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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JANUARY 6, 1869.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Adams presented a petition from citizens of Henderson and Smith counties, and asked its reference to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

It was so ordered.

Mr. Flanagan, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 6, 1869.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,
President of the Convention:

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements have had before them a declaration for the relief of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and after careful examination of the same, having proof, and abundantly learned that the road has lately been put in running order, and is carrying off daily from five to seven hundred bales of cotton, with a fine, new locomotive, and ample cars for all business purposes, which is well known to the Hon. N. V. Board, a resident of Marshall, as likewise the Hon. L. D. Evans, from the same city, and the other honorable delegates, Wily Johnson and Mitchell Kendal, and from the well known facts as presented, the committee arrive at the conclusion that the debt due to the school fund could not be made any more secure by any possible investment, and at the same time aiding the said company to progress with their road toward Tyler and the Pacific.

The premises all considered, I am instructed to report back the declaration, and to recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FLANAGAN,
Chairman Committee.

Mr. Flanagan moved a suspension of the rules to put declaration on its passage.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded and resulted thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Armstrong of Lamar, Bell, Board, Bufington, Caldwell, Carter, Evans of McLennan, Evans of Titus, Fayle, Flanagan, W. Flanagan, Fleming, Gaston, Goddin, Gray, Harris, Johnson of Harrison, Jordan, Kendal, Kuechler, Kirk, Long, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Munroe, Patten, Pedigo, Ruby, Smith, Sorrell, Stockbridge, Varnell, Watrous, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright—38.

Nays—Messrs. President, Armstrong of Jasper, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Bryant of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Butler, Burnett, Carter, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton of Travis, Horne, Kealy, Lindsay, Lippard, Mackey, Mullins, Posey, Rogers, Schuetze, Scott, Slaughter, Sumner, Thomas, Vaughan, Whitmore, Williams—30.

So the Convention refused to suspend.

Mr. Smith of Galveston, moved a suspension of the rules to take up a declaration incorporating the Galveston Canal Company, reported from the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Rules suspended.

Pending action upon the report of the committee, the president announced the hour had arrived agreed upon by the Convention to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the report of the Special Committee on the condition of the State.

Mr. Flanagan moved to postpone the business of the hour to consider the declaration incorporating the Galveston Canal Company.

The Convention refused to postpone.

Mr. Newcomb moved the Convention resolve itself into Committee of the Whole upon the report of the Committee on the Condition of the State.

Carried.

[Mr. Armstrong of Lamar in the chair.]

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

Leave granted.

On motion the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

* For report see page 106.