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## ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

The Honorable Secretary then announced that the next business in order was the election of a Speaker.

Hon. J. J. Strickland of Anderson county nominated Hon. John A. Mobley of Henderson county.

Hon. F. F. Hill of Denton county nominated Hon. A. M. Kennedy of McLennan county.

Hon. W. A. Treckmann of Austin county seconded the nomination of Hon. John A. Mobley.

Hon. W. C. O'Bryan of McLennan county seconded the nomination of Hon. A. M. Kennedy.

Hon. John T. Currey of Van Zandt county seconded the nomination of Hon. John A. Mobley.

Hon. M. G. Jackson of Eastland county seconded the nomination of Hon. A. M. Kennedy.

Hon. W. A. Tarver of Navarro county seconded the nomination of Hon. John A. Mobley.

Hon. J. L. Goodman of Robertson county seconded the nomination of Hon. A. M. Kennedy.

Hon. B. F. Vaughan of Hunt county seconded the nomination of Hon. John A. Mobley.

Hon. V. C. Davis of Brazos county seconded the nomination of Hon. A. M. Kennedy.

There being no further nominations, the Chair appointed the following tellers:

To take up the ballots: Messrs. Bowman, Nelson of Hopkins, Crawford, Har-

man, Graham, Fant, O'Bryant and Ray.

To count the ballots: Messrs. Gilmore, Schluter, McCallum, Briscoe, Hamilton of Childress, Fitzhugh, Rayburn and Anderson.

After the ballots had been counted and before the result had been announced, Hon. John A. Mobley obtained the floor and moved to make the election of Hon. A. M. Kennedy unanimous.

The motion to make the election of Speaker unanimous prevailed.

The Chair then had the result of the ballot announced, which stood as follows:

Hon. John A. Mobley received 63 votes.

Hon. A. M. Kennedy received 69 votes.

The Chair then declared Hon. A. M. Kennedy of McLennan county duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature.

Mr. Briscoe moved that a committee of three members of the House be appointed to conduct the Speaker-elect to the rostrum.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair announced the following committee:

Messrs. Hill, Strickland and O'Bryan.

The Honorable Secretary of State then administered the oath of office to the Speaker-elect and presented him to the House as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature.

Mr. Kennedy said: "Thank God, the people still rule. What is the next order of business?"