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tions of the report to as many select committees as may be expedient, to learn the different opinions on the changes or amendments to the original report, and to make these as compact as possible.

That these respective select committees shall then, at their earliest convenience, lay their amendments and charges, in writing, together with the original report, before the Convention in such form as to, inasmuch as possible, stop all unnecessary embarrassment of the Secretary, and expedite the work of the Committee of the Whole.

Laid over under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Dohoney the Convention resolved itself into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Dohoney, Chairman,) on Art. . . "Legislative Department," as reported by the committee on that subject.

Committee arose, and through their chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

NINETEENTH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 27, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present; prayer by the Rev. Mr. Philpot, of Austin.

On motion of Mr. Ramey, Mr. Allison was excused from attendance on the Convention on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Cooley, Mr. Waelder was excused from attendance on the Convention on account of sickness.

Mr. Stayton presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Wilson county in regard to judicial apportionment.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Ramey, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Ordinances, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, September 27, 1875. }

To the Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Convention:

SIR—Your committee on "Engrossed and Enrolled Ordinances" beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared "An ordinance postponing the general election of

December, A. D. 1875, and for other purposes," and find the same correctly engrossed and enrolled.

Respectfully,

WM. NEAL RAMEY, Chairman.

Report accepted.

Mr. Flournoy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention hereafter hold two sessions each day, the first to begin at 9 o'clock A. M., and the second at 2½ o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish this Convention with a statement of the registered vote of the State, by counties, as it now stands, and a hundred copies be printed for the use of this body.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President appoint a select committee of five to report an ordinance or provision in the constitution that will secure the most effective and speedy collection of all back taxes, as well as all future taxes.

Adopted.

Mr. Ballinger offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Municipal Corporations shall report a proper exception or provision in the constitution which shall secure to the city of Galveston, and other cities on the Gulf coast, the right to create the debt and issue valid bonds therefor, which may be necessary to build such breakwater, sea-wall or other improvement as will protect said city or cities against all injury or danger from the waters of the Gulf coast.

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Brady offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The chairmen and members of the various committees of this Convention have no time, apart from their respective duties as representatives, to act as committee clerks; be it

Resolved, That the Convention at once go into an election for one general committee clerk.

Laid over under the rules

Mr. Barnett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the five dollars per day allowed the delegates of this Convention be limited to sixty days, and one dollar per day allowed for the remainder of the session.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses.

BUSINESS ON THE TABLE.

The following report was taken up and adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, September 24, 1875. }

To the Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Convention.

The Committee on State Affairs to which was referred the petition of the people of Georgetown, Williamson county, asking for the privilege of voting upon the question of prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors, etc., have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the following resolution, and to ask for its adoption by the Convention:

Resolved, That the Committee on General Provisions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Legislature of this State to pass a law to enable different localities by a majority vote of their legal voters, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within certain prescribed and clearly defined limits; and providing for punishing violations of said law.

JOHN S. FORD, Chairman.

The following report was taken up and referred to the Committee on General Provisions:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, September 24, 1875. }

To the Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Convention.

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution to inquire into the expediency of inserting a provision in the constitution, authorizing the Legislature to enact local or special laws, for the different sections of the State in reference to fences for agriculture and stock-raising, have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report the accompanying resolution and recommend its adoption:

MARION MARTIN, Chairman.

Resolved, That the following section be incorporated in the constitution, in the article relating to the Legislative Department:

“Section —. The Legislature shall pass general laws authorizing any county in the State, by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified voters, voting at any general election, to adopt a fence system in such county, for the protection of farmers and stock-raisers.”

The following resolution was taken up and referred to Committee on State Affairs:

“*Resolved*, That the printed report of any standing committee, after remaining on the desk of each member the stipulated time, be considered and acted upon in the following manner:

“That a certain number of sections of the report be referred to a certain number of members of the Convention (not members of the respective standing committees) for their particular consideration.

“That, for this object, the President shall assign so many sections of the report to as many select committees as may be expedient, to learn the different opinions on the changes or amendments to the original report, and to make these as compact as possible.

“That these respective select committees shall then, at their earliest convenience, lay their amendments and changes, in writing, together with the original report, before the Convention in such form as to, inasmuch as possible, stop all unnecessary embarrassment of the Secretary, and expedite the work of the Committee of the Whole.”

Mr. Russell, of Wood, moved that the Committee of the Whole be requested to report back the “Legislative Department” article, and report progress, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject in Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

Mr. Dohoney, as said chairman, reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered said article, and had adopted sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, with an amendment to section 2, as follows:

“Sec. 2, line 1, between the words ‘chosen’ and ‘by,’ insert ‘after every apportionment.’”

On motion of Mr. West, the amendment was lost

The Convention proceeded to consider the article by sections.

Section 1 adopted

Sec. 2 Mr. Brown offered the following amendment:

Add, “And after the census of 1890 the Senate may be increased to the number of forty and the House to the number of one hundred and twenty representatives”

Mr. Wade offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Brown’s amendment:

In the sixth line, after the word “thereafter,” strike out the remainder of the section and add: “The Senate may be increased to forty members and the House of Representatives so as not to exceed one member to every twenty thousand inhabitants.”

Lost.

Mr. Brown’s amendment was also lost.

Mr. DeMorse offered the following amendment:

At the end of Sec. 2 add: “At the period of each apportionment, the terms of the Legislature previously elected shall expire.”

Mr. West offered the following as a substitute for the amendment:

Add to Sec. 2: "And after each apportionment there shall be a general election for senators and representatives."

Adopted.

Mr. Kilgore offered the following as a substitute for Sec. 2:

"The Senate shall consist of thirty members and the House of Representatives of ninety members, until the first apportionment after the adoption of this constitution, when, or at any apportionment thereafter, the House of Representatives may be increased by the Legislature

Lost.

Mr. Crawford offered the following as a substitute for the section:

"The Senate shall consist of thirty members, until the first apportionment after the year A. D. 1880, when, or at any apportionment thereafter, it may be increased by the Legislature, but the Senate shall never consist of more than fifty members.

"The House of Representatives shall consist of ninety members, until the first apportionment after the year A. D. 1880, when, or at any apportionment thereafter, the number of representatives may be increased by the Legislature, but there shall never be more than one representative for every 20,000 inhabitants.

"At the first election after each apportionment there shall be an election for all of the senators and representatives."

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. McCormick the section was adopted.

Mr. Whitfield offered the following amendment to Sec. 3: In Sec. 3, line 11, strike out "four" and insert "two," and strike out the remainder of section.

On motion of Mr. Mills the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Abner, Ballinger, Blassingame, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Chne, Cooley, Douglass, Dillard, DeMorse, Dohoney, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Fleming, Ferris, German, Gaither, Henry of Smith, Holmes, King, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McCabe, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Nunn, Nugent, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Reynolds, Robeson of Favette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Scott, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Wright, Weaver, West—52.

NAYS—Abernathy, Arnim, Brown, Barnett, Burlison, Chambers, Cardis, Darnell, Ford, Flournoy, Graves, Holt, Henry of Limestone, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin,

Kilgore, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McKinney, McCormick, Murphy, Norvell, Robertson of Bell, Spikes, Sessions, Whitehead, Whitfield—29.

On motion of Mr. German Sec. 3 was adopted.

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, moved that the Convention proceed to consider the article by sections, perfect the same, and pass on without acting finally upon the section.

Carried.

Mr. McCormick offered the following amendment to section 5:

In ninth line strike out "two" and insert "four." In line twenty, after the word "Governor" insert the words "upon extraordinary occasions when the public safety requires."

On the question of the adoption of striking out "two" and inserting "four," the yeas and nays were called for, and the amendment lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Arnim, Chambers, Holmes, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, McCormick, Smith, Stayton, Whitfield—9.

NAYS—Abernathy, Abner, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Cardis, Douglass, Dillard, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Ford, Flournoy, Fleming, Ferris, German, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, King, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, Martin of Navarro, McCabe, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney, Moore, Murphy, Norvell, Nunn, Nugent, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Wright, Weaver, West—71.

Mr. McCormick withdrew his second amendment.

Mr. DeMorse offered the following as an additional section to come in between section 5 and section 6:

Insert after section 5 as an additional section: Every member of the Legislature, before entering upon the duties of his position, shall have the following oath administered to him:

"I will faithfully represent the interests of my constituency and the general interests of the State. I will observe and sustain the constitution of the State and the constitution of the United States; and I have not since my election received, and will not during the continuance of my term of office receive, any gift, accommodation, free ticket or compensation, from any railroad or other corporate company, other than shall be extended to

citizens of the State generally, nor any unusual accommodation or compensation from any private individual."

Mr. Crawford made this point of order, viz: That under rule twenty-three, the section being new matter, not before considered by the Convention, should be referred without debate to some standing committee.

The chair ruled against the point of order.

Mr. Crawford appealed, and the Convention sustained the chair.

Mr. Mills offered the following amendment to Mr. DeMorse's additional section: Add "or used a free pass or tried to borrow the same."

Mr. McCormick moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment: "And that to procure my election I have not paid nor promised to pay, nor will I pay any sum of money or any other thing of value, or any expense incurred therefor to any person whatever."

The question upon the adoption of Mr. Mills's amendment was put, and the amendment adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathv, Abner, Blassingame, Burleson, Brady, Crawford, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cooley, Cardis, Dillard, Dohoney, Davis of Brazos, Ford, Flournoy, Holt, Henry of Smith, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Killough, Lockett, Lynch, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McCabe, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Murphy, Nugent, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Reynolds, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Scott, Smith, Wade, Weaver—43.

NAYS—Arnim, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Barnett, Bruce, Chambers, Cline, Douglass, DeMorse, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Fleming, Ferris, German, Graves, Henry of Limestone, King, Lacy, McLean, McKinney, McCormick, Norvell, Nunn, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Spikes, Sessions, Stayton, Sansom, Whitehead, Wright, Whitfield, West—36.

Mr Moore's amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of Mr. DeMorse's amendment as amended, the same was put and the yeas and nays being called, the amendment was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Blassingame, Burleson, Chambers, Cooley, Cardis, DeMorse, Dohoney, Dunnam, Graves, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Mills,

Mitchell, McKINNEY, McCormick, Moore, Nunn, Nugent, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Sessions, Smith, Weaver, Whitfield—36.

YEAS—Abner, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Barnett, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Douglass, Dillard, Darnell, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Ford, Flournoy, Fleming, Ferris, German, Holt, Henry of Smith, Haynes, King, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McCabe, Murphy, Novell, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Spikes, Scott, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Wright, West—44.

Mr. McLean moved to reconsider the vote just taken and to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Mr. Mills offered the following amendment:

In Sec. 6, line 25, strike out "five" and insert "three" years; in same section, line 27, strike out "thirty" and insert "twenty-five" years.

Lost.

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, offered the following substitute for sections 6 and 7:

"No person shall be a senator or representative, unless he be a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector of this State and shall have resided in their respective counties or districts one year next preceding their election, and shall continue therein during their term of service."

Lost.

Mr. Dillard offered the following substitute for sections 6 and 7:

"No person shall be a senator or representative unless he be a citizen of the United States, and, at the time of his election, a qualified elector of this State, and shall have been a resident of this State five years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof a resident of the district for which he shall be chosen."

The yeas and nays being called on the question, the substitute was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Arnim, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Dillard, Ford, Fleming, Graves, Henry of Limestone, Haynes, Johnson of Collin, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Mitchell, McCormick, Moore, Norvell, Reagan, Scott, Wright, Whitfield—21.

YEAS—Abernathy, Abner, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Douglass, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Flournoy, Ferris, Gauthier, Holt, Henry of Smith, Holmes, John-

son of Franklin, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, McCabe, Morris, Mills, McKinney, Murphy, Nunn, Nugent, Paul, Ramey, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Weaver, West—59.

Mr. Whitfield offered the following amendment:

Section 6, line 27, strike out "thirty" and insert "twenty-four."

The yeas and nays being called, the amendment was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Brown, Barnett, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Chambers, Dillard, Darnell, Ford, Fleming, Graves, Henry of Limestone, Haynes, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Lockett, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Mills, Mitchell, McCormick, Moore, Norvell, Pauli, Reagan, Ross, Scott, Sessions, Wade, Whitehead, Wright, Whitfield—34.

NAYS—Abner, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Burleson, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Chne, Cooley, Douglass, DeMorse, Dohoney, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Flournoy, Ferris, German, Gaither, Holt, Henry of Smith, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, King, Killough, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, McCabe, Morris, McKinney, Murphy, Nunn, Nugent, Ramey, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Weaver, West—47.

Mr. Kilgore proposed to amend section 6, line 27, by striking out "thirty" and inserting "twenty-six."

Mr. Brady proposed to amend the amendment by striking out "thirty" and inserting "seventy."

Lost.

And Mr. Kilgore's amendment adopted.

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, proposed to amend section 6, line 25, by striking out "five years," and inserting "three years."

Mr. Cook of Gonzales, proposed to amend section 9, line 36, by striking out "and close;" also strike out the remainder of the sentence after the word "President," in line 37.

The yeas and nays being called upon the adoption of the amendment, stood as follows:

YEAS—Arnim, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cardis, Flournoy, Fleming, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Holmes, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Lacy, Lynch, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt Mills, McKinney, McCormick, Murphy, Nugent, Robertson of Bell,

Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Wade, Weaver, Whitfield—36.

YEAS—Abernathy, Abner, Brown, Ballinger, Brady, Crawford, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Douglass, Dillard, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Ford, Ferris, German, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lockett, McLean, McCabe, Morris, Mitchell, Moore, Norvell, Nunn, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Russell of Harrison, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Whitehead, West—43.

On motion of Mr. Sansom, the Convention adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION—2½ O'CLOCK.

Convention met; roll called; quorum present

The Convention resumed the consideration of Article —, "Legislative Department."

Mr. Russell, of Harrison, proposed to amend section 10, line 1, by striking out the words "two-thirds" and inserting "a majority"

Lost.

Mr. Ballinger proposed to amend section 18, line 83, by striking out all from the word "eligible" in 83d line down to the word "Legislature" in 84th line, and insert the words "or to any other office in this State or the government of the United States elected by any part of the people of this State or by the Legislature."

Mr. Wright proposed to amend the amendment by striking out of it all that related to the government of the United States.

Adopted, and amendment as amended lost.

Mr. Kilgore offered the following amendment to section 81:

After the word "provided" in line 87 insert "and members of the Legislature shall, in addition to the oath of office prescribed by this constitution, swear that they will not as such vote for any member thereof, during the term for which he was elected, for any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States."

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Navarro, the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Dillard, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Ford, Flournoy, Fleming, Ger-

man, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, King, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McCabe, Morris, McKinney, Moore, Murphy, Norvell, Nunn, Pauli, Reagan, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Weaver, Whitfield—64.

NAYS—Ballinger, Cline, Cooley, Douglass, Erhard, Ferris, Kilgore, Mills, Mitchell, McCormick, Nugent, Wright, West—13.

Mr. West gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote adopting the resolution providing for two sessions a day for the Convention.

Mr. Murphy proposed to amend section 19, line 93, by inserting after the word "shall," "during the term for which he is elected or appointed."

Adopted.

Mr. Reagan offered the following as a substitute for all of section 24, down to the word "days," in line 113:

"Sec. 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation as may have been provided by law, not exceeding six dollars per day, for the first sixty days of each session, and after that not exceeding two dollars per day for the remainder of the session. The members of the first Legislature to be elected under this constitution, shall receive five dollars per day for their services; and during its first session may receive that sum for ninety days; *provided*, that the pay of members of the Legislature shall not be increased during the term for which they are elected.

Mr. Fleming moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cardis, Douglass, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Ford, Flournoy, Fleming, Ferris, German, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McCabe, Morris, Mitchell, McKinney, McCormick, Moore, Murphy, Nugent, Pauli, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Wright, Weaver, Whitfield, West—73.

NAYS—Crawford, Cline, Cooley, Dillard, Mills, Norvell, Nunn, Reagan, Ramey—9.

Mr. Reagan offered the same substitute, after striking out “six dollars,” and inserting “five dollars.”

Mr. Henry, of Smith, moved to lay it on the table.

The yeas and nays were called, and the substitute laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Douglass, DeMorse, Dohoney, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Flournoy, Fleming, Ferris, German, Gaither, Graves, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Killough, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Morris, Mitchell, McKinney, McCormick, Murphy, Nugent, Reynolds, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Russell of Wood, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Wade, Wright, Weaver—52.

NAYS—Blake, Crawford, Cline, Cooley, Cardis, Dillard, Darnell, Dunnam, Erhard, Ford, Holt, Haynes, King, Kilgore, Lockett, McCabe, Mills, Moore, Norvell, Nunn, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Spikes, Scott, Sansom, Whitehead, Whitfield, West—29.

Mr. Fleming moved to strike out line 111 of section 24.

Mr. DeMorse offered the following as a substitute for the amendment:

Strike out line 111, and the word “session” in line 112, and amend so as to read: “Not exceeding five dollars per day for sixty days, and no pay thereafter.”

Mr. Russell, of Wood, moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Cardis, Douglass, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Flournoy, Ferris, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McCabe, Mills, McKinney, Moore, Murphy, Norvell, Nunn, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Reynolds, Robeson of Fayette, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Weaver—59.

NAYS—Barnett, Crawford, Chambers, Dillard, DeMorse, Ford, Fleming, German, Gaither, Johnson of Collin, Lynch,

McLean, Morris, Mitchell, McCormick, Nugent, Robertson of Bell, Ross, Wright, Whitfield—20

Mr. Ferris offered the following amendments:

On page 5, line 110, strike out "sixty days" and insert "ninety days," same page, line 113, strike out "for the first ninety days" and insert "for the entire session."

Mr. German moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Blake, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Bruce, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Douglass, Dillard, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Flournoy, Fleming, German, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Killough, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McKinney, McCormick, Moore, Murphy, Nugent, Pauli, Ramey, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Wright, Whitfield—57.

NAYS—Ballinger, Brady, Crawford, Chambers, Cline, Cooley, Cardis, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Ford, Ferris, Henry of Smith, King, Lockett, McCabe, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, Nunn, Reagan, Reynolds—21.

Mr. Nugent offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to the section: "The members of the Legislature shall also receive in lieu of all allowances for stationery and postage such sum as may be provided by law, not to exceed the sum of thirty dollars for each member."

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Navarro, the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. McCormick moved to amend sec. 24, line 111, by striking out "two" and inserting "one."

Laid on the table.

Mr. Brady offered the following amendment:

"Sec. 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury, as compensation, a salary of \$300 for the term for which they are elected. And in the event of an extra session being called, they shall receive five dollars per day. They shall receive mileage at the rate of five dollars for each twenty-five miles necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the capital; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular session."

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Navarro, the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Ballinger proposed to amend section 24 by inserting after the word "days" in line 113, the words "and after that not exceeding two dollars per day for the remainder of the session."

Adopted.

Mr. McCormick offered the following amendment:

Strike out sections 25 and 26, and substitute for section 25 the following:

"Sec. 25. The State shall be divided into Senatorial Districts of contiguous compact territory, according to the number of inhabitants as near as may be; and each district shall be entitled to elect one senator and three representatives."

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Navarro, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TWENTIETH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 28, 1875 }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wright, of Austin

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Brown submitted the following additional rules for the guidance of the Convention:

"Every resolution or ordinance, before it becomes a part of the constitution, shall be read on three several days.

"The first reading shall be for information, and upon being read a first time, if not reported by a committee, it shall be referred to the appropriate committee without debate.

"Upon a second reading of a resolution or ordinance, it shall be subject to commitment or amendment.

"The final question upon the second reading shall be, 'Whether it shall be engrossed and read a third time.'

"No amendment shall be received at the third reading of a resolution or ordinance without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

"It shall be in order, at the third reading of a resolution or ordinance, to move its commitment; and should such commitment take place and any amendment be reported by the committee, the said resolution or ordinance shall be considered as on its second reading