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(FIRST CALLED SESSION.)

## FIRST DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas.  
Saturday, May 22, 1897.

In obedience to the proclamation by his Excellency, Charles A. Culbertson, Governor of Texas, convening the Twenty-fifth Legislature to meet in special session at Austin, the seat of government, this the 22d day of May, A. D. 1897, the House was called to order at 12 o'clock m., by Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker.

Rev F. S. Jackson, Chaplain of the Senate on request of the Speaker, offered prayer in the following language:

Almighty God: As we stand at the door of this called session of the Legislature, help us to enter it properly. May all measures and consideration thereon of the past session be effaced from our memories and may we begin this a real new session. Inspire in us new thought, new purpose, new hope, and new contemplations. Give us strength of body and mind for our new duties. Give us all needed charity, that we may have proper consideration for each other. In the discussions that may arise, may we be fair, just, kind and intelligent. Forgive our sins individually. Direct us wisely. Lead us safely during this session. We ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

The Clerk was directed to read the following proclamation from his Excellency the Governor:

Executive Office,  
Austin, May 21st, 1897.

To whom it may concern;

Whereas, the Twenty-fifth Legislature has adjourned without making an appropriation to pay existing debts; and

Whereas, said Legislature has failed to make appropriations for the support of the State government for the next two years and for other needful pur-

poses within the revenue to be collected for that period; and

Whereas, said Legislature has failed to enact other important legislation demanded by the people:

Now therefore, I, Charles A. Culbertson, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution thereof, do hereby call a special session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, to be convened in the city of Austin, beginning at noon, Saturday, May 22d, 1897, for the following purposes:

1. To make appropriations for deficiencies.

2. To make appropriations for the support of the State government for the two years beginning March 1, 1897, and for other purposes as is usual in general appropriation bills, and to reduce expenses.

3. To fix and regulate the fees and compensation of district attorneys and all county and precinct officers.

4. To amend the present law on the subject of fellow-servants or abrogate the doctrine of fellow-servants in this State.

5. To consider and act upon such other matters as may be presented pursuant to section 40, article 3, of the Constitution.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of State to be affixed, this the 21st day of May, A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON,

[Seal.] Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

J. W. Madden, Secretary of State.

The Clerk was then directed to call the roll, and the following answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker.	Brewster.
Ayers.	Browne.
Barrett.	Burney.
Beaird.	Burns.
Bean.	Carpenter.
Bird.	Childs.
Blair.	Curry.