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OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS:

BEING THE

SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

BEGUN AND HELD

AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN,

JANUARY 14, 1873.

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AUSTIN,  
JOHN CARDWELL, STATE PRINTER.  
1873.

After some discussion, upon motion of Hon. John H. Brown, it was decided that Hon. W. B. Ogden, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, be requested to administer the oath to the members present. Whereupon Judge Ogden administered the oath required by the Constitution to those of them who were present.

After all the members present were sworn in, the Rev. B. Rogers was requested to open the proceedings with prayer. This being agreed to, Mr. Rogers stepped to the clerk's desk and offered up a prayer.

The Secretary of State then stated that a motion to go into an election for Speaker would be entertained.

Mr. A. S. Broaddus made a motion that the House proceed to elect a Speaker; which, being seconded, was carried.

Nominations being in order for Speaker, Mr. Broaddus nominated M. D. K. Taylor, which motion was seconded.

Mr. C. L. Abbott nominated W. A. Ellett, which was seconded.

There being no other nominations, the Secretary of State appointed Messrs. Broaddus, Abbott, Allen and Brown as tellers. The roll was then called, and each member came forward and deposited his ballot.

The balloting over, the tellers proceeded to count the votes, which resulted as follows:

M. D. K. Taylor, 67; W. A. Ellett, 10.

The result having been announced, the Secretary of State then appointed Messrs. Ellett and Broaddus to conduct the Speaker elect to the chair.

Upon the Speaker approaching, the Secretary of State suggested that he take the oath as Speaker. No motion being made to this effect, and the Speaker declaring that he did not think it necessary, as he had taken the oath as a member of the House, he was introduced and proceeded to address the House.