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ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Nominations for Speaker were then declared in order.

Hon. Dudley G. Wooten, of Dallas County, nominated Hon. J. S. Sherrill of Hunt County.

Hon. Norman G. Kittrell, of Harris County, nominated Hon. Jno. H. Bailey of DeWitt County.

Hon. Fred Cocke, of Hays County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Sherrill.

Hon. A. E. Masterson, of Brazoria County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bailey.

Hon. Jasper Collins, of Panola County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Sherrill.

Hon. C. A. Teagle, of Orange County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bailey.

Hon. F. J. Barrett, of Clay County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Sherrill.

Hon. J. N. Garner, of Uvalde County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bailey.

Hon. Rosser Thomas, of Fannin County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Sherrill.

Hon. H. C. Shropshire, of Parker County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bailey.

Hon. Sam R. Henderson, of Brazoria County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Sherrill.

Hon. S. L. Staples, of Bastrop County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bailey.

Hon. V. W. Grubbs, of Hunt County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Sherrill.

Hon. John Willacy, of Nueces County, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bailey.

On motion of Hon. Travis Henderson of Lamar County, nominating speeches were declared closed.

There being no other nominations, the Honorable Secretary appointed the following tellers:

To take up the ballots—Hon. Thos. O. Murphy, of Bexar County; Hon. L. S. Schluter, of Marion County, and Hon. J. H. Ratcliff, of Houston County.

To count the ballots—Hon. Clarence E. Stewart, of Tarrant County; Hon. Rosser Thomas, of Fannin County, and Hon. W. H. Graham, of Henderson County.

Result of the ballot:

The Secretary announced that 124 votes had been cast, and that Mr. Sherrill had received 70 votes, and that Mr. Bailey had received 54 votes.

Mr. Sherrill having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared by the Honorable Secretary to be duly and

constitutionally elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

On motion of Hon. Jno. H. Bailey of DeWitt, the election of Mr. Sherrill was made unanimous.

The Secretary appointed Hon. Jno. H. Bailey of DeWitt, Hon. R. E. Prince of Navarro, and Hon. J. D. Childs of Bexar, to conduct the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Secretary then introduced Hon. J. S. Sherrill to the House as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

Mr. Sherrill in a brief talk thanked the members for the honor conferred.

The Secretary then administered the oath of office to the Speaker-elect and delivered to him the gavel as the emblem of authority.

Speaker Sherrill then declared the House ready to proceed with business, and asked the pleasure of the House.