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ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Honorable Secretary of State announced that the next business in order is the election of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth Legislature, and stated that nominations are now in order.

Hon. Walter E. Jones of Atascosa County nominated Hon. Coke R. Stevenson of Kimble County.

Hon. Bob Alexander of Childress County nominated Hon. Robert W. Calvert of Hill County.

Hon. Hollis Frazer of Robertson County seconded the nomination of Hon. Coke R. Stevenson.

Hon. R. A. Luker of Comanche County seconded the nomination of Hon. Robert W. Calvert.

Hon. H. L. McKee of Jefferson County seconded the nomination of Hon. Coke R. Stevenson.

Hon. C. D. Bourne, Jr., of Red River County seconded the nomination of Hon. Robert W. Calvert.

Hon. J. Franklin Spears of Bexar County seconded the nomination of Hon. Coke R. Stevenson.

Hon. J. Carroll McConnell of Palo Pinto County seconded the nomination of Hon. Robert W. Calvert.

Hon. Sidney Latham of Gregg County seconded the nomination of Hon. Coke R. Stevenson.

Hon. Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas County seconded the nomination of Hon. Robert W. Calvert.

Mr. Morse offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk call the roll, and as each member's name is called he shall walk to the Chief Clerk's desk and place his vote for Speaker in a box.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State appoint six tellers, who shall count the votes, three to act as tallymen and three to inspect and call the ballots.

Resolved further, That the candidate for Speaker receiving a majority of the votes of the members present shall be declared elected Speaker.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Honorable Secretary of State announced the appointment of the following tellers to take up and count the vote: Messrs. Morse, Jefferson, Stinson, McCalla, Lange, and Wells.

The vote being cast and counted resulted as follows:

Hon. Coke R. Stevenson received 80 votes.

Hon. Robert W. Calvert received 68 votes.

Hon. Robert W. Calvert moved that the Chief Clerk of the House be in-

structed to cast the entire vote of the House for Hon. Coke R. Stevenson for Speaker.

The motion prevailed.

A. C. Dunn, Temporary Chief Clerk of the House, accordingly cast the entire vote of the House for Hon. Coke R. Stevenson for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth Legislature.

Hon. Coke R. Stevenson was then declared to be the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth Legislature.

The Honorable Secretary of State announced the appointment of the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Speaker's stand for the purpose of administering the constitutional oath of office to him:

Messrs. Leonard, Hoskins, Colson, Beck, Hardin, and Payne.

The committee having performed their duty, Hon. Coke R. Stevenson took the constitutional oath of office, which was administered by Hon. W. W. Heath, Secretary of State.

The Honorable Secretary of State then presented the gavel to Hon. Coke R. Stevenson, Speaker, and presented Hon. Homer Leonard of Hidalgo County.

Mr. Leonard, in turn, presented Speaker Stevenson, who addressed the House.