ayes and noes were called for.

AYES,—Messrs. President, Everitt, Hill, Horton, Irion and Somervell.—6.

NOES,—Messrs. Augustin, Ellis, Lester, Robertson and Wilson.—5.

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray, the chief clerk, stating that they had passed,

“A joint resolution for the amendment of the Militia law,”

Also, “a joint resolution respecting mail routes;”

And that they had concurred in the following resolutions of the senate.

“A joint resolution requiring the attorney general to report to the next session of congress a system for the organization and direction of the accounting officers of this government,” with amendments, and

“A joint resolution relating to elections for the depopulated districts,” with amendments,

And that they had concurred in the amendments of the senate, to the bill “to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches and other towns therein named.”

On motion of Mr. Everitt the message from the house was taken up.

A joint resolution relating to elections in the depopulated

districts was read with the amendments and concurred in by the senate.

A joint resolution requiring the president to appoint a secretary of Legation to England, &c., with the amendments of the house, was concurred in by the senate.

A joint resolution respecting mail routes, was read a first time; the rules being suspended, it was read a second time, and on further suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed.

A joint resolution requiring the attorney general to report to the next session of congress a system for the organization and direction of the accounting officers of this government, with the amendments of the house, was read and concurred in.

A joint resolution for the amendment of the militia law, was read a first time.

The order of the day was then taken up.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, an act authorizing the consolidation and funding of the public debt, was recommitted to the committee on finance.

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray, chief clerk, stating that they had passed "an act to establish a general land office in this republic;" which was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Irion, was referred to the committee on public lands.

The bill prescribing the manner of approving deeds, and other instruments of writing, being in its second reading, Mr. Ellis moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost; and on motion of Mr. Irion, the bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill granting a divorce to Robert Stephenson, and his wife Narcissa, was read a second time.

Mr. Horton moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which was lost;

Mr. Everitt moved that the bill be engrossed for a third reading, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The joint resolution for the relief of free persons of color, being on its third reading,

On motion of Mr. Horton, the ayes and noes were called.

AYES.—Messrs. President, Irion, Lester, Robertson, Somervell, Wilson and Everitt,—7.

NOES.—Messrs. Ellis, Hill and Horton,—3.

And the resolution passed by a majority of four.

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray the chief clerk, stating that they had passed an act to raise a revenue by impost duties; the act was read a first time, and the rules being suspended it was read a second time by its caption.

Mr. Wilson then moved that it be referred to the committee on finance, which motion being put was lost: and on motion of Mr. Horton, the act was read a second time by sections.

On further suspension of the rules, it was read a third time, and passed with sundry amendments.

A message was announced from the house by Mr. Gray, chief clerk, stating that the house concurred with the senate in fixing the time for adjournment, with amendments; also that they had passed a bill concerning the fees of sheriffs.

Mr. Irion introduced a joint resolution to allow the president to employ an additional secretary.

The resolution was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On a further suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Somervell, the senate adjourned till tomorrow, June 2d, 10 o'clock A. M.

JUNE 2d, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals were read and approved.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the enrolling committee, reported that the following acts were submitted to the president for his approval, June 1st, 1837, to wit;

“A joint resolution requiring the attorney general to report to next session of congress.”

“An act to incorporate the towns of Nacogdoches and other towns therein named.”

“A joint resolution relating to elections in depopulated districts.”

“A joint resolution requiring the president to appoint a secretary of Legation to the Embassy to England,” and

“An act for the relief of James Irwin and others.”

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on finance, to whom was re-committed an act authorizing the consolidating and funding of the National Debt, reported with amendments. On motion of Mr. Ellis the ayes and noes were called for, on the reception of the report.

AYES.—Messrs. President, Augustin, Everitt, Hill, Horton, Lester, Irion, Somervell and Wilson,—9.

NOES.—Messrs. Ellis and Robertson,—2.

The report was accordingly received, and on suspension of the rules, the act received its third and final reading, and passed with the amendments.

Mr. Horton from the committee to whom was referred an act supplementary to an act to establish a general land office, reported with amendments; which report was received and laid on the table.

The bill was read a second time by sections, and laid on the table for this evening.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the bill to ascertain the public domain and the location thereof, reported without amendments; the bill was read a second time, and on suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Everitt introduced a resolution requiring the secretary of the treasury to exhibit the quantity of land scrip sold by the agents of the government, which was adopted.

Mr. Everitt introduced a joint resolution requiring the agents of this government to give bonds, to the president and his successors in office, for the faithful performance of their duty, which resolution was received, and read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was read a second time, and laid on the table till this evening.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock p. m.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

"An act supplementary to an act establishing a general land office," was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Horton, the rules were suspended, and when it was on its third reading, Mr. Wilson moved a re-consideration of section 4th, which was carried.

Mr. Horton moved that the first of August be stricken out, which was carried.

Mr. Horton then moved that the blank be filled with "the first of January," and the ayes and noes being called for stood as follows;

AYES,—Messrs. President, Augustin, Horton, Robertson and Wilson,—5.

NOES,—Messrs. Ellis, Hill, Irion, Lester and Somervell,—5.
The motion was therefore lost.

Mr. Horton then moved that it be filled with “the first of December,” and the ayes and noes being called for, stood as follows.

AYES,—Messrs. President, Augustin, Horton, Robertson and Wilson,—5.

NOES,—Messrs. Ellis, Hill, Irion, Lester and Somervell,—5.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Horton then moved that the blank be filled with “the first of November,” which was also lost.

Mr. Ellis moved that the blank be filled with the “first of October,” and the ayes and noes being called for, was as follows.

AYES,—Messrs. President, Ellis, Hill, Horton, Lester, Somervell and Wilson,—7.

NOES,—Messrs. Augustin, Everitt, Irion and Robertson,—4.

The motion accordingly was carried, and the bill passed.

A joint resolution requiring the agents of this government to give bonds to the president and his successors in office, for the faithful performance of their duty, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. Mr. Everitt moved a suspension of the rules, which being lost, the resolution was laid on the table till to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate “the Independence Academy, and the University of San Augustine,” was read a third time and passed.

“An act to organize the county of Calhoun,” was laid on the table until called up.

“An act to incorporate the town of Liberty,” was on motion of Mr. Everitt, referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Everitt moved that the bill to stay executions be reconsidered, which was carried, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, was referred to a special committee of three. Messrs. Wilson, Lester and Somervell, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Wilson moved a re-consideration of the bill for granting a divorce to Robert Stephenson and his wife Narcissa, and the motion being put, was lost.

A joint resolution for amending the militia law, was read &

second time, and the rules being suspended, on motion of Mr. Horton, it passed its third and final reading.

"An act supplementary to an act establishing fees of office," was read a second time, and amended. On motion of Mr. Irion, the rules were suspended, and it was read a third time and passed, with the amendments.

A resolution authorizing the auditor of public accounts, to settle the accounts of Messrs. François and Bryan, passed its third and final reading.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow, June 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

JUNE 3d, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals were read and approved.

Mr. Horton, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred "an act to incorporate the town of Liberty," reported and recommended its passage. The report was received and the act read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the rules were suspended, and the act was read a third time by its caption and passed.

Mr. Irion, from the enrolling committee, reported that on the 2d inst. the following acts were submitted to the President for his approval, to wit:

"An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington college," and

"A joint resolution respecting mail routes."

Mr. Ellis, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred "a bill prescribing the manner of approving deeds," reported, recommending an indefinite postponement of the same, which report was received, and the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the special committee, to whom was referred "an act to stay executions," reported without amendments, and the report was received.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the bill was laid on the table till called up.

Mr. Wilson introduced a joint resolutions authorizing sheriffs to lease or rent suitable houses for the safe keeping of prisoners, etc., which was read a first time, and the rules being suspended it was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the rules were further suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

A message from the house announced by Mr. Gray, the chief clerk, stating that the house had passed "an act to incorporate the Canby Company," which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the veto of the President on the resolution requiring him to send an armed schooner of war to Matamoras, was called up and read,—the question, "are the reasons of the President satisfactory?" having been put, the Ayes and Noes were called for, and stood as follows.

AYES.—Messrs. President, Ellis, Hill, Horton, Irion. Lester, Robertson, Somervell and Wilson—9.

NOES.—Mr. Augustin.

The reasons were accordingly voted satisfactory.

The order of the day was then taken up, and

The resolution authorizing the president to take bonds from the agents of the government, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and there not being a quorum present, the senate,

On motion of Mr. Horton, adjourned till 8 o'clock, this evening.

8 o'clock P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, a quorum being present,

Mr. Wilson moved that the "bill to stay executions" be called up, which motion being put, was lost.

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray the chief clerk, stating that the house had concurred in the amendments, made by the senate to the land bill.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the senate adjourned till Monday, 5th June, 10 o'clock A. M.

JUNE 5th, 1837.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the journals were read and approved.

Mr. Irion, chairman of the enrolling committee, reported that the following acts had been approved by the President, to wit:

"A joint resolution requiring the attorney general to report to the next session of congress."

"A joint resolution relating to elections in the depopulated districts."

"An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington college."

"An act to incorporate the town of Nacogdoches and other towns therein named."

"A joint resolution requiring the president to appoint a secretary of legation to the embassy to England."

"A joint resolutions respecting mail routes,"

"An act for the relief of James Irwin and others."

"An act to legalize certain marriage contracts, to provide for the celebration of marriages, and for other purposes."

Mr. Horton from the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of John M. Clifton, reported the inexpediency of passing said a bill.

By leave of the senate Mr. Everitt introduced a joint resolution authorizing the sale of Galveston Island, which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time, when, on motion of the same gentleman, the bill was referred to a special committee, and Messrs. Everitt, Horton and Lester were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everitt, in behalf of the special committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution to authorize the survey and sale of Galveston Island, under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, reported with amendments; and the report was received.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the bill was read by sections, and amended, and an additional section added; the bill was then read a second time, when on motion of Mr. Everitt, the rules were suspended, and it was read a third time by its caption and passed.

Mr. Everitt, by leave of the senate, introduced a joint resolution authorizing the attorney general to purchase certain

books for the use of the government; the resolution was received and read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the rules were suspended, and the bill was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the rules were further suspended, and the bill was read a third time by its caption and passed.

Mr. Ellis, by leave of the senate introduced a joint resolution to authorize the President to leave the seat of government for the space of thirty days, to organize the corps of mounted gun men for the better protection of our northern frontier, which was read a first time. On motion of Mr. Ellis the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time; and on further suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray, informing the senate that the house had concurred in the bill originating in the senate, authorizing the auditor to liquidate the claims of Messrs. Francois and Bryan, and that the house had rejected the bill originating in the senate, entitled "an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church at Matagorda.

A bill to incorporate the Caney Company was read a first time. Mr. Everitt moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, which motion was carried.

Mr. Everitt moved that the bill describing the manner of approving deeds etc. which was indefinitely postponed on the third instant be re-considered, and the Ayes and Noes being called for stood as follows:

AYES.—Messrs. President Augustin, Everitt, Irion, Somvell and Wilson—6.

NOES.—Messrs. Ellis, Hill, Horton, Lester and Robertson—5.

The motion was accordingly carried.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the bill was referred to a special committee, and Messrs. Everitt, Irion, and Hill were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned this morning, June 6th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

JUNE 6th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the journals were read and approved.

Mr. Irion, in behalf of the enrolling committee, reported that the following acts had been handed to the President for his approval on the 5th inst. to wit:

"An act supplementary to an act to establish a general land office for the republic of Texas," passed on the 23d December, 1836.

"An act authorising the consolidating and funding of the national debt."

"A joint resolution for the relief of persons of color," and
"An act to incorporate the trustees of Independence academy, and the university of San Augustine,"

The bill for funding the public debt was this morning withdrawn from the hands of the President for the purpose of filling certain blanks which had been omitted.

Mr. Everitt by leave of the senate, introduced a bill prescribing the modes of holding courts of admiralty, which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Horton the rules were suspended, and the bill was read a second and time and passed.

A message was announced from the house by Mr. Gray, the chief clerk, informing the senate that the blanks which had been omitted to be filled in the act authorizing the consolidating and funding of the public debt, had been filled with the sum of fifteen dollars,

And that the house had passed an act for the government of the auditor, which act was read a first time in the senate, and the rules being suspended, on motion of Mr. Irion, the bill was read a second time by sections.

Mr. Horton proposed an amendment to the first section, which was reported.

On motion of Mr. Horton, sections fourth and fifth were struck out.

Mr. Everitt moved that all after the enacting clause be struck out, which was carried.

A message from the house was received, announcing that the house had passed a joint resolution respecting fees of attorneys, and

That the house had concurred in the resolution originating in the senate, "authorizing sheriffs to rent or lease houses," &c.

Also, in the "bill prescribing the mode of holding courts of admiralty."

In a "joint resolution for the agents of the government to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties;" and

In "the veto of the President on the act authorising him to send an armed schooner to Matamoras."

In the filling of the blanks by the house in the act consolidating and fudding the public debt, the senate concurred.

A joint resolution respecting fees of attorneys was read a first time in the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the rules were suspended, and it received its second and third reading and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Irion in behalf of the enrolling committee, reported that the President had approved and signed the following acts, to wit:

"An act to incorporate the trustees of the Independence Academy, and of the University of San Augustine,"

"A joint resolution for the relief of free persons of color;" and

"A joint resolution requiring the President to appoint a secretary of legation to the embassy to England."

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray, the chief clerk, informing the senate that the house had concurred in the joint resolution originating in the senate, authorizing the President to leave the seat of government for the space of thirty days, &c.

Also, in a joint resolution originating in the senate, authorizing the attorney general to purchase certain books for the use of the government, and that the house had passed a joint resolution for the relief of John H. Harry.

A joint resolution defining the powers of the commissioners of roads and revenues, was read a first time in the senate.

The joint resolution for the relief of John H. Harry was read a first time.

By leave of the senate, Mr. Everitt introduced a joint resolution for fixing the boundaries of Jefferson county, which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the rules were suspended and it was read a second and third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Horton the rules were suspended, and the joint resolution defining the powers of commissioners of roads and revenues was read a second time; and on further sus-

pension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed.

A message was announced from the house informing the senate that the act originating in the senate, authorizing the survey and sale of Galveston Island, had passed with the amendments, and the amendments were concurred in by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the act was called up.

Mr. Horton moved an amendment to section first, which was adopted.

Mr. Horton moved that the blank in section 7th be filled with "twenty-five years," which was carried: the rules were suspended, and it was read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the house by Mr. Gray, informing the senate that the house had passed a "bill prescribing the manner of approving deeds, conveyances, &c."

And that the house had refused to concur in the amendments made by the senate to the bill entitled "an act for the government of the auditor," which bill was laid on the table.

The bill prescribing the manner of approving deeds, conveyances &c. in order to admit them to record, was read a first time in the senate.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the senate adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the Senate adjourned till tomorrow, June 7th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

JUNE 7th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the journals were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Irion, from the enrolling committee, made the same report that was made yesterday.

Mr. Irion from the committee appointed to re-consider the bill for recording deeds, &c., reported and submitted a substitute which was read twice; the rules were suspended and on its third reading,

On motion of Mr. Irion, the Ayes and Noes were called for, and stood as follows:

AYES.—Messrs. President, Everitt, Hill, Irion, Lester, Robertson and Somervell—7.

NOES.—Messrs. Ellis, Horton and Wilson—3.

So the bill passed.

A message was received from the house, announcing that they had passed "a bill for the pay of pursers in the navy," and also "a bill for the issuing of promissory notes by the government."

Mr. Somervell moved a suspension of the rules, and the resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Everitt offered a resolution authorizing the President to send a flag of truce to Matamoras or Mexico, for the relief of Texian prisoners.

Mr. Everitt moved a further suspension, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the house covering a resolution for the benefit of J. W. Moody.

Mr. Everitt offered a resolution authorizing the county courts to forbid the pasturing of foreign cattle, and on motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, and it was read twice.

A message was received from the house covering "an act to create the county of Houston."

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the rules were suspended in regard to the act forbidding the pasturing of foreign cattle, and the act was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the "act creating the county of Houston" was called up, and the senate concurred in the amendments made by the house.

A communication was received from the President.

A message was received from the house covering a joint resolution for fixing the boundaries of Jefferson county, and also, an act establishing the county of Houston.

JUNE 8th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the journals were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Irion, on behalf of the enrolling committee, reported that the president had approved of the following acts submitted to him on the 5th instant, to wit.

"A bill concerning the fees of sheriffs &c."

"A joint resolution respecting fees of attorneys."

"An act for the incorporation of the town of Liberty."

"A bill prescribing the mode of holding courts of admiralty."

"A joint resolution for all agents to give bond and security."

"A joint resolution authorizing the President to leave the seat of government."

"A joint resolution authorizing the sheriff to lease or rent houses for the safe keeping of prisoners."

A message from the house was received, announcing that they had concurred in the amendments of the senate to the following bills:

"An act authorizing the issuing of promissory notes of government."

"A joint resolution on the treasurers report."

"Report of commissioners on the petition of Alexander Walsh."

Also, the amendments of the enrolled "bill for the benefit of Texian prisoners."

And that the bill entitled an "act supplementary to an act establishing the county of Houston, had, passed with amendments.

Mr. Horton, from the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition and joint resolution of John M. Clifton, reported that they lie on the table as a part of the unfinished business of the session, which report was adopted.

A message was announced from the house by Mr. Gray, chief clerk, informing the senate that the house had passed a joint resolution concerning T. J. Chambers.

An act supplementary to "an act establishing the county of Houston" was read, and the amendments made by the house concurred in.

A joint resolution concerning T. J. Chambers was read a first time, the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time.

Mr. Horton moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on claims and accounts, but the motion was lost.

Mr. Everitt moved an amendment, which was adopted.

Mr. Horton moved a further amendment to section first, and the Ayes and Noes were called for.

AYES.—Messrs. Ellis, Hill, Horton and Somervell—4.

NOES.—Messrs. President, Everitt, Irion, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—6.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Horton moved that the second section be stricken out. The Ayes and Noes were called for.

AYES.—Messrs. President, Ellis, Hill, Horton and Somervell—5.

NOES.—Messrs. Everitt, Irion, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—5.

So the motion for striking out the second section was lost. Mr. Everitt moved that the rules be suspended, and the bill be passed to its third reading.

The Ayes and Noes being called for, were,

AYES—Messrs. Everitt, Irion, Lester, Robertson and Wilson—5.

NOES.—Messrs. President, Ellis, Hill, Horton and Somervell—5.

So the motion for suspension was lost.

A message was announced by Mr. Gray, that the house had passed a resolution to appoint a committee of three to act in concert with a like committee on the part of the senate, to report on Indian depredations.

And the committee on the part of the senate, was composed of Messrs. Irion, Robertson and Lester.

Mr. Irion introduced a resolution to appoint a committee of conference to act with a like committee on the part of the house for the purpose of making amendments to the bill entitled "an act to raise a revenue by impost duties;" resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Irion moved that the joint resolution fixing the boundaries of the county of Jefferson be re-considered, carried: and on motion of the same gentleman, it was referred to the committee on county boundaries.

By leave of the senate, a bill as a substitute bill was received, and on motion of Mr. Everitt, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its third and final reading.

A message was announced by Mr. Gray, chief clerk of the house, informing the senate that the bill establishing a second auditor's office, passed with amendments: and

That they had passed "a bill establishing the county of Fort Bend."

Also, "an act supplementary to an act establishing a general land office," with the veto of the President.

"The bill establishing a second auditor's office with the amendments, by the house concurred in."

The President's veto on the land bill was then read, and after much discussion the bill was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Horton the senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, June 9th.

JUNE 9th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The journals were read and approved: and

On motion of Mr. Wilson, General T. J. Chambers was invited to take a seat within the bar of the senate.

Mr. Irion, on the part of the committee of conference with the house of representatives, reported verbally, that said committee had agreed to strike out "audited and treasury drafts," in the bill entitled "an act to raise a revenue by impost duties."

Mr. Everitt moved that the land bill returned, with the veto of the President, be re-considered, which motion was lost; and,

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was laid on the table until called up.

Mr. Everitt moved that the land bill introduced by the committee on public lands in the senate be taken up, which motion was carried and the bill was called up for its second reading.

Mr. Everitt introduced a resolution requesting the house to appoint a committee to act with a like committee on the part of the senate, on the land bill, to appoint the committee forthwith, and to adjourn in order to enable them to act immediately: resolution adopted.

Committee on the part of the senate, Messrs. Everitt, Hill and Horton.

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray, informing the senate that the report of the committee of conference on the part of the house, to amend a bill to raise a revenue by impost duties, had been concurred in by the house: report adopted.

Also, a message from the house informing the senate that the house had concurred in the resolution requesting a committee of conference to act on the land bill, and that Messrs. Bak-

er, Allen and Billingsly compose said committee on the part of the house.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the senate adjourned until five o'clock, p. m.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A bill establishing Fort Bend county, was read a first time in the senate, and laid on the table.

A joint resolution concerning T. J. Chambers was proposed, and on its third reading the Ayes and Nays were called for, when the ayes were.

Messrs. President, Ellis, Everitt, Irion, Lester Robertson and Wilson—7.

NOES.—Messrs. Hill, Horton and Somervell—3

So the bill passed by a majority of four votes.

A message was announced from the house informing the senate that the house had passed the following bill, to wit:

"A joint resolution authorizing the President to sell 50,000 acres of land scrip."

"A joint resolution prohibiting the auditor from charging illegal fees."

"An act to raise a public revenue by direct taxation."

A substitute to a bill to "stay executions."

Mr. Irion, by leave of the senate, introduced a joint resolution to authorize the President to order the army, or to call out the militia, for the protection of the frontier, which was read a first time, when

On motion of Mr. Irion, the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time, and on further suspension was read a third time and passed.

"A joint resolution prohibiting the auditor from charging illegal fees," was read a first time in the senate.

"A substitute to stay executions," originating in the house was read a first time.

"A joint resolution authorizing the President to sell 50,000 acres of land scrip," was read a first time.

"An act to raise public revenue by direct taxation," was read a first time, when,

On motion of Mr. Horton, the rules were suspended, and the bill was read a second time by sections.

Mr. Everitt moved an amendment to section 6th which was received.

Mr. Irion moved an amendment to section 6th, which was received.

Mr. Horton moved an amendment to section 9th, which was received.

Mr. Everitt introduced an additional section, which was received.

A message from the house was announced by Mr. Gray, chief clerk, informing the senate that they had concurred in the amendment made by the senate, in the resolution concerning T. J. Chambers; and

Returned the act defining the boundaries of Jefferson county, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M.

8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill to raise a public revenue by direct taxation was again taken up; and

On motion of Mr. Everitt, was referred to the committee on finance.

The bill defining the county boundaries of Jefferson, with the amendments of the house, was concurred in by the senate.

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

JUNE 10th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on finance, to whom was referred "an act entitled an act to raise a public revenue by direct taxation,"

Reported as a substitute, a joint resolution to license retailers of liquors, and others: which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the rules were suspended, and it was read a second time, and amended; on a further suspension of the rules, it was read a third time, and passed.

A communication from James W. Parker, requesting the privilege of raising a volunteer ranging corps, was submitted by Mr. Everitt, one of a similar nature was also submitted by Mr. Grimes, and read for the information of the senate, and

On motion of Mr. Everitt was referred to the committee on Indian affairs:

Mr. Irion, on behalf of the enrolling committee; reported,

that the following bills had been approved and signed by the president, to wit:

"A bill to regulate the pay of pursers in the navy."

"A joint resolution authorizing the president to send an agent to the United States, to settle with the agents for land scrip."

"A joint resolution for the benefit of Alexander Walsh."

"An act authorizing the issuing of promissory notes of the government."

"A joint resolution for the benefit of J. W. Moody."

Mr. Hill introduced "a bill to establish a medical board, which was read a first time.

Mr. Horton moved a suspension of the rule, and it was read a second time.

Mr. Everitt moved a further suspension, and the bill was read a third time by caption, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. Somervell, the senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

"A bill to establish the county of Fort Bend," was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Somervell was indefinitely postponed.

A message from the president was announced by Mr. Richardson his private secretary.

A joint resolution prohibiting the auditor from charging illegal fees, passed its second reading.

A bill to suspend executions was read a second time, and on motion to have it engrossed for a third reading, the ayes and noes were called for;

AYES.—Messrs. Lester, Robertson and Wilson,—3.

NOES.—Messrs. President, Ellis, Everitt, Hill, Horton, Irion and Somervell,—7.

So the motion was lost.

A joint resolution authorizing the president to sell fifty thousand acres of land, for the purpose of raising funds to pay the soldiers of the army, was read a second time.

A message from the house of representatives was announced by Mr. Gray, chief clerk, informing the senate that they had passed a bill, authorizing the auditor, to employ extra clerks.

The bill to raise a public revenue by direct taxation, was returned by Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee to whom it was referred, without amendment.

Mr. Horton moved that the bill be laid on the table; when the ayes and noes were called for.

AYES,—Messrs. president, Ellis, Hill, Horton and Lester,—5.

NOES,—Messrs. Everitt, Irion, Robertson, Somervell and Wilson,—5.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was read a second time, and

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

up.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate went into secret session.

The doors being opened,

The joint resolution authorizing the auditor to employ extra clerks, was read the first time; the rules being suspended, it was read a second and third time, and passed.

A message was announced by Mr. Gray, chief clerk of the house, informing the senate that the house had passed a bill for relief of McKinney & Williams, which was read the first time in the senate. The rules being suspended it was read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. Horton moved that in the bill entitled, "an act to raise a public revenue by direct taxation," the word land be stricken out;

The ayes and noes were called for, and were,

AYES,—Messrs. President, Everitt, Horton, Hill, Irion and Wilson,—6.

NOES, Messrs. Ellis, Lester, Robertson and Somervell,—4.

So the motion for striking out, was carried.

Mr. Everitt moved the suspension of the rules, which motion was carried, and the bill was read a third time by its caption, and passed.

A message was announced by Mr. Gray, chief clerk of the house, informing the senate that the house had passed a joint resolution concerning the chief clerk of the house of representatives, which was read the first time in senate.

On motion of Mr. Irion, the senate adjourned until 8 o'clock, this evening.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment was taken up and read: and on motion of the same gentleman, the "10th of June next," was stricken out and the "14th of June instant," inserted.

On motion of Mr. Everitt the senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, Monday morning.

[The remainder of the journals of this session have been lost.