

JOURNAL

OF

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE

Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Texas,

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE

CITY OF AUSTIN, JANUARY 11, 1881.

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of a Speaker, the said election to be determined by a majority vote of members present.

The resolution was adopted, and the chair announced that nominations were in order for Speaker.

Mr. Smith of Titus, nominated Hon. B. M. Baker, of Panola county. The nomination was seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Bruce of Johnson, nominated Hon. Geo. R. Reeves, of Grayson county.

Mr. Roach nominated Hon. Geo. P. Finlay, of Galveston county. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Perrenot.

Mr. Upton nominated Hon. John E. McComb, of Montgomery county. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.

Mr. J. S. Woods, of Kaufman county, and Mr. A. R. Bennick, of Burnet county, appeared before the clerk, took the oath of office and their seats.

Messrs. Roach, Smith of Titus, and Upton were appointed tellers.

Upon casting up the first ballot, it appeared that

Mr. Baker received.....	24 votes
Mr. Reeves received.....	27 votes
Mr. Finlay received.....	21 votes
Mr. McComb received.....	7 votes
Mr. Wurzbach received.....	3 votes
Mr. Todd received.....	1 vote

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the chair decided there was no election, and ordered the House to proceed to another ballot.

Upon casting up the second ballot it appeared that

Mr. Baker received.....	23 votes
Mr. Reeves received.....	28 votes
Mr. Finlay received.....	26 votes
Mr. McComb received.....	5 votes
Mr. Wurzbach received.....	2 votes
Mr. Todd received.....	1 vote

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the chair decided there was no election, and ordered the House to proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Hutcheson withdrew the name of Mr. McComb.

Upon casting up the third ballot, it appeared that

Mr. Baker received.....	17 votes
Mr. Reeves received.....	34 votes
Mr. Finlay received.....	32 votes
Mr. McComb received.....	1 vote
Mr. Todd received.....	1 vote

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the chair decided there was no election, and ordered the House to proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Smith of Titus withdrew the name of Mr. Baker.

Upon casting up the fourth ballot, it appeared that

Mr. Reeves received.....	50 votes
Mr. Finlay received.....	35 votes
Mr. Hill received.....	1 vote

Mr. Reeves having received a majority of all the votes cast, the chair declared that he was duly and constitutionally elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Texas, and thereupon appointed Messrs. McComb, Finlay and Baker as a committee to escort him to the chair.

Upon taking the chair, Mr. Reeves thanked the House, in a few appropriate remarks, for the honor conferred upon him, and then announced the House ready to proceed to business.