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Runnels, Saufley, Selman, Shepard, Shields, Shuford, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Spaight, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Grimes, Tyus, Varnell, Walker, Waul, Wilson and Woods—59.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Beall, Burke, Hunt, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Ledbetter, McCormack, Norton, Record, Shaw, Whitfield—13.

On motion, Mr. Smith of Colorado, the Convention adjourned till 10, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 1st, 1866.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment; prayer by the chaplain; roll called; quorum present; journal of yesterday read, amended and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Norton, Mr. Johnson of Titus was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Henderson, chairman of the committee on the Legislative Department, made following report:

To the President of the Convention:

The committee to whom was referred the 27th and 28th Sections of the printed bill on the Legislative Department, have instructed me to report that the blanks in said Section should be filled with "February 6th, 1860," and ask the adoption of said amendment.

J. W. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Received, to come up in its order.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the above report, and the one made by Mr. Ireland, last night, on Section 23 of the same ordinance, was referred to the committee of the whole, and made special order of the day for to-day at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Hancock, chairman of the committee on the General Provisions of the Constitution, made following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 28th, 1866.

Hon. D. C. Dickson, President, pro tem., of the Convention:

The committee on the General Provisions of the Constitution, to whom was referred Article VIII of the Constitution, have considered the same, and unanimously recommend that Section 1st of said Article be amended by striking out all of the last line, after the word "and," and insert in lieu thereof, "all criminal prosecutions against them shall be conducted in the same manner as prosecutions for like offences against the white race, and they shall be subject to like penalties." And amend the 2d Section by striking out all after the word "same," in the 4th

line, and insert in lieu thereof, "and the Legislature shall have power to authorize them to testify as witnesses in all other cases, under such regulations as may be prescribed.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN HANCOCK, Chairman of Committee.

Read, and takes it place among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Dalrymple, the rule was suspended, and the report made several days since, by the committee on Indian Affairs, was taken up, and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Phillips, one hundred copies were ordered to be printed, and made special order of the day for 11 o'clock, A. M., Saturday, 3d instant.

Mr. Beall offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention should consider the propriety of passing an ordinance authorizing an election for members to the Legislature, Governor, and other State officers, as soon as practicable.

Adopted, and referred to the committee on the Legislative Department.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, Convention went into committee of the whole, to consider the report of the committee on the Legislative Department, reporting a substitute for the 3d Article of the Constitution, Mr. Taylor of Houston in the chair.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Mr. Taylor of Houston moved to take up the report of the Legislative Committee, presenting Article III of the Constitution.

Carried.

He then moved that one hundred copies of the 1st Section, and the amendment of Mr. Giddings, offered in committee of the whole, be printed.

Carried, and the printing was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Ireland, Convention adjourned till half after 7 o'clock this evening.

7½ o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present.

The Convention again went into committee of the whole, in consideration of the subject matter before it at the hour of the last adjournment, viz : The report of the committee on Legislative Department, Article III of the Constitution.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, Convention adjourned till half after 9 o'clock in the morning.

FRIDAY, March 2d, 1866.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by the chaplain; roll called; quorum present; journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Norton, chairman of committee on the Condition of the State, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 2d, 1866.

To the President of the Convention:

The committee on the Condition of the State having had under consideration the legislation of the State since the 1st day of February, 1861, and the executive, judicial, and ministerial action in pursuance thereof, as also the official action of His Excellency, A. J. Hamilton, the Provisional Governor, as brought to their notice by resolution and ordinances referred to them, have agreed upon the accompanying ordinance, making valid the laws and acts of officers therein mentioned, and for other purposes, and unanimously recommend its adoption by the Convention.

A. B. NORTON, Chairman.

Report received, and ordinance read 1st time, and on motion of Mr. Norton, one hundred copies ordered to be printed, and made special order of the day for Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Shepard made report as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 28th, 1866.

To Hon. D. C. Dickson, President pro tem. of Convention:

The committee on General Provisions of the Constitution, to which was committed a resolution of inquiry into the expediency of exempting, from forced sale, three hundred head of cattle, fifty head of horses, and five hundred head of sheep, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report:

That they deem it unnecessary to occupy the time of the Convention with an ordinance on the subject, as the matter is, by the Constitution of the State, under the control of the Legislature. Respectfully submitted.

J. E. SHEPARD, *One of the Committee.*

Received, and passed to the orders of the day.

Mr. Jones of Bexar, chairman of the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses, made the following report: