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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 18, 1876. }

In pursuance of the Constitution, the members of the House of Representatives of the Fifteenth Legislature assembled at the capitol, and at 11 o'clock A. M., on motion of Hon. W. S. Denman, the Hon. P. S. Watts, of Hardin county, was elected Speaker *pro tem.* for purposes of permanent organization, and W. C. Walsh was appointed Chief Clerk *pro tem.*

The Speaker then announced that permanent organization was the next thing in order, when Mr. Chesley nominated Hon. T. R. Bonner, of Smith.

Mr. Kessler nominated Hon. D. U. Barziza, of Harris.

Mr. Adams nominated Hon. J. H. Cochran, of Dallas.

Mr. Pickett nominated Hon. R. D. Allison, of Collin county.

Representatives McComb, Hutchins and Middlebrook were then appointed tellers.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

T. R. Bonner received 40 votes; D. U. Barziza received 24 votes; J. H. Cochran received 9 votes; R. D. Allison received 12 votes, and — Anderson 1 vote. Total—86.

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Speaker announced no election.

Hon. J. H. Cochran then withdrew, and Mr. Pickett withdrew the name of Mr. Allison.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

Hon. T. R. Bonner received 45 votes, and Hon. D. U. Barziza received 10 votes.

The Speaker declared Hon. T. R. Bonner duly and constitutionally elected Speaker, and appointed Mr. Coleman and Mr. Barziza to escort him to the chair.