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The roll being called and a quorum present—on motion of Mr. Hunt, the House went into the election of Speaker.

Mr. Turner, of Lavaca, nominated William Fields.

Franklin " H. R. Runnels.

Hunt " F. M. White.

Messrs. Bourland, Turner and Edwards were appointed tellers.

Upon counting the vote,

Mr. Fields received 34 votes.

Runnels " 39 votes.

White " 5 votes.

Blank " 1 vote.

Neither candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the House proceeded to a second ballot.

Mr. Hunt withdrew the name of Mr. White. Upon counting the vote on the second ballot,

Mr. Runnels received 41 votes.

Fields " 37 votes.

Blank " 1 vote.

Mr. Runnels having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Messrs. Bourland and Menifee were appointed a committee to wait upon the Speaker elect and conduct him to the chair.

The Speaker, on ascending the chair, addressed the House to the following purport:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:* I am prepared to make no speech appropriate to this occasion. However, I owe it to you and to myself, to offer my thanks, most sincere and heartfelt, as a public expression of the emotions of gratitude which prevail in my mind, for the preferment which you have made. The honor which you have conferred, is one which I have had little right to expect, on account of any services I may have hitherto rendered in my humble capacity. The position is new to me. But so long as I occupy it, I shall esteem it my highest object and only aim, to discharge its duties with advantage to the interests committed to our charge, and in a satisfactory manner to the members of the House.