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States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex; and that Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Message from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 23, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

You have been called in extra session for the purpose of making appropriations for the maintenance and support of the State Government and for the public service for the fiscal years from August 31st, 1919, to September 1st, 1921.

I am fully cognizant of the magnitude of the task with which you are confronted, and earnestly desire to render such assistance as I may be capable of. The records, data and information available in the executive office are at your disposal and a cordial invitation is extended each of you to confer with me freely upon any matter in connection with which I may be of service.

The Constitution provides that at the beginning of each legislative session, it shall be the duty of the Governor to communicate with the Legislature concerning the condition of the State. In my message of January 14th, to the regular session, I paid particular attention to the various branches of the State Government and the institutions of the State. I shall not at this time burden you with information beyond that submitted then from the various reports at my disposal, but shall content myself with the feeling that my constitutional duty has been performed, insofar as communicating to you the condition of the State Government and institutions is concerned, and will endeavor in this instance to confine myself to the financial condition of the State.

On June 15th, 1918, there was a cash balance in the Treasury of \$8,386,199.79, while on June 15th, of this year, there was a balance in the State Treasury of \$8,682,847.55. It can be seen by these figures that

the State had on hand this year \$296,647.76 more than on the same date of last year. This is indicative of a somewhat better financial condition than prevailed one year ago, and is largely due to the wise legislation enacted by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature. One of the most productive pieces of legislation enacted at that session was the act authorizing the State Treasurer to invest the surplus fund of the State in short-time United States certificates. This one act alone has increased the revenue of the State more than \$180,000.00. The revenue of the State will be increased in the future by operation of the new depository law passed at the Regular Session of your body. The State Treasurer estimates that this law will produce \$300,000.00 more revenue than has been derived from the old depository system.

The Thirty-fifth Legislature, in providing for the maintenance and support of the State Government and institutions, appropriated for the two fiscal years ending August 31st, 1919, the sum of \$26,788,428.76. The net revenue received by the State for the two fiscal years just ended, in round figures, was approximately \$25,000,000.00.

The total appropriations asked for by the various departments of the State Government and State institutions for the next two fiscal years are as follows:

	1919-1920	1920-1921
Departments \$	2,791,762.00	\$ 2,700,598.00
Eleemosynary	4,295,164.00	3,413,608.00
University ..	902,190.00	902,190.00
Medical	154,740.00	154,740.00
Educational ..	4,442,490.00	2,207,821.00
Judiciary ...	1,416,349.00	1,415,928.00
TOTAL ...	\$14,003,174.00	\$10,794,885.00

A total of \$24,798,059.00 is asked for the two years. To be considered in addition to this are the appropriations made by the regular and the first called session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature. The appropriations made by the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature amounted to \$5,014,728.88 for the year ending August 31st, 1920, and \$2,170,183.11 for the year ending August 31st, 1921, making a total of \$7,184,911.99. It will be found that the first called session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature made appropriations to-

taling \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1920. Adding this to the appropriations asked at the hands of the Special Session, a grand total of \$33,072,970.99 is asked for to be appropriated by the Thirty-sixth Legislature for the State Government for the next two years.

In determining upon the proper appropriations to be made, it becomes necessary to consider at the same time the revenue which will be available to meet the expenses. I am advised by the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the estimated revenue for the next two fiscal years is \$29,444,770.72, and attach hereto his statement upon which this estimate is based. It is clearly seen that you are not only confronted with the task of reducing the appropriations asked for to the extent of nearly \$4,000,000.00 to keep within the estimated revenue of the State Government, but to reduce the estimated appropriations even more when the application of economy will permit. It is easy to ask for appropriations. As the guardians of the peoples' money, I trust the Legislature will make it hard to get them. There can be no more fitting time to watch the public expenditures with an eagle eye and safeguard them with a cautious hand. The habit of extravagant expenses is easily acquired in time of war, because cost is no consideration when it comes to our country's preservation. When the change is suddenly made from war to peace, I think the State can not set an example more helpful, or establish a policy fraught with greater good, than to make the change from liberality to frugality equally as swift.

Another condition confronting the Legislature for the first time, in dealing with that which bears upon the tax burden is the adoption of the free text book amendment to the Constitution by the people last November, increasing the rate which may be levied for school purposes from twenty cents to thirty-five cents. To supply free text books to the school children of Texas an added tax of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars will probably be imposed against the taxpayer, and while, in many instances, it will be a saving to the individual taxpayer who purchases school books, yet to many it

will constitute an added burden keenly felt. An even greater necessity is therefore presented for keeping the general tax rate at the lowest possible figure.

I feel that many eliminations from the budgets presented to you will be determined upon after much thought and study has been given to the matter by your committees and your body, and therefore I do not feel it incumbent upon me to make any recommendations as to those items which may be eliminated without seriously incumbering or handicapping the administration of the government. I bespeak for the Government and public service that degree of cautious decision and discriminating judgment manifest in the legislation you have heretofore enacted to be directed now to a wise economy and judicious expenditure of the public money under the available revenue from which the appropriations are to be made.

In the interest of what I deem important to the public service, I take the liberty of urging first, and at the earliest time compatible with a proper consideration, the enactment of that legislation providing for the support and maintenance of the State's educational institutions for the ensuing two fiscal years. On account of the lateness of the session to consider these subjects, due to unusual circumstances, it will speed the successful operation and administration of these institutions to fix their status for the forthcoming school terms as soon as that may be properly accomplished.

When it appears that it will interfere least with the calendar of the main work for which you have been called, I shall submit additional subjects for consideration at your hands which, in my judgment, are demanded by the public welfare at this time.

Section 9, of Article 4 of the Constitution, provides that the Governor shall account to the Legislature for the public moneys received and paid out by him from funds, subject to his order, with vouchers, and shall accompany his message with a statement of the same. Pursuant to this provision of the Constitution I submit below statements of the appropriations made by the Legislature for

the Executive Department and the Mansion for the two fiscal years ending August 31st, 1918, to and including June 7th, 1919. The vouchers and accounts covering the expenditures shown by the enclosed statements are on file in the Comptroller's Department.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Executive Office.

From August 31, 1919.

	Appropriation	Expenditure
Salary Governor.....\$	4,000.00	\$ 3,999.94
Salary of Private secretary	2,600.00	2,556.54
Salary Asst. Private secretary.....	1,800.00	1,710.00
Salary of one stenographer.	1,500.00	1,399.89
Salary of Porter.....	600.00	600.00
Rewards, Tel. etc.....	12,500.00	11,528.87
Payment Rewards, etc..	1,000.00	984.87
Traveling expenses, Governor.....	500.00	262.91
Books and Stationery.....	750.00	741.37
Freight and Postage.....	600.00	600.00
Ice.....	36.00	20.00
Contingent Expense.....	1,000.00	99.48
To pay Lt. Gov. acting as Gov.	500.00	422.18
Reps. and Labor Governor's Mansion	4,000.00	3,999.19
Labor at Mansion.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel, Lights, Water and Ice.....	1,500.00	1,489.60

From August 31, 1918 to
June 17, 1919.

Salary Governor.....\$	4,000.00	\$ 2,999.97
Salary Private Sec'y..	2,600.00	1,949.94
Salary Asst. Secretary..	1,800.00	1,350.00
Salary, one stenographer...	1,500.00	1,125.00

	Appropriation	Expenditure
Salary porter.\$	600.00	\$.....
Payment, Rewards, etc..	12,500.00	12,098.88
Refund.....	100.00
Traveling expenses Governor.....	500.00	300.53
Books and stationery.....	750.00	614.80
Freight and Postage.....	600.00	575.00
Ice.....	36.00	36.00
Contingent expenses.....	1,000.00	99.72
Governor's Mansion...	2,000.00	1,943.39
Labor at Mansion...	1,000.00	680.00
Fuel, Ice and Telephone..	1,500.00	1,353.50

Comptroller's Department.

Austin, Texas, June 6, 1919.

Statement of Revenue Rereceipts.

Statement showing the Comptroller's estimate of revenue that would probably be raised for one year as submitted to the Appropriation Committee of the Senate and House on the convening of the Regular Session of the 36th Legislature. Also a statement showing the net amount of revenue received by the State for the years beginning with July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918, and from July, 1918 to June 30, 1919, showing receipts from other sources other than ad valorem tax by the month, and receipts from Tax Collectors in one item.

Comptroller's Estimate to Appropriation Committees.

Received from Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax	\$ 2,567,612.80
From State Offices' Accounts	403,908.23
Miscellaneous Receipts	356,677.81
From Ad Valorem Tax	7,263,240.00
From Poll Taxes.....	742,500.00
From Occupation Tax.	830,000.00
From Inheritance Tax	275,000.00
Plus Ad Valorem Tax of 5c on the \$100.00 valuation.	1,513,000.00
Total Estimated Revenue 1920	13,950,938.84

Net Revenue Receipts—1917 and 1918.	
Received in July 1917 \$	485,584.35
Received in August 1917.....	272,415.90
Received in September 1917.....	79,905.37
Received in October 1917.....	73,282.51
Received in November 1917.....	162,382.12
Received in December 1917.....	49,646.73
Received in January 1918.....	100,040.28
Received in February 1918.....	297,959.21
Received in March 1918.....	482,542.37
Received in April 1918	272,817.76
Received in May 1918	458,648.42
Received in June 1918	248,511.17
Received from Tax Collectors' accounts from July 1917 to June 30, 1918....	10,125,004.78

Total Net Revenue
1917-1918..... 13,108,733.97

Net Revenue Receipts 1918-1919.	
Receipts for July 1918..	\$556,393.20
Receipts for Aug. 1918..	266,318.10
Receipts for Sept. 1918..	90,181.91
Receipts for Oct. 1918..	119,933.35
Receipts for Nov. 1918..	238,230.32
Receipts for Dec. 1918..	101,898.77
Receipts for Jan. 1919..	83,063.65
Receipts for Feb. 1919..	245,789.36
Receipts for Mch. 1919..	752,540.24
Receipts for Apr. 1919..	476,291.54
Receipts for May 1919..	812,522.27
Receipts for June, 1919, (estimated).....	248,511.17
Receipts from Tax Collectors' accounts from July 1, 1919 to June 30, 1919. :	\$8,760,711.48

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Whereas, It is necessary that copy of all enrolled bills in both the House and Senate be furnished to the State Printer by the Secretary of State, and by such copy being made and so furnished by the Enrolling Clerks of both the House and Senate much time and expense will be saved the State; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate

and the Enrolling Clerk of the House be directed and required to make carbon copies of all enrolled bills and resolutions that are sent to the Governor for his approval, and they shall furnish said copies to the Secretary of State at the same time the original enrolled bills and resolutions are transmitted to the Governor.

CALDWELL.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 2.

Whereas the Hon. J. J. Mansfield, Congressman of the 9th Congressional District of Texas, is within the Capitol therefore be it resolved that the privileges of the Senate Chamber be extended to him and that he be invited to address the Senate.

HALL,
CLARK.

The resolution was read and adopted and a committee of courtesy was appointed to conduct Congressman Mansfield to the President's stand, whereupon he addressed the Senate.

Simple Resolution No. 3.

Be it Resolved by the Senate that Gov. Brough of Arkansas be extended an invitation to address the Senate at his convenience, and that the Secretary of the Senate transmit to him this invitation.

DOROUGH,
CALDWELL.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 4.

We move that the Senate adjourn today, out of respect for the memory of our late colleague, Hon. W. S. Bell of Foard County; that a page in the Senate Journal be set aside in commemoration of our deceased friend and co-worker; that a committee of three be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to draft and insert in the Senate Journal proper resolutions on the death of the late distinguished Senator from Foard, and that proper exercises be held in the Senate Chamber in commemoration of his death.

DAYTON,
JOHNSTON.

to pass across the territory of Texas to suppress the revolutionary movement or to further same.

STRICKLAND.

The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Joint Resolution No. 2.

Whereas, on May 24th, 1919, at the request of those favoring equal suffrage there was submitted to the legally qualified voters of Texas to be voted upon by them, an amendment to the State Constitution providing for equal suffrage etc., and which amendment was defeated by a decisive majority of the voters in said election; and

Whereas, since said election the National Congress has submitted to the various states an amendment, known as the Nineteenth amendment, to the Constitution of the United States, providing for equal suffrage, for the ratification of the states by the various legislatures; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Texas is responsible for the manner of government of said State and the laws enacted in said State, and which party has not by a vote of those voting in a Democratic Primary expressed its desire to have said amendment ratified; and

Whereas, said amendment as substituted by the Congress is in effect a change of the Constitution of the State of Texas, regarding the right of suffrage;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, that the resolution providing for the ratification of the said Nineteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution be postponed and that the Democratic Executive Committee of Texas be, and is, hereby requested to submit the question of whether or not the Federal amendment, as now submitted to the states, shall be ratified by the Legislature of Texas; and that said proposition be submitted to the Democratic Primary to be held in July, 1920, unless said Committee should order a special primary for said purpose at an earlier date, in order that the Democratic Party of this State may hereby express, by a vote of the Democratic voters of the State, its views upon this question,

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before the Legislature of Texas acts thereon.

SUITER.
COUSINS.
ALDERDICE.

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Message From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 23, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "A bill to be entitled an Act to establish and fix the salaries of all officers, superintendents and employes of the State government and State institutions of the State of Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Appointment of Pages.

The following are appointed pages for the Second Called Session of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature: Wilbur Johnson, Hervey Meyers, Everett McBride, Edgar Lewis, Trenton Smith, DeWitt Jennings, Newman Marshall, Stanley Hornsby, Marvin Turner, Dick Mimms, Clarence Gilmore, Clint Blackman.

Appointment of Porters.

The following are appointed porters for the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature: Willie Carpenter, Irvin Hatcher, George Crawford, Henry Green, Monroe Williams, Jasper Tune, L. M. Hosea, Max Blocker.

Karem Shrine Club of Waco, Texas.

Waco, Texas, June 23, 1919.

Lieut. Gov. Johnson, President of the Texas State Senate,
Austin, Texas.

Honorable Sir: We desire to convey through you to all Shriners of the Texas State Senate an invitation to attend the ceremonial and "birthday party" of Karem Shrine Temple on July the 4th. If there are any

on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Cousins.	Parr.
Dayton.	Rector.
Dean.	Smith.
Dorough.	Strickland.
Dudley.	Suiter.
Faust.	Westbrook.
Floyd.	Williford.
Hall.	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.	Gibson.
Carlock.	Witt.

The bill was laid before the Sen-

ate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Westbrook, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Cousins.	Parr.
Dayton.	Rector.
Dean.	Smith.
Dorough.	Strickland.
Dudley.	Suiter.
Faust.	Westbrook.
Floyd.	Williford.
Hall.	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.	Gibson.
Carlock.	Witt.

Message From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas,
June 24, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session assembled:

I submit to you an itemized list for deficiencies in appropriations authorized by the Governor for the fiscal year 1919, in accordance with Article 4342 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as follows:

Institution or Department.	Date Filed	Nature of Claim	Amount Authorized
Treasury Dept.	April 11, 1919,	Clerical help.	\$ 1,500.00
Treasury Dept.	April 11, 1919,	Stationery, furniture post- age, books.	1,000.00
Agricultural Dept. . .	April 15, 1919,	Prevention of pink boll worm.	1,500.00
Confederate Home..	April 9, 1919,	Support and maintenance including mileage and per diem, Board of Managers.	25,000.00
Confederate Home..	April 9, 1919,	Dry goods, clothing....	2,000.00
Tuberculosis Sanat...	May 28, 1919,	Support and maintenance, etc.	30,000.00
Board of Pardon Advisers.	May 16, 1919,	Traveling expenses of Board — Penitentiary Investigation.	200.00
Governor's Office....	May 16, 1919,	Payment of rewards and other expenses neces- sary for the enforce- ment of the law, tele- graphing, telephoning, and other purposes. . .	3,000.00
State Land Office....	May 16, 1919,	Postage, stationery, books and express.	3,000.00
State Library.....	May 20, 1919,	Stationery, library sup- plies, postage, freight and express.	375.00

Institution or Department.	Date Filed	Nature of Claim	Amount Authorized
Board of Health...	May 28, 1919.	Printing, books and stationery	5,000.00
Board of Health...	June 12, 1919.	Gas, oil, ice, water, telephone, telegraph for quarantine station....	1,500.00
Board of Health...	June 12, 1919.	Postage and box rent...	1,000.00
Dept. of Education...	June 10, 1919.	Postage, stationery, office furniture, files, binding reports, and other forms, etc. . . .	4,000.00
Dept. of Education...	June 10, 1919.	Contingent expenses. . .	1,250.00
Dept. of Education...	June 10, 1919.	Printing, distributing county supt. record books, educational bulletins, advancement of the cause of education, etc.	43,675.00
Total.			\$124,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Special Committee Appointment.

I hereby appoint the following to carry into effect the provisions of Simple Resolution No. 4: Dayton, Johnston, Page.

W. A. JOHNSON,
President of the Senate.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Whereas, Governor Brough, of Arkansas, has accepted the invitation to address the Legislature, and will arrive in Austin tonight;

Be It Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring:

That a committee of six, three from the Senate and three from the House, be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker, to entertain Governor Brough while in Austin, and that the House and Senate meet in joint session on Wednesday, June 25th, 1919, at eleven o'clock, to hear Governor Brough's address.

CALDWELL,
DOROUGH.

The resolution was read and adopted and the Chair appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Dorough, Caldwell and Westbrook.

Adjournment.

At 12:00 o'clock, noon, the Senate, on motion of Senator Woods, adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Alderdice offered a numerous signed petition from citizens of his district calling attention to the fact that his district voted a majority against equal suffrage.

Senator Page offered a letter from Mrs. Hortense Ward of Houston, reminding the Senate that 380,000 women expressed a desire for the ballot by registering and voting last July.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 23, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance to whom was referred

S. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the salaries of officers and employes of certain Eleemosynary Institutions of the State and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them as follows, to-wit: State

and by the method provided by law for them to do so, and

Whereas as the duly elected nominees of the Democratic party we desire before voting upon the ratification or rejection of the Susan B. Anthony amendment the wishes of the Democrats of Texas expressed in the manner and method provided by law therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House concurring that further action upon the rejection or ratification of said amendment shall be postponed until the Democrats of Texas shall have the opportunity to express themselves upon the Susan B. Anthony amendment in the manner and method provided by law and

Be it further resolved by the Senate the House of Representatives concurring that the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of Texas is hereby requested to submit such question to the Democratic party of Texas in the manner and method provided by law at the earliest possible date.

CALDWELL.

The substitute was read and Senator Page renewed his point of order that the substitute contains legislative matter not embraced in the call of the Governor and further that it is a motion to postpone which has several times been rejected by vote of the Senate.

The point of order was sustained.

Refusal to Adjourn.

At 4:45 o'clock p. m. Senator McNealus moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Alderdice.	Faust.
Bailey.	Hall.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.

Nays—20.

Buchanan of Bell.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hertzberg.
Cousins.	Hopkins.
Dean.	Johnston.
Dorough.	Page.
Dudley.	Rector.
Floyd.	Smith.

Strickland.	Williford.
Suiter.	Witt.
Westbrook.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Dayton.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

Action recurred upon pending business H. J. R. No. 1, the question being upon the passage of the resolution to third reading.

Pending.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature shall meet in Joint Session on Friday, June 27, 1919 at 11 o'clock a. m. to witness the presentation to Captain Gillis Johnson of the U. S. Marine Corps, of the distinguished Service Cross for bravery upon the field of battle.

CALDWELL.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Resolutions Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Johnson, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

S. C. R. No. 2, Inviting Judge W. F. Ramsey to address a joint session of the House and Senate on the cotton situation.

S. C. R. No. 4, Providing for a Joint Committee of Courtesy to entertain Governor Brough while in Austin.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Davis, of Dallas, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act creating the Forney Independent School District in Kauf-

man County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Wallace Malone, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to establish and create a Criminal Judicial District of Tarrant County, Texas, and to fix the territorial limits of said Criminal Judicial District, and to designate the courts that shall have jurisdiction in said judicial district of Tarrant County; to provide for the creation of the office of Criminal District Attorney of said Criminal Judicial District, and for the election, qualification, powers, compensation and expenses of the office of said criminal district attorney for said district; to provide for the appointment of assistants to the said criminal district attorney, and to provide for their powers, duties and compensation; and to provide for the present county attorney of Tarrant County, Texas, to assume the duties of and conduct the business of the criminal district attorney of Tarrant County, Texas, until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Hopkins, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act validating all sales of public free school land made on October 22, 1903 in quantities not exceeding forty acres, and same having been fully paid for."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Floyd, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act creating the Enloe Independent School District in Delta County, Texas, including the present existing Enloe Independent School District; defining the boundaries, vesting said Enloe Independent School District as created by this Act with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties exercised by the independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of the State; providing for the management and control of the district by a board of seven trustees; providing for the continuation of the terms of the office of the board of trustees of the Enloe Independent School District as it formerly existed until the expiration thereof; validating the local taxes heretofore voted by the previously existing Enloe Independent School District and outstanding indebtedness thereof; providing a method for the annexation of additional territory to said district; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Lawrence, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to repeal House Bill No. 531, Chapter 45, Special Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1915, the same being an act creating a special road law for Camp County, Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Dudley, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to provide for the sale, development and patenting of mineral deposits, placers, veins, lodes or any rock or aqueous solutions carrying

metallic or non-metallic substances of value excepting oil, natural gas, coal and lignite that may be in any of the land of the public free school fund, University fund, the several asylum funds, that may have been heretofore sold or disposed of by the State with the reservation of minerals therein or which may hereafter be sold with the reservations of minerals therein and all of said lands as were purchased with a relinquishment of the minerals therein, and all lands of which the mineral rights therein have or shall have reverted to the State of Texas, and the said mineral substances that may be in any fresh water lake, salt water lake, inlets, marshes, reefs, islands, and river beds and channels which belong to the State, repealing all laws in conflict with this Act and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Dudley and Representatives Pedigo and Hornby, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Chapter 60 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, and being an Act supplementing the Act creating the Livestock Sanitary Commission for the State of Texas, and which is known as the Eradication of Cattle Ticks Law, so that hereafter Kinney County, Uvalde County and Medina County, in the State of Texas, shall be placed in Zone No. 3 instead of in Zone No. 2 as heretofore; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 25, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Bolin, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "A bill entitled an Act providing for a Board of Permanent Road Commissioners for Titus County, Texas, its

powers and duties; validating an election held in said county on March 15, A. D. 1919, whereat a two-thirds majority of the property taxpaying voters of said county voting at said election voted for the issuance of the coupon bonds of said county to the amount of one million dollars and the levy, assessment and collection of an annual tax against all taxable property within said county at a rate sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof and all proceedings had by the commissioners' court of said county concerning said bonds; authorizing the commissioners' court of said county to issue said bonds; repealing all special laws heretofore passed for Titus County, Texas; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act levying a state ad valorem tax for school purposes; making an appropriation of the funds so raised for the years ending August 31, 1920, and August 31, 1921; providing that from the funds arising under said tax the State Board of Education shall set apart an amount sufficient to purchase and distribute the necessary school books for the use of the pupils of this State for the scholastic year; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration, at the request of Senator Hopkins, the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Article 2429, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 145, Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, providing the method of remitting State funds to State depositories and the State Treasury; repealing all laws

and parts of laws in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator A. C. Buchanan, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act relating to dogs; the prevention of the spread of hydrophobia by dogs, promotion of livestock industries, and the protection of livestock and poultry from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of licensed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial, show and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs; providing for listing of dogs by county assessors and penalty for his failure to so list; providing for the assessment of damages done by dogs, and payment thereof by the proper county to the owner of livestock and poultry and of damages to licensed dogs; imposing powers and duties on certain State and county officers; and providing penalties and fees."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative J. T. Canales, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subjects, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Santa Maria Independent School District, in Cameron County, Texas," etc.

"An Act creating the Leesland Independent School District in Cameron County, Texas, and defining its boundaries," etc.

"An Act creating the Rangerville Independent School District in Cameron County, Texas, and defining its boundaries," etc.

"An Act creating, establishing, and incorporating Hidalgo Common School District No. 15, in Hidalgo County, Texas," etc.

"An Act amending Chapter 68, House Bill No. 534, enacted by the

Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, creating the Pharr-San Juan Independent School District," etc.

"An Act amending Chapter 85, House Bill No. 603, enacted by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, creating Edinburg Independent School District in Hidalgo County, Texas," etc.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Bedell, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 18, 20, 23, 27 and 30 of the Special Road Laws for Smith County, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70, of the Special Laws of said Thirty-third Legislature, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives Peyton and Scott, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act giving to the owner of any real estate or interest therein sold under execution, order of sale, deed of trust, mortgage or other contract lien, the right to redeem the same at any time in one year from the date of sale, by paying to the purchaser the amount of purchase money paid, together with interest thereon, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Senate Bill No. 6.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to

Clark.	Johnston.
Cousins.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Dorough.	Rector.
Dudley.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Williford.
Hertzberg.	Woods.
Hopkins.	

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.

Absent.

Caldwell.

Witt.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Faust.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Standing Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.
At the request of Dr. C. W. Goddard, State Health Officer, I submit for your consideration the subject of enacting such legislation as will in your judgment improve the general Health Laws of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

I hereby submit for your consideration the enactment of legislation authorized under the amendment to the Constitution of the State adopted August 21, 1917, providing for the conservation of natural resources of the State, popularly known as the conservation and reclamation amendment. Incident thereto I sub-

mit enactment of legislation to amend and perfect the irrigation laws of Texas.

For many years the Federal Congress has promoted by adequate legislation, the conservation of natural resources, and particularly has encouraged the reclamation of lands by irrigation. The states have been less progressive in the enactment of such laws, but the necessity for increased agricultural production has promoted considerable activity in the different states in the conservation and utilization of waters for irrigation.

The probabilities for increased development of wealth in Texas through the conservation and judicious use of flood and storm waters, now allowed to waste themselves without effort at control and utilization, are so great as to approach the stupendous and incredible. No state in the union has so advantageous a topography for the economical impounding of surface waters and the waters of its streams. Practically the entire state is a series of wide fertile valleys with extensive water sheds. The water may be impounded at comparative small cost and employed for irrigation of agricultural land, and for other beneficial uses incident to such control, with immense advantage to the public.

With legislation giving direction and encouragement to the conservation and use of the waters of the State, the great west with its fertile lands will never again know such a period of widespread disaster, suffering and loss as that through which it recently passed. The Federal Government through its splendid Reclamation Department has indicated a readiness to cooperate with the State or any sub-division within the State, in the reclamation of semi-arid lands or lands that require irrigation for profitable agricultural use; and policies and plans are now being discussed by government engineers and national officials which will certainly lead in the near future to government aid in flood control in our great river valleys. In working out such policies of development and protection the work of conservation by storing storm and flood waters at advantageous points upon the principal streams will add materially in reducing the damage from floods.

It is the duty of the State to enact

such broad and progressive statutes as will encourage the profitable use of this great natural resource, and thus to stimulate in an immeasurable degree the agricultural and general material development of the State.

The legislation here recommended is constructive legislation of the very highest importance, justifying the Democratic Party in the last State Convention to endorse and urge it at the hands of the Thirty-sixth Legislature. No question before the people at this time approaches it in the immense and early possibilities for the development of increased wealth and the great betterment of the State as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Senator Suiter and Representative Yantis, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act granting cities and towns power to re-assess the cost of street and side-walk improvements where prior assessment is erroneous or declared void," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Gaddy, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the China Independent School District in Jefferson County, Texas, defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Senator Alderdice, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act adding to and making a part of the

Irene Independent School District in Hill and Navarro Counties, Texas, including a part of the White School District No. 23, of said Hill County, Texas, and other certain lands and territory joining thereto in Hill and Navarro Counties, defining the boundaries of said Irene District as enlarged; providing that such lands as may hereafter be included in Irene Independent School District shall continue to be subject to taxation for the payment of the principal and interest, and creating a sinking fund of any bonds that may have heretofore been issued by the said White Common School District No. 23, and remaining unpaid, and declaring an emergency, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Senator Alderdice, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend House Bill No. 500, an Act passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, to create a more effective road system for Hill County, Texas, making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, by adding to said Act Section 8a, providing for the county commissioners of Hill County to use their private automobiles in performing the duties devolved upon them by said Act, and providing that they shall be repaid out of the road and bridge fund of said county for all expenses incurred by them in so using their private automobiles and amending Section 10 thereof, by striking out the word 'graduate' and inserting the words 'has voted, or' and the words 'has issued, or'; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.

To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the suggestion of Representa-

tive McDowra, I submit the following subject for your consideration: "An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 10 of the local and special laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the same being an act to authorize and empower Lamar County or any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof voting thereof to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such political subdivision or defined district and to levy and collect taxes, to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, gravel or paved roads and turnpikes, and providing ways and means for conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the special acts of the Thirty-first Legislature and all other special road laws for Lamar County."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Kellis, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Section 1 of the special act entitled 'An Act enlarging and giving boundaries of Independent School District No. 1, Sterling County, for school purposes; making such old district subject to school house bonds outstanding and providing for a board of equalization for said district and defining its duties; placing all territory included in such district under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of such new district, and giving such board of trustees all authority now, or that may hereafter be given under the General Laws regulating Independent school districts not in conflict with this Act, and validating the incorporation of the former district, not in conflict with this Act,' enacted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-

fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved January 23, 1915, so as to include in the school district thus formed additional territory and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Brown of Liberty County, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 25, Chapter 12, General Laws, First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved May 17, 1917, so as to provide that the commissioners court of a county not having a sufficient number of licensed veterinarians, may appoint and designate a person or persons resident of said county to administer hog cholera virus without first securing a permit for the use of same from the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative R. E. Seagler, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act fixing the compensation for the official shorthand reporter in the third judicial district of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 26, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Bledsoe, I submit for your consideration the following subjects, to-wit:

"An Act creating and incorporating the Tokio Independent School District in Terry County, Texas," etc.

"An Act creating and incorporating the Gomez Independent School

District in Terry County, Texas," etc.
Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senators Dudley and Buchanan of Scurry:

S. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 33, 54, 57, 58, 61, 66, 70, 71, 80 and 108 of Chapter 87 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing for the organization and operation of water improvement districts, and adding to said Act certain new sections numbered 118a, 119, 120, 121 and 122. Giving commissioners courts authority to create water improvement districts, and providing the method of the creation and operation of such districts under the authority granted by Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas or under Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution. Providing the requisite of petition for organization for notice of hearing thereon and ordering of elections to establish such districts and declaring the result thereof. Providing for the government of such districts, the election of directors and appointment of tax assessors and collectors, the method of issuing bonds by such district, and issuing notes and other obligations, the levying, assessing and collecting of taxes by such districts. Providing the method of organizing districts embracing territory in two or more counties, providing for the construction of irrigation improvements by joint action of two or more districts, providing for the consolidation of districts, providing for the changing of districts organized under the authority of Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution into conservation and reclamation districts under the authority granted by Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution, providing additional methods of raising funds by charges for the use of water and by taxation, providing generally for the organization, operation and conduct of water improvement districts, providing the method of excluding lands from such district, providing for compensation for officers of such districts, repealing all laws in con-

flict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts within this State under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 59, Article 16 of the State Constitution to be known as Fresh Water Improvement District for the purpose of conserving, transporting and distributing fresh water from lakes, pools, wells, reservoirs, springs, creeks and rivers for domestic and commercial purposes; prescribing how such districts may be created; defining their rights, powers and privileges and the manner of their exercises; constituting such districts when created governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate, and fixing their rights and liabilities as such; providing for the construction, maintenance and protection of works and improvements by them; granting to such districts the right of eminent domain and the power to levy taxes and to cause the same to be assessed and collected and to issue bonds and create indebtedness to raise funds for the objects of their creation, making penal interference with or injury to their works and improvements and fixing penalties and punishment to be imposed upon persons offending and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining and Irrigation.

By Senator Floyd:

S. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Enloe Independent School District in Delta County, Texas, including the present existing Enloe Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Buchanan of Scurry:

S. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1390, Title 28, Chapter 5 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the proceedings for the removal of county seat, so as to provide that, in all cases, the applica-

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled
"An Act making appropriations to
pay the salaries of officers and em-
ployes of certain eleemosynary in-
stitutions of the State, and other
expenses of maintaining and con-
ducting them for the two fiscal years
beginning September 1, 1919, and
ending August 31, 1921, as follows,
to-wit: State Orphan Home, Confed-
erate Woman's Home, Confederate
Home, Epileptic Colony, Deaf, Dumb
and Blind Institute for Colored
Youths, State Institute for the Train-
ing of Juveniles, Girls' Training
School, Tuberculosis Sanitarium,
Carlsbad; State Lunatic Asylum,
State Pasteur Institute, Southwest-
ern Insane Asylum, North Texas
Hospital for the Insane, Hospital for
Negro Insane, State Hospital for
Crippled Children, State Farm Colony
for Feeble Minded, State Bureau of
Child and Animal Protection, and
declaring an emergency."

House has adopted S. C. R. 6, pro-
viding for a joint session to witness
presentation of D. S. C. to Captain
Gillis Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. REESE,

Chief Clerk, House of Representa-
tives.

Bill Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor
Johnson) had referred, after its cap-
tion had been read, the following
House Bill:

H. B. No. 4, referred to the Com-
mittee on Finance.

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

The Chair laid before the Senate
on second reading:

H. J. R. No. 1, Ratifying an
amendment to the Constitution of the
United States of America proposed
by the Sixty-sixth Congress of the
United States of America at its First
Session, begun and held at the city

of Washington on Monday the nine-
teenth day of May, one thousand
nine hundred and nineteen, which
amendment provides, in substance,
that the right of citizens of the
United States to vote shall not be
denied or abridged by the United
States or by any State on account of
sex; and that Congress shall have
power to enforce this article by ap-
propriate legislation.

Pending.

Joint Session.

At eleven o'clock a. m. Senator
Caldwell raised the point that the
hour for the joint session heretofore
provided for, had arrived. The
Chair directed that the Senate march
in a body to the House, there to
witness the ceremonies of confer-
ring the Distinguished Service Cross
upon Captain Gillis Johnson of Ft.
Worth.

Recess.

At 12:25 o'clock p. m. the Senate
on motion of Senator Westbrook, re-
cessed until 2:30 o'clock today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by
Lieutenant Governor Johnson.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 24, 1919.

To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Senator Suiter
and Representative Yantis, I submit
for your consideration the following
subject, to-wit: "An Act granting
cities and towns power to reassess
the cost of street and sidewalk im-
provements where prior assessment is
erroneous or declared void; and au-
thorizing such assessments where no
previous assessment has ever been
made; authorizing the procedure
therefor, and declaring an emer-
gency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,

Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: My attention has been called to the increased volume of work in the General Land Office, occasioned by the development of the mineral resources of this State.

I am informed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office that since the appropriation was made for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919, that the volume of work has almost doubled, and that the clerical assistance provided in the appropriation bill for this year is entirely inadequate for the expeditious service desired by the public at the hands of this Department.

I therefore submit for your consideration the matter of an emergency appropriation for the General Land Office for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Buchanan of Scurry and Representative Stewart, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act to amend Article 1390, Title 28, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the proceedings for the removal of county seat so as to provide that in all counties having not more than 150 freeholders and qualified voters, the application for the election for said purpose shall be held sufficient when it shall have been signed by a majority of the resident freeholders and qualified voters of the county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Senator Gibson, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act repealing Sections one (1) to thir-

teen (13), both numbers inclusive, of Chapter 58, Special Laws enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved March 19, 1913, the same being an Act granting to Fannin County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Walker, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act to repeal House Bill No. 631, Chapter 94, Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, State of Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Terrell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as 'Gallatin Independent School District' in Cherokee County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representatives Johnson, of Travis, Teer and Pedigo, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act creating the Pflugerville Independent School District in Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Tilson, I submit the following subject for your consideration: "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised

Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as the same was amended by Chapter 114 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, by striking therefrom the word 'Bailey,' etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Bonham, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to establish school district No. 6, in San Patricio County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Hamilton, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act enlarging the Zephyr independent school district in Brown County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

At the request of Representative Bonham, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act creating the Bloomington independent school district in Victoria County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.
To the Second Called Session of the
Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 7819 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as the same was amended by Chapter 37, of the Gen-

eral Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, defining who are public warehousemen and warehouses, and repealing Article 7827 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as the same was amended by Chapter 37 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to private warehouses and the limitations of the operations under the existing law of private warehouses and the issuance of warehouse receipts by private warehouses, and adding to the existing law Article 7827a, providing that all warehouses in the State shall be under the supervision of the Commission of Markets and Warehouses, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved May 25, 1917; and providing further that all warehouse receipts issued by any warehousemen in Texas shall be subject to the provisions and penalties of the Uniform Warehouse Receipts Act, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature, the same being Chapter 126 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it the duty of the superintendents of every State institution where men, women or children are kept, either wholly or in part at the expense of the State, shall report annually to the State Health Offices such information relative to the physical condition of the inmates of such institution as may be required by the State Health Officer, on such forms as may be prescribed by the State Health Officer, making it the duty of the State Health Officer to visit such State institutions when in his judgment an epidemic of any infectious or contagious disease threatens inmates of such institutions, and to make a thorough investigation of such institutions, giving him the power to call to his assistance

of the organization, and the names or postoffice addresses of the officers and directors thereof; fixing the penalty for the violations of the provisions of this Act; fixing the salary of each Railroad Commissioner for the additional services required of said Commissioners in the administration and enforcement of the pipe line law and the oil and gas conservation law; providing the manner of payment thereof and designating the fund from which such salaries and other necessary expenses shall be paid; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Gibson:

S. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the 'Three P Independent School District' in Fannin County, Texas, designating its territory; providing for a board of trustees thereof; defining the powers and duties of said independent school district and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Page:

S. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7380 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, by requiring those engaged in the business of a wholesale or retail dealer of pistols or in the business of leasing or renting pistols to make quarterly reports on certain dates, under oath, to the Comptroller showing the gross amount collected and uncollected from any and all sales, conditional sales, leases, rentals or transfers of pistols in this State, during the next preceding quarter and requiring them to pay an occupation tax for the quarter beginning on said dates equal to fifty per cent of said gross receipts as shown by said reports, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hertzberg:

S. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent persons who have given a mortgage on personal property for the purchase thereof, or any subsequent purchaser of said property, if such mortgage lien has been recorded, from removing or allowing same to be removed from the place

designated in such mortgage, without giving written notice to the mortgagee of such intention to remove said property and the place where same is to be removed or after such removal without giving written notice to the mortgagee of each subsequent removal of said property and the place where same is to be removed, providing a penalty for the violation thereof and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

Whereas Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, is soon to return to the U. S. and will make a tour of our country, presenting the League of Nations Covenant to our people, and whereas the Cities of Dallas and Houston have invited the President to visit these cities and since the representatives of the people of Texas are now assembled in Austin, and the Legislature will no doubt be in session when the President makes his tour of the United States.

Therefore be it resolved by the Senate of Texas, the members of the House concurring, that Mr. Wilson be invited to include the Capital City of the State of Texas in his itinerary and that he address a joint session of the Legislature at such time as he may elect.

SMITH,
COUSINS,
CALDWELL.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Messages From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in Called Session:

At the request of Senator Hertzberg, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to prevent persons who have given a mortgage on personal property for the purchase thereof, or any subsequent purchaser of said property, if such mortgage lien has been recorded, from removing or allowing same to be removed from the place designated in such mortgage, without first giving written notice to the

mortgagee of such intention to remove said property and the place where same is to be removed, or after such removal without first giving written notice to the mortgagee of each subsequent removal of said property and the place where same is to be removed, providing a penalty for the violation thereof; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in Called Session:

At the request of Senator Gibson, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to create the 'Three P Independent School District in Fannin County,' Texas," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in Called Session:

At the request of Senators Alderdice, Buchanan of Bell, McNealus and Caldwell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the 32nd Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, and as amended by Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the State of Texas as passed by the 36th Legislature, relating to the compensation of official shorthand reporters, repealing all laws in conflict with this section; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen:—

I beg to submit for your consideration the following subjects, to-wit:

First. The passage of a law requiring the owners and operators of oil and gas wells to report to the Railroad Commission of Texas the amount of oil and gas produced and

disposed of, with the price for which same was sold, together with the receipts from the sale or transfer of leases or other property, and the disbursements made in connection with or for the benefit of such business, and requiring all persons, firms, partnerships, joint stock associations, corporations, or other organizations, domestic or foreign, operating wholly or partially within this State, acting as principal or agent for another, for the purpose of drilling, owning or operating any oil or gas well, or owning or controlling leases or oil and mineral rights, or the transportation of oil or gas by pipe line, to file with the Railroad Commission of Texas, at Austin, the name of the Company or Organization, giving the name and post office address of the organization, the plan under which it was organized, and the names and post office addresses of the trustee or trustees thereof.

Second. When the first appropriation for the Railroad Commission of Texas was made in 1891, the salary of the Commissioners was fixed at \$4,000.00 per annum and for twenty-eight years has remained the same. Two years ago the Legislature substantially increased the salaries (fixed by statute) of all the heads and a number of the clerks and assistants of the different State Departments, with the exception of the Railroad Commissioners. Since that time additional duties have been placed upon the Railroad Commission by the passage of the Pipe Line Law and the Oil and Gas Conservation Law. These two laws are among the most far reaching laws that have been passed by the Texas Legislature in recent years and they entail no little amount of labor. In view of the fact that the Railroad Commissioners are the only officials whose salaries (fixed by statute) have not been increased during the last twenty-five years and in view of the fact that additional duties have been placed upon the Railroad Commissioners, and taking into consideration the greatly increased cost of living, I feel more than justified in recommending that the Legislature grant an increase in salary to the Railroad Commissioners, making the same \$6,000.00 per year.

I therefore recommend that the Legislature increase the salaries of our Railroad Commissioners to that

amount, and would respectfully suggest that the increase be paid out of the fund created by Section 11, Chapter 30, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which fund is derived from a tax of one-twentieth of one per cent of the market value of crude petroleum produced within the State.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

The enactment of legislation authorizing State participation in Road Construction in Texas, together with the financial aid received from federal appropriations in building highways, has resulted in the inauguration of a very active campaign of road building throughout the State. So numerous are the construction projects being undertaken that the demand for road building material is very great, taxing the supply of such materials. Not only is this active demand for materials calculated to cause prices to be increased, but raises the question of sufficiency of supplies without unduly delaying construction of important highways.

I therefore submit to your consideration the enactment of legislation authorizing the State Prison Commission to acquire necessary forms of property and essential equipment for the manufacture and production of road building material, and to utilize State prison labor in such work. The State and national government having authorized and encouraged this program of active road construction, it becomes the duty of the State to use such agencies as may be in its power to assure to the counties engaged in road construction a supply of materials at prices that are reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Bledsoe, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Section 11 of

House Bill No. 175, enacted at the Fourth Called Session of the Legislature, defining the boundaries of the Woodrow Common School District No. 21, in Lubbock County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representatives Hall, Kittrell, Davidson and Murphy, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act creating the Crosby Independent School District, in the County of Harris, State of Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 28, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of
the State of Texas in Second
Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen:—

At the request of Senator Page, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 7380 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 by requiring those engaged in the business of a wholesale or retail dealer of pistols or in the business of leasing or renting pistols to make quarterly reports on certain dates, under oath, to the Comptroller showing the gross amount collected and uncollected from any and all sales, conditional sales, leases, rental or transfer of pistols in the State, during the next preceding quarter and requiring them to pay an occupation tax for the quarter beginning on said dates equal to fifty per cent of said gross receipts as shown by said reports, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

H. J. R. No. 1, Ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the

the granted area such wharves, piers, structures, or other improvements for State or government purposes as may be authorized by law, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt Colorado County from the provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and to postpone the eradication of ticks in said County until January 1, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Senator Buchanan of Scurry:

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3, Article 3889 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by House Bill No. 449, Chapter 158 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, fixing the maximum fees that may be retained by the county judge, sheriff, clerk of the county court, county attorney, clerk of the district court, collector of taxes, assessor of taxes, justice of the peace and constable in counties having a population of less than 25,000, providing that this Act shall not apply to counties with a population under twenty-five thousand, that constitute a separate judicial district, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Suiter:

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2909-(f), Title 48, Chapter 20 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas so as to provide that any text-book contractor shall make a bond of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for each basal text book adopted, and three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for each supplementary text book adopted; providing that the contract and bond shall be prepared by the Attorney General, payable in Travis County; providing that the bond may be sued upon from time to time; providing that the Text Book Commission,

may, upon twenty days' notice, require a new bond to be given."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Messages From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Horton I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating and incorporating the Desoto Independent School District in Dallas County, Texas."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of various members of the House and Senate, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 6923, Chapter 3, Title 119 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, providing that the Commissioners' Court in each county fix the amount to be collected by road overseers from road hands in lieu of service."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 16 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as shown on page 26 thereof, and as amended by Chapter 58 of the same Legislature, as shown on page 103 thereof, relating to the creation of a Juvenile Board for certain counties in this State, and prescribing the duties and powers of such Board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation for such

officers; and allowing the District Judges and County Judges composing such Boards additional salary for services so rendered, to be paid out of the general fund of such county; and repealing all laws in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act, to amend Sections 1 and 15 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved April 3, 1918, creating the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas, and adding thereto Section 17, providing for the extension of the term of said Commission from the last Saturday in June 1920, until the last Saturday in June 1922, for the appointment of Judges for said extended term, and for an appropriation to carry out the purposes of this amendment, and declaring an emergency.'"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 1202 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 112 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 2, 1913, and as amended by Chapter 91 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, so as to fix the salaries of probation officers in this State, and to re-enact said Article as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 112 of the Thirty-third Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to exchange court reports, Session acts, and other publications of the State for like publications of other States, and of the United States and of foreign countries, for the benefit of the Law Library of the University of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Childress, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend certain laws of the Thirty-third Legislature creating a more efficient road system for Falls County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands and flats in and under the waters of Matagorda Bay, belonging to the State of Texas, adjacent and contiguous to the William Simpson League, in Matagorda County, Texas; to provide the conditions and terms of the purchase thereof and for the issuance of permits and patents therefor; to authorize the dredging, deepening, widening, and maintaining of channels through and across, or partially through and across, said lands and flats; prescribing the method of application and survey for the purchase of said lands and flats; and providing that from and after the filing of an application for the purchase of said lands and flats, the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall not receive any application for permit to

prospect for petroleum, oil or natural gas in, on or under the area or waters included in such application, or any part thereof, and that such Commissioner shall not grant any right to prospect for such minerals in, on or under said area, and providing that the State shall and does reserve all the minerals that may be within the area; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 159 of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, establishing a State Home for Neglected and Dependent Children, so as to provide that the Lieutenant Governor, instead of the Governor shall be a member of the Board to select a site for said institution, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: In my message to your honorable body when it convened in Regular Session in January last, I recommended legislation which would give to the State the benefit of a classified public service based upon merit.

Earnestly believing that the time has come in the administration of the government of this State for the inauguration of an intelligent Civil Service System, I am herewith renewing the recommendation made to the Legislature at the Regular Session for the enactment of a law, which will seek to place all employment in the service of the State upon a basis of competency and individual merit.

The administration of the affairs of the State of Texas has come to require the service of so large a number of persons, many of whom must possess special qualifications

for the most efficient service, that it is manifestly wasteful and destructive to good public service, to continue longer the haphazard policy founded upon political favoritism in the selection of employees of the State.

Most of the States of the Union long since applied the merit system to the their public service, and in each instance it is asserted that distinctly advantageous results have been procured both in the economy of the administration of the affairs of the State, and in the improved efficiency of the service.

The enactment of the so-called Board of Control Bill will mean a distinct departure in the old policy of administration in our eleemosynary institutions, placing their control, it is believed, under more intelligent business direction. In effecting this improvement in administrative methods, it will be found particularly desirable to provide that a large number of employees which will come under the control of this Board should be selected and retained upon the basis of individual qualifications for the performance of the duties assigned.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the Legislature the importance to the public service of well considered legislation calculated to place Texas in the front rank of the State applying tests of individual fitness to those who would enter its service. Efficiency in administration, economy in expenditures, and good public policy each call for the establishment in the State of a sound, practical Civil Service System.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Cox, of Taylor County, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 139, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its regular session, denominated 'an Act to create

the Eighty-eighth judicial district, etc.'"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representatives Hall, Davidson, Kittrell and Murphy, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 2 and 8, Senate Bill No. 312, Chapter 6; of the local and special Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, creating the La Porte Independent School District, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Tidwell, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 54, House Bill No. 432 of the Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature and approved March 16, 1909, entitled an Act creating an Independent School District in the County of Ellis."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Osborn I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to create and establish the Phenix Independent School District in Kaufman County, Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Dud-

ley, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, of Chapter 83 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved on the 16th day of March, 1917, as amended by Chapter 170 of the same session of the Legislature, which last chapter was approved March 31st, 1917, pertaining to the prospecting for and development of minerals in the Public Free School Lands, University, Asylum, and other public lands and waters, repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Horton, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1 of House Bill No. 606, Chapter 70, of the Special Laws of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, 1917, entitled: 'An Act creating and incorporating the Wilmer Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, etc.'"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, June 28, 1919.

To the Thirty-Sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

In my message to your honorable body, when it convened in regular session in January last, I recommended legislation which would give to the State the benefit of a classified public service based upon merit.

Earnestly believing that the time has come in the administration of the government of this State for the inauguration of an intelligent Civil Service System, I am herewith renewing the recommendation made to the Legislature at the regular session for the enactment of a law which will seek to place all employment in the service of the State upon a basis of competency and individual merit.

The administration of the affairs of the State of Texas has come to re-

quire the service of so large a number of persons, many of whom must possess special qualifications for the most efficient service, that it is manifestly wasteful and destructive to good public service to continue longer the haphazard policy founded upon political favoritism in the selection of employees of the State.

Most of the States of the Union long since applied the merit system to their public service, and in each instance it is asserted that distinctly advantageous results had been procured, both in the economy of administration of the affairs of the State, and in the improved efficiency of the service.

The enactment of the so-called Board of Control Bill will mean a distinct departure in the old policy of administration in our eleemosynary institutions, placing their control, it is believed, under more intelligent business direction. In effecting this improvement in administrative methods, it will be found particularly desirable to provide that the large number of employees which will come under the control of this Board should be selected and retained upon the basis of individual qualifications for the performance of the duties assigned.

I can not too strongly urge upon the Legislature the importance to the public service of well considered legislation calculated to place Texas in front rank of the States applying tests of individual fitness to those who would enter its services. Efficiency in administration, economy in expenditures, and good public policy each call for the establishment in the State of a sound, practicable Civil Service System.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Neill, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Article 3889 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by House Bill No. 449, Chapter 158 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, fixing the maximum fees that may be retained by

the county judge, sheriff, clerk of the county court, county attorney, clerk of the district court, collector of taxes, justice of the peace and constable in counties having a population of less than twenty-five thousand, providing that this Act shall not apply to counties with a population under twenty-five thousand; that constitute a judicial district."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 28, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: Permit me to invite your attention to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, adopted at the First Called Session of the Legislature, directing the heads of the various departments of the State government to re-employ all soldiers holding honorable discharges in the same capacity and at the same salary they were employed in prior to enlistment and further directing the Governor as Chief Executive to see that the purpose of the resolution was fully carried out. It was my pleasure to direct a personal letter to the heads of each of the various departments with which I enclosed a copy of the resolution.

That you may be fully informed of the result accomplished, by your action, I submit herewith copies of replies received in this office from the heads of the respective departments, showing that not only had ex-soldiers holding former positions in the departments been reemployed but that existing vacancies available were, where possible, filled by discharged soldiers who had not formerly been employed in the departments.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Board of Water Engineers,
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 20, 1919.

To the Governor, Executive Office.

Sir: I am directed by the Board of Water Engineers to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, trans-

mitted through the Executive Department.

The Board directs me also to say that early in 1917 Richard Thaxton, an employee of this Department, entered the military service of the Government. Upon receiving his discharge, after the signing of the armistice, the activities of this Board were exerted in his behalf, and a position obtained for him with one of the largest canal companies in the Rio Grande Valley at a salary much in excess of that he was receiving while in the employ of the State.

In the summer of 1918, Mr. T. R. Spence, an employee of this Department, entered the military service of the Government. He received his discharge two months ago, and his former position was awaiting him in this Department had he desired to be again employed, but other opportunities have opened for him and he did not desire reinstatement in his old position. He will be in the service of the State, however, in another department.

About two months ago this Department became advised that Mr. J. E. Powers, a lieutenant of the Aviation Service, formerly an employee of the United States Geological Survey in western states, in co-operative work with another state than Texas, would be available for the class of work being conducted by the Board of Water Engineers of Texas in stream measurement, and as soon as opportunity presented Mr. Powers was tendered a position by this Department in work in co-operation with the United States survey which he accepted May 1, and he is now so employed.

Respectfully,
JAMES HAYS QUARLES,
Secretary.

General Land Office.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, State Capitol.

Dear Sir: In yours of the 20th instant you enclose copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which is a request by the Legislature that all departments restore former employees, who gave them up to enter the war, their former positions when

they shall have returned from the war, and that you be authorized to see that the purpose of the resolution is fully carried out.

Permit me to say that when the war came on there were three that enlisted from this Department. One of them, Major John W. Hawkins, has returned and resumed his former position in this Department on the 15th instant, which was in keeping with my promise to him when he went away. Another, Lee Ehlinger, has not yet returned, but when he does his place will also be available if he desires it. I have had his wife in the Department since he went away. Mr. J. O. Garnett has not yet returned from his service with the Y. M. C. A. in the Army, but if he should desire a place when he returns it shall be given him. His wife has been in the Department since he went away. I also have another "war widow" in the Department, as I call the wives of absent soldiers. Also Langdon Bradfield, who joined the flying department of the war and who, while flying, fell behind a German line and imprisoned a few months and has been discharged and he now has employment here.

May I express the hope that you will find this record satisfactory.

Respectfully,
J. T. ROBISON,
Commissioner.

Adjutant General's Department.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 23, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Governor: I am in receipt of your letter calling my attention to copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, adopted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature. Replying thereto, beg to advise that I will be very glad to concur in your wishes, and shall lend my cooperation to the matter of carrying out the policy advocated by you in this resolution.

Recently I have put on a discharged soldier in my Department who has had a foot amputated as a result of wounds received in France.

Thanking you for calling my attention to this matter, and assuring you of my desire to cooperate with

you in this, as in all other matters,
I am,

Very sincerely yours,
JAS. A. HARLEY.

The Adjutant General, State of
Texas.

Reclamation Department.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 19, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, Cap-
itol, City.

Dear Governor: I am just in re-
ceipt of copy of House Resolution No.
3, sent me by your office, bearing upon
the subject of the reinstatement of
former employes of State depart-
ments upon their discharge from the
military service.

Three of our men were called into
the army. One of them we were
glad to receive back to his former
position on receiving his discharge,
another obtained a better position
with the State University, and the
third, I deeply regret to say, died
while in the service of the United
States.

Very respectfully yours,
ARTHUR A. STILES,
State Reclamation Engineer.

Department of Insurance and
Banking.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, June 12, 1919.

His Excellency, the Honorable W.
P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Aus-
tin, Texas.

My Dear Governor Hobby: Re-
plying to your letter of May 20, en-
closing a copy of House Concurrent
Resolution No. 3, suggesting that
State departments follow the policy
of employing soldiers who gave up
their positions with them to join the
army, I take pleasure in advising
that in so far as it has been practi-
cable the Department of Insurance
and Banking has pursued that
course.

We have today on our depart-
mental staff nine young men who
saw service either in the military or
naval branches of the war establish-
ment.

Very sincerely yours,
GEO. WAVERLY BRIGGS,
Commissioner.

Live Stock Sanitary Commission
of Texas.

506 Flatiron Building.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 26, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: I have yours of the
20th with enclosed copy of House
Concurrent Resolution No. 3,
adopted by the First Called Session
of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

In this connection, I most respect-
fully beg to advise than am heartily
in accord with this resolution.
Whenever the occasion presents it-
self, wherein I can secure the serv-
ices of one of our soldier boys that
I think can fill the place as an in-
spector, it will be my pleasure to
employ him. However up to the
present time I have received only
two or three applications from dis-
charged soldiers.

Yours respectfully,
W. A. WALLACE,
Chairman.

Treasury Department.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of
Texas, Capitol.

My Dear Governor Hobby: This
is to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of May 20th, directing my at-
tention to the House concurrent re-
solution which provides for the re-
employment of honorably discharged
and returned soldiers, and I assure
you that I shall conform to the spirit
and purpose of this resolution.

Sincerely yours,
JNO. W. BAKER,
State Treasurer.

Railroad Commission of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 27, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Capitol.

Dear Sir: This will acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
20th inst. with which you enclose to
this Commission copy of House
Concurrent Resolution No. 3, with
reference to the re-employment by
the State departments of discharged
soldiers.

This Commission will gladly co-
operate.

Yours respectfully,
ALLISON MAYFIELD,
Chairman.

Department of Agriculture.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 23, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of
Texas, Capitol.

My Dear Sir: Your letter of May 20th enclosing soldier employment resolutions adopted by the Legislature, before me.

You are advised that this Department has re-employed all persons who gave up their places in it and entered the army. We are in hearty sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the resolution and in fact we have given employment to one or two discharged soldiers who were not employed by us before entering the army.

Very truly yours,
FRED W. DAVIS,
Commissioner.

Department of State.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 31, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Capitol.

Dear Governor: Your letter of May 20, 1919, in reference to taking back into the Department soldiers who have gone into the service, received.

I take pleasure in telling you I offered Dr. Brophy, who left this Department to go into the service, a position in this office long before the Legislature passed its resolution and had made all provisions to take him back.

I appreciate your letting me know your wish in this matter and at any time this Department can be of service to you, kindly advise.

Yours very truly,
GEO. F. HOWARD,

Game, Fish & Oyster Commissioner.
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 23, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin,
Texas.

My Dear Governor: Your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, adopted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, just received, and in reply to same beg to say: While this Department had no men in the service, we are heartily in sympathy with the spirit

and purpose of said resolution, and it is our purpose to employ returning soldiers and sailors whenever there is an opportunity, provided, of course that they are qualified to fill the specific position, as we have recently done in the case of John Heslip, a wounded soldier from the Thirty-sixth Division.

Sincerely yours,
J. R. JEFFERSON,
Chief Deputy, Game, Fish and
Oyster Commission.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Senate of the Thirty-sixth
Legislature in Second Called Ses-
sion.

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate in the appointment of Hon. Frank Morris of Stephenville as district attorney of the Twenty-ninth Judicial District, vice Hon. William Pannill, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: Recent investigation into the subject has convinced me of the inadequacy of the present statutes relating to the parole of convicts. Recent practices have had a tendency to commercialize prison labor wherein it would seem that the purpose of the law should be to give proper recognition to the good conduct of prisoners that the conditions of the individual prisoner might be bettered that he could be given a chance to prove himself worthy of confidence. In view of the various abuses that have arisen in the administration of the parole law, I take the liberty of suggesting the advisability of appointing a joint committee of two from the Senate, and three from the House to meet and confer with the Honorable Board of Prison Commissioners and the Honorable Board of Pardon Advisors and myself, to the end that proper corrective legislation may be formulated in the interest of the betterment of the prison system.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Bailey and Representative Bonham, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act granting to the city of Rockport, Texas, all right, title and interest of the State of Texas, to certain land lying and being situated under the waters of Aransas Bay; declaring such granted area to be the 'Rockport Shipping District,' and defining the purpose for which same is to be used; granting to said city of Rockport the right, power and authority to locate, construct, own and maintain within said granted territory such seawalls or breakwaters as may be necessary or desirable and to fill in the space between same and the mainland, and declaring all area formed by such filling in to be the property of the city of Rockport, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Clark, I beg to submit the following subject for your consideration:

"An Act to exempt Colorado County from the provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws of the Regular Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and to postpone the eradication of ticks in said county until January 1, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 94 of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature being an act, approved on March 20, 1919, so as to make it the duty of commissioners courts to provide

suitable places in the court house for holding of the justice court in precincts containing twenty-five thousand inhabitants or more, located at the county seat, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative J. T. Canales, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subjects:

"An Act creating the Los Indios Independent School District in Cameron County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

"An Act adding to and making a part of the Raymondville Independent School District of Cameron County, Texas, certain lands and territory adjoining thereto situated in Cameron County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

"An Act adding to and making a part of the Rio Hondo Independent School District of Cameron County, Texas, certain lands and territory situated in Cameron County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative B. F. Vaughan, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act amending the Rockwall County road laws."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the suggestion of Representative Tilson, I beg to submit the following subject for your consideration:

"An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Sixty-fourth Judicial District of Texas, and to vali-

date all process, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, or to be rendered, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Caldwell, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject to wit:

"An Act to make an appropriation of one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars to reimburse the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for expenditures made at Camp Mabry, Texas and remaining on hand unpaid at the close of the war, out of the University available fund, in pursuance of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12, passed at the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 2, Regarding welcome to 141st Infantry:

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. REESE,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Whereas, the 141st Infantry, composed of Texas and Oklahoma men, who rendered a vallant and heroic service on the battlefield in France are due to arrive in Austin to-day; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a cordial invitation be extended to them to visit the Capitol and that they be given the privilege of the floor in both the Senate and the

House of Representatives and that during their visit the rules of the Senate and House regarding admission be suspended, to the end that the public may be present and join with us in this expression of esteem and affection for our brave soldiers; and be it further

Resolved that the Chief Clerk of the House, and the Secretary of the Senate, be instructed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the officer in command, immediately on their arrival in Austin.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Bill No. 3.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay salaries of Judges, and for the support of the Judicial Department of the State Government for the two years, beginning September 1st, 1919, and ending August 31st, 1921, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Dorough offered the following amendment:

Amend the Bill, page 8, line 20, by striking out the figure "500," and "500" and insert in lieu thereof in both places "750."

On motion of Senator Westbrook the amendment was tabled.

Senator Dean offered the following:

Amend Senate Bill No. 3 by striking out line 7, page 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Salary of Assistant Attorney General is hereby fixed at the sum of \$3,600.00 per annum.

Senator Hopkins raised the point of order that the salary of this officer is already fixed by law and cannot be changed in this manner.

The point of order was over ruled. Action recurred upon the amendment and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Alderdice.	Dorough.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Dudley.
Caldwell.	Faust.
Dayton.	Hertzberg.
Dean.	Rector.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Gibson, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Bailey.	Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Cousins.	Rector.
Dayton.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Dorough.	Westbrook.
Dudley.	Williford.
Faust.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Parr.
Johnston.	Smith.

Senate Bill No. 31.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Sections one (1) to thirteen (13) both numbers inclusive, of Chapter 58, Special Laws enacted by Regular Session Thirty-third Legislature, approved March 19, 1913, the same being an Act granting to Fannin County, Texas, a more efficient road law and adopting for said county the General Laws of the State in relation to the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads or turnpikes or in aid thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Gibson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 31 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Clark.
Bailey.	Cousins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Dayton.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Dean.
Caldwell.	Dorough.

Dudley.	Page.
Faust.	Rector.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Hertzberg.	Williford.
Hopkins.	Witt.
McNealus.	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Parr.
Johnston.	Smith.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Gibson, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Bailey.	Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Cousins.	Rector.
Dayton.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Dorough.	Westbrook.
Dudley.	Williford.
Faust.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Parr.
Johnston.	Smith.

Simple Resolution No. 13.

Be It Resolved, By the Senate of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, Second Called Session, that J. F. Cosgrove be employed to carry papers from the Senate to Confederate Home, and that he be paid for his services the sum of \$2.00 per day.

Dorough, Suiter, Cousins, Bailey, Westbrook, Floyd, Rector, Williford, Dayton, Gibson, Caldwell, Smith, Witt, Hertzberg, Clark, Faust, Hall.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Hertz-

berg, I submit for your consideration the following:

"An Act providing for a service medal for the soldiers, sailors, marines and others who were part of the armed forces of the United States or of Texas during the years 1917 and 1918," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Senate of the Thirty-sixth Legislature:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate in the appointment of Hon. W. D. Crockett of Chappel Hill, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Washington Park, vice Hon. D. C. Giddings of Brenham, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

The above was read and referred to the Committee on Nominations by the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 150, Acts of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature, denominated 'An Act to amend Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of Chapter 35, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, which is an act to regulate the sale of cocaine and other drugs,' etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Satterwhite, I submit the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act authorizing corporations incorporated to guarantee land titles and indemnify the holders thereof against loss by reason of defects in title, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Satterwhite, I submit for your consideration the following subject to-wit:

"An Act to create the Board of Public Printing; provide for a secretary who shall also be State Expert Printer, and fixing his salary; providing clerical help for the State expert Printer; to provide for the lettering of contracts for printing, binding and furnishing stationery and other supplies; to authorize the secretary of state to employ the necessary help for the expeditious printing and mailing of the laws; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Davidson, I submit the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to provide for the construction of a road and highway in and through the San Jacinto State Park, and to provide for the use of convict labor for the construction of such road and highway, and to appropriate out of the general revenue, not heretofore appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the construction and maintenance of such road, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Tidwell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 6272, Title 105, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes, of 1911, defining indigency as provided by the Civil Statutes in said Title 105, Chapter 2; and fixing the fees of the county judges for hearing Confederate pension, and providing that said fee shall be \$2.00, and that the same shall be paid out of the general funds of the

county treasury upon presentment of an account therefor to the commissioners' court, and that said fees shall be accounted for as other fees of office by the officer receiving the same; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Williford, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to establish Common School District No. 45, in Freestone County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Hornby, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to exempt Uvalde County from hide inspection law."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Johnson, of Travis County, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 657 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of funding bonds by counties; providing for the rate of interest such bonds may bear; the maturity of same; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Legislature of the State of
Texas in Second Called Session
Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to define and regulate the

practice of veterinary medicines, surgery, dentistry, creating a Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the examining and licensing of veterinary physicians and surgeons, dentists, and prescribing their powers, duties and qualifications; providing for the proper registration of veterinary physicians, surgeons and dentists, and providing for the revocation of their licenses and fixing suitable penalties for the violations of this Act; repealing Chapter 76 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session Assembled:
Gentlemen: At the request of
Representative Curtis, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to define junk dealers; to require such dealers, to keep a record of junk transactions; to forbid the purchase of certain articles by such dealers from minors; to prescribe penalties; to repeal House Bill No. 90, passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled

'An Act regulating the purchase of junk by persons engaged as junk dealers or in the junk business, providing for uniform affidavits of junk dealers, and for the same to be kept in well-bound books, subject to the inspection of the public, providing punishment for violation of the same; defining the term 'Junk Dealers' and 'Junk Business,' and repealing all laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency;' and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session Assembled:
At the request of Representative
Winfree, I submit for your consid-

eration the following subject, to-wit:
 "An Act creating the Lovelady School District in Houston County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY,
 Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
 To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator McNealus and numerous petitioners, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act establishing a State Athletic Commission regulating the art of boxing and sparring exhibitions or performances in the State of Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY,
 Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
 To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session Assembled:
 Gentlemen: At the request Representative McMillan, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 3871. Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as the same was amended by Chapter 158, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature relating to the compensation to be paid the assessor of taxes for assessing taxes for the State, County, drainage districts, road districts, or other political subdivisions of the county, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY,
 Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.
 To the Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Title 8, Chapter 2, of the code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, by adding to said Chapter 3 articles to be known as Article 657a, 657b and 657c, providing that in all capital cases the county or district attorney prosecut-

ing same, may file a waiver of the death penalty, and the court may in his discretion refuse a special venire, when said waiver is filed, and in such event pre-emptory challenges to be ten each for State and defendant and that jurors having conscientious scruples in regard to the infliction of the death penalty for crimes shall not be disqualified as jurors, when no special venire is ordered by the court, after said waiver, and providing that the Court shall advise the jury in his charge of the waiver, and in case the jury shall assess the death penalty regardless of said waiver for a new trial unless the defendant or his counsel has requested the jury to return such penalty in case of conviction, and providing that defendants may on application secure a special venire, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
 Austin Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of Texas in Second Called Session:
 At the request of Senator Hopkins I submit for your consideration the following subjects, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Art. 1206 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that the dissolution of a corporation shall not operate to abate any pending suit and so as to provide that suit may be maintained against the corporation," etc.

"An Act to amend Art. 5648 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to limit the time in which a person under 21 years of age, or in the military or naval service of the United States, in time of war, or of unsound mind, or imprisoned, may institute suit for recovery of real estate," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Dorrough, I beg to submit the following subject for your consideration:

"An Act to amend An Act Entitled 'An Act to incorporate the City of Texarkana, Texas, as a city of the

first class, as a city of 10,000 and over inhabitants, to grant said city a special charter, approved May 2nd, 1907, as amended by an Act entitled 'An Act to amend House Bill No. 743, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Caldwell, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act prohibiting the teaching of the German Language in any school in Texas," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session, Assembled:
Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act amending Article 7220 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 providing that the returns of election for preventing hogs and certain other animals from running at large shall be tabulated and counted in the same manner as provided for all general elections in the State of Texas and further validating all such elections held in any county of this State where such election has been held upon proper petition presented to the Commissioner's Court, upon proper order and notice of such election, and where a majority of the free-holders voting at such election have voted in favor of same."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session Assembled:
Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to lease islands, salt water lakes, bays, inlets, reefs and marshes, owned by the State within tide water limits, and that portion of the Gulf of Mexico within the jurisdiction of the State of Texas, for the production of oil and natural gas; authorizing

the Commissioner of the General Land office to adopt necessary rules and regulations in relation thereto; prescribing the terms upon which leases may be issued; providing for the advertisement of the areas before they are leased; prescribing the requirements for applications; providing for the recognition or abandonment of former surveys; prescribing how and when royalty shall be paid; appropriating the proceeds to the public free school fund and the game, fish and oyster fund; creating a first lien in favor of the State; providing for off-set wells; providing against pollution of water and authorizing the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner to enforce rules against such pollution; providing that leases may be transferred or relinquished to the State; providing for forfeiture of leases if the owner should fail or refuse to comply with the law and rules and regulations adopted relative thereto; providing for the opening of roads as ways of ingress and egress to and from leased areas; providing for the protection of valid rights heretofore acquired and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 2909 (f), Title 48, Chapter 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide that any Text Book Contractor shall make a bond of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars adopted, provided that the bond and Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars, for each supplementary text-lars, for each basal text book adopted, tract and bond shall be prepared by the Attorney General, payable in Travis County; providing that the bond may be sued upon from time to time; providing that the Text Book Commission, may, upon twenty day's notice, require a new bond to be given, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of
the State of Texas in Second Called
Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for
your consideration the following
subject, to-wit:

"An Act defining live stock commission merchants; requiring such merchants to give bond; providing for the renewal of such bond; the approval and recording of the same; imposing penalties for pursuing the occupation of a live stock commission merchant; when bond has not been made or renewed, or when there has been an intentional breach of said bond, for making materially false statements in the application relative to the fixing the amount of the bond; requiring remittances of the proceeds of stock sold by such commission merchants to be made to the parties rightfully entitled thereto within forty-eight hours after such sale has been made, either in certified check or bank exchange, whenever requested by the parties at interest, and prescribing penalty for failure to comply with such request; requiring the posting of a certified copy of the bond in some conspicuous place in the office of the principal place of business of said live stock commission merchant, and prescribing penalty for failure so to do; providing for suits upon said bond and fixing the venue thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and especially the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, Chapter 49, Regular Session, page 93, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Senate Bill No. 59.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt Colorado County from the provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and to postpone the eradication of ticks in said county until January 1, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

On motion of Senator Clark the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

Lieutenant-Governor W. A. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the the following bills:

H. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Forney Independent School District in Kaufman County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Santa Maria Independent School District in Cameron County, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the election and qualification of a board of trustees therefor; providing for the selection of a secretary, assessor and collector of taxes, and all other necessary officers and committees, and prescribing their qualifications; investing said district with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general laws of the State for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. REESE,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant-Governor Johnson had referred, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 9, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 11, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant-Governor Johnson, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following:

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to employ additional help until August

tion in the interest of the betterment of the prison system.

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The resolution was read and adopted.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

The Chair laid before the Senate: S. C. R. No. 10, Relating to prosecutions under pool hall law, in event of dissolution of injunction granted by Federal Court. (See page 89 of the Journal.)

Senator Hopkins moved the adoption of the resolution.

Senator Gibson moved to table the resolution, and this motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Cousins.	Johnston.
Dudley.	McNealus.
Faust.	Page.
Gibson.	Williford.
Hall.	Woods.

Nays—11.

Alderdice.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Rector.
Clark.	Strickland.
Dayton.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Caldwell.
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Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Smith.
Dean.	Witt.
Parr.	

Pair Recorded.

Senator Hertzberg (present) who would vote "yea"; Senator Suiter (absent) who would vote "no."

The resolution was then read and adopted.

Senate Bill No. 11.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the sale, de-

velopment and patenting of mineral deposits, placers, veins, lodes or any rock or aqueous solutions carrying metallic or non-metallic substances of value excepting oil, natural gas, coal and lignite that may be in any of the land of the public free school fund, University fund, the several asylum funds, that may have been heretofore sold or disposed of by the State with the reservation of minerals therein or which may hereafter be sold with the reservation of minerals therein and all of said lands as were purchased with a relinquishment of the minerals therein, and all lands of which the mineral rights therein have or shall reverted to the State of Texas and the said mineral substances that may be in any fresh water lake, salt water lake, bays, inlets, marshes, reefs, islands, and river beds and channels which belong to the State, repealing all laws in conflict with this Act and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Dudley the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 59.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt Colorado County from the provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and to postpone the eradication of ticks in said county until January 1, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Clark the bill was set as a special order for next Monday at the conclusion of the morning call.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives Quicksall, Newton, and Faubion, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act regulating the sale of and defining agricultural and garden seeds and mixed seeds; requiring their proper labeling; prohibiting

the mixing of seeds unless so labeled; providing for the collection of samples and their extermination; defining noxious weeds and foreign matter; providing that certificate of analysis by the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the prime facie evidence in certain cases and regulating the measure of damages; designating an officer for the enforcement of the law, and fixing penalties for its violation."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator Dayton, I submit the following subject for your consideration:

"An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas relating to county libraries."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Dayton, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act to provide an adequate method of regulating the practice of civil engineering and surveying in the State, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Crompton and Senator Dorrough, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to establish and create a criminal district court for Bowie County,' etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representatives Looney, Horton and John Davis, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act changing the name of the forty-fourth judicial district court of Texas to 'The Dallas County District Court of Domestic Relations' and restricting the jurisdiction in part, and providing for the transfer of cases between the fourteenth and sixty-eighth district courts; and providing for the Dallas County District Court of Domestic Relations to sit as a 'Juvenile Court' and increasing the number and the duties of the probation officers for Dallas County; and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Winfree, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to amend Section 2 of House Bill No. 25, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at the Regular Session, 1913, and approved April 7, 1913, as amended by Chapter 86 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved March 20, 1919, relating to the prorating of the appropriations providing that women now widows, who were the wives of Confederate soldiers and sailors and who after the death of such soldiers or sailors have remarried, may be eligible to the grant of the pension, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Cousins, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to diminish the civil and

criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Tyler County,' etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives Barrett of Jones County, Rosser and Ford, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 67, Special Laws of Texas, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session, entitled 'An Act creating Hamlin Independent School District in Jones County,' etc. and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governors Office,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Miller of Austin, I beg to submit herewith, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, creating the Garwood Independent School District in Colorado County, Texas,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative C. S. Brown, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating Warran Independent School District in Tyler County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Upon the suggestion of the Spe-

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cial Committee from your body to investigate the Blue Ridge Farm, I submit for your consideration,

First: The subject of making any and all changes necessary in the present law to assist the State in enforcing its rights in compelling compliance with and specific performance of the original lease contract and option to buy the Blue Ridge Farm.

Second: The subject of the Parole Laws of Texas.

Third: The subject of amending or changing the present laws so as to provide such method of management of the Prison System as in your judgment may be deemed best.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Gaddy, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to create and establish a court for the trial of criminal causes and offenses of a criminal nature arising within the City of Port Arthur, Texas, and to prescribe its organization, jurisdiction and procedure of other, to conform with the jurisdiction and procedure of other courts thereto, to repeal laws in conflict herewith, and to declare an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Seagler, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act making it unnecessary to publish or post the delinquent tax rolls of the various counties of the State of Texas in order to bring suit for the collection of delinquent taxes due State and County, and making the notices now required by law to be mailed to the Tax Collectors of the various counties of Texas sufficient basis to bring suit in the district court of the county of jurisdiction for all taxes from the year 1885

down to and including the last delinquent year, and further providing that all fees now allowed by law for the collection of delinquent taxes, and all fees allowed by law for suits for such purpose be allowed county officials over and above any maximum fees now allowed them by law, and providing that such fees need not be reported as fees of office, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives Burns, Estes, Lacy, and Miller of Dallas, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1, Article 1984a, Chapter 59, Page 113 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of 1913, relating to the submission of Special Issues in the Trial of Civil Cases."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Loggins, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to create the Gulf Independent School District, in Matagorda County, Texas; to define its boundaries, provide for a Board of Trustees in such independent school district, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8, Chapter 49 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, by raising the age limit of

compulsory attendance to fifteen years, raising the grade of exemption from the fourth to the seventh grade, defining the powers of district and county boards of trustees and of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the enforcement of the compulsory attendance law, raising the compulsory attendance period from one hundred to one hundred and twenty days, and adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 2a, providing that in all private or parochial schools and by all private tutors, whose instruction shall be sufficient to exempt children from attendance in the public schools of this State, the English language shall be used exclusively in the conduct of the work of such school, except that Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Bohemian, or other languages may be taught as a branch of the study; fixing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Johnson, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 104; Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1915, by providing for registration and statistical reports of teachers, superintendents, principals and other school officers in all schools supported wholly or partly by the State of Texas and providing for the withholding of the salary of said teachers, superintendents, principals and other school officers until such reports are made, after due notice has been given, providing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this Act."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representatives Hall, Davidson, Kittrell and Mur-

phy, I submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 7, House Bill No. 97, passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and amended at the regular session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, March 18, 1919, and approved by the Governor March 24, 1919, providing certain manner of marking bales of cotton ginned by each and every ginner, and providing that the quality of bagging shall at all times be such that the marking thereon will under ordinary conditions remain intact and visible, and providing for the closing of any cut made in the bale of cotton for sampling or other purposes; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representatives Murphy, Hall, Davidson, and Kittrell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 1 and 4 of House Bill No. 48, Chapter 19, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, creating the Cedar Bayou Independent School District, providing for the boundaries of said district and the number of trustees to be elected."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 4753, Chapter 2, Title 71 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to deposits of life insurance companies organized under the laws of this State of securities to the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking of the State of Texas for the protection of its policy holders and authorizing the delivery of such securities to the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking of the State of the domicile of a company which may have assumed the obligations to said policy

holders; to repeal all laws in conflict; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Johnson, of Travis County, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 3204 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to authorize the Governor to employ counsel to file escheat proceedings, in addition to the authority already therein conferred upon the Governor; to retain counsel for the purposes already therein specified; providing compensation for such counsel; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Clark, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Calhoun Independent School District in Colorado County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Bass, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 2 and 4, of Chapter 146 Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, reciting powers and penalties of the Kyle Independent School District and changing the number of school trustees from three to seven."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session Assembled:
Gentlemen: I beg to submit for
your consideration, at the request of
Representative Osborn, the follow-
ing subject, to-wit:

"An Act to create a more efficient
road system for Kaufman County,
etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:
Gentlemen: At the request of Rep-
resentative Hill of Wheeler, I beg
to submit for your consideration the
following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend An Act creating
the Follette Independent School Dis-
trict of Lipscomb County, Texas, etc.,
and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:
I submit for your consideration the
following subject, to-wit:

"A bill to be entitled an Act to
amend Article 2781 of the Revised
Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State
of Texas in regard to salaries of pub-
lic school teachers."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

I submit for your consideration
the following subject, to-wit:

"A Bill to be Entitled An Act to
Amend Chapter 130, of the laws of
the Thirtieth Legislature of the State
of Texas, 1907, by adding Section
91b, providing that, under emer-
gency conditions transfers of the
State school apportionment of a
child of school age may be made
from any county of the State to any
other county of the State, with the
approval of the State Superintendent
and of the State Board of Education,
and that children so transferred

shall share in the apportionment of
the county funds of the county to
which they are transferred."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: In my message of
January 14th to the Regular Session,
I communicated to you in regard to
a voluntary fund raised under my di-
rection to be used for the relief of
those citizens of our State residing in
the drouth stricken area. Since the
adjournment of the Regular Session,
the distribution of the fund, which
amounted to \$277,486.05, has been
completed, and Senator Weinert, who
has had the matter in charge since
the untimely death of the late
Colonel Seley, has been advised by
the local committees in the various
communities affected, that no further
assistance from this fund is needed.

An accurate record has been kept
of each individual contributing to, as
well as receiving aid from this fund.
The record discloses that a total of
5,151 families have received finan-
cial assistance therefrom, and at-
tached hereto is a list of the counties
in which the fund was distributed,
showing the number of individuals
receiving assistance in each county.

There is on file in the Governor's
Office, a complete record of the re-
ceipts and disbursements, together
with notes covering each loan. The
records are here, subject to your in-
spection, and I invite those of you in-
terested, to go through these records,
that you may be further informed as
to the good accomplished by means
of this fund.

The committee appointed by me
to advise and assist in this work is
composed of the following well
known business men of this State;
to-wit:

James E. Lucy, Austin; A. C.
Goeth, Austin; A. J. Eilers, Austin;
Geo. B. Dealy, Dallas; T. S. Reed,
Beaumont; P. L. Downs, Temple; T.
H. Franklin, San Antonio; W. W.
Turner, El Paso; W. H. Fuqua,
Amarillo; Joe S. Rice, Houston;
Frank Kell, Wichita Falls and A. G.
Carter, Ft. Worth.

In this connection, I cannot forego the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of their valued assistance, for I feel that it was a personal and financial sacrifice on the part of each and every one of these gentlemen to serve on this committee. They gave of their time and means liberally to the end that the entire amount contributed to this fund might be expended for the purposes for which contributed; and that none of it should be used in defraying the expenses incurred in the administration of the fund.

There remains undistributed of this fund, the sum of \$4,530.42, distributed as follows:

American National Bank...	\$3,150.09
Austin National Bank....	867.07
Citizens Bank & Trust Co..	509.14
State National Bank.....	4.12

In this connection, I invite your attention to the conclusion reached by the committee to the effect that in the event any or all of the funds disbursed are returned, that the same should be retained in a permanent fund to be used by the Governor as a relief fund in the future in cases of drouths, fires, floods, etc.

That the purpose originally desired has been accomplished, is shown by the communications received from the County Judges in the various counties wherein the fund was distributed. Attached hereto, I present for your information, copies of these letters, together with a prepared statement which has been mailed to those interested enough in the work, to make inquiries concerning the method pursued in the distribution of the fund, and I invite your particular attention to all of the exhibits hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

(Exhibit A.)

The committee in charge of the administration of the drouth relief fund raised for the purpose of relieving the distress of those citizens of the State residing in the drouth stricken area, is composed of twelve well known business men of the State who are appointed by the Governor.

At the first meeting of this committee in Austin, plans were formed for the distribution of the fund. The late Colonel W. W. Seley of Waco, was elected Chairman of the committee, and was placed in immediate charge of the distribution of the money. Considerable opposition was manifest by those citizens residing in the drouth stricken area to their being considered objects of charity and they insisted upon the money being loaned them. To meet this opposition upon the part of these citizens, and in order that a receipt might be procured for the money distributed, a form of note was prepared for use in this work. A form of questionnaire was also prepared in order that those in charge of the work could intelligently pass upon the worthiness or eligibility of the applicant to receive aid from this fund.

A committee was appointed in each county affected by the drouth to pass upon applications for loans. The County Judge of the respective counties was made chairman and he was assisted in his work by the local County Chairman of the Council of Defense and a third committeeman, to be selected by the other two members. In most instances the third member of the committee was some reputable local farmer.

In preparing the note the local committee was instructed to make it due upon any date desired by the applicant. No security of any kind is required and no interest on the amount loaned will be charged. It was thought by the committee appointed by the Governor that by adopting this method for the distribution of the fund a revolving fund could be maintained which could be used throughout the future years to aid in the relief of distress caused by floods, drouths, fires, etc. Of course this committee has no authority to direct that this revolving fund be maintained in this manner, which is a question to be determined by the contributors to the fund themselves. This matter, at the proper time, will be submitted to the contributors for their determination.

It is well to add in this connection, that since the death of Colonel W. W. Seley, the committee has elected

Hon. F. C. Weinert of Austin, to
succeed him.

Number Individuals Receiving Aid
From Drouth Relief Fund.

County.	No.
Archer.	44
Bandera.	7
Blanco.	23
Burnet.	38
Baylor.	257
Borden.	71
Brown.	138
Callahan.	42
Childress.	66
Coke.	42
Comanche.	66
Coleman.	264
Crosby.	39
Cottle.	57
Concho.	34
Coryell.	74
Castro.	4
Dawson.	28
Dickens.	117
Dimmitt.	5
Erath.	58
Edwards.	6
Fisher.	199
Foard.	37
Glasscock.	29
Garza.	99
Gillespie.	60
Hale.	17
Hall.	10
Hamilton.	97
Haskell.	200
Hardeman.	56
Howard.	57
Hood.	52
Irion.	16
Jones.	355
Kent.	148
Kimble.	12
Kinney.	12
Knox.	93
LaSalle.	12
Lampasas.	45
Llano.	60
Lubbock.	7
Lynn.	44
Martin.	16
Mason.	22
Medina.	45
Menard.	100
Midland.	18
Mills.	67
Mitchell.	112
Motley.	20
McCullough.	57
Nolan.	60
Parker.	73
Runnels.	193

County.	No.
San Saba.	21
Shackelford.	26
Stephens.	8
Schleicher.	59
Swisher.	15
Stonewall.	191
Scurry.	179
Taylor.	336
Travis.	2
Tom Green.	82
Throckmorton.	5
Uvalde.	120
Wilbarger.	36
Webb.	1
Young.	8
Zavalla.	38

Total number of persons
aided. 5,151

Statement of Disbursements of
Drouth Relief Fund.

County.	Amount	Notes Rec'd to cover re- mitted. mittances.
Archer.	\$ 4,050.00	46
Bandera.	513.00	7
Baylor.	5,820.00	289
Blanco.	2,000.00	69
Borden.	3,000.00	92
Brown.	6,950.00	138
Burnet.	3,000.00	38
Callahan.	2,735.00	42
Castro.	400.00	4
Childress.	3,000.00	66
Coke.	4,465.00	42
Comanche.	3,400.00	71
Coleman.	7,000.00	264
Crosby.	3,000.00	39
Cottle.	3,975.00	57
Concho.	1,750.00	38
Coryell.	5,015.00	74
Dawson.	3,000.00	28
Dickens.	6,000.00	120
Dimmitt.	500.00	5
Erath.	3,000.00	58
Edwards.	900.00	6
Fisher.	7,980.00	202
Foard.	3,400.00	37
Glasscock.	3,000.00	29
Garza.	5,050.00	99
Gillespie.	5,050.00	63
Hale.	1,500.00	17
Hall.	1,000.00	10
Hamilton.	9,510.00	98
Haskell.	9,000.00	213
Hardeman.	5,000.00	58
Howard.	3,028.00	85
Hood.	3,000.00	52
Irion.	2,000.00	27
Jones.	10,000.00	403
Kent.	4,510.00	175
Kimble.	1,500.00	12

County	Amount remitted.	Notes Rec'd to cover re- mittances.
Kinney.	2,300.00	21
Knox.	7,005.00	126
LaSalle.	1,500.00	12
Lampasas.	3,000.00	56
Llano.	4,000.00	61
Lubbock.	1,150.00	9
Lynn.	2,000.00	47
Martin.	1,900.00	16
Mason.	4,005.00	63
Medina.	5,077.00	48
Menard.	6,909.00	130
Midland.	2,375.00	18
Mills.	5,203.00	70
Mitchell.	5,170.00	112
Motley.	1,500.00	20
McCullough.	3,010.00	57
Nolan.	4,932.50	61
Parker.	3,980.00	74
Runnels.	5,150.00	209
San Saba.	1,900.00	21
Shackelford.	2,180.00	48
Stephens.	950.00	9
Schleicher.	3,300.00	66
Swisher.	1,500.00	15
Stonewall.	6,000.00	224
Scurry.	7,180.00	193
Travis.	100.00	2
Taylor.	10,000.00	401
Tom Green.	8,965.00	84
Throckmorton.	250.00	5
Uvalde.	638.63	124
Webb.	200.00	1
Wilbarger.	950.00	45
Young.	1,125.00	8
Zavalla.	3,750.00	45
Total.	\$272,955.00	5,674

Markets and Warehouse Department.

Austin, Texas, June 21, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: I beg leave to submit to you herewith a complete statement showing the disbursement of the drouth relief fund, which you, and the board appointed by you, caused to be placed in my hands for distribution.

This statement will give you the different counties, and the amount distributed by each, for which I have taken notes, made in the form of receipts, to cover the distribution of same.

Attached to this report you will find an itemized list, by counties, of those who have received the benefits of this fund, for which I hold their notes. You will also find attached to this report copies of some

of the many letters that I have received from various parties, evidencing their appreciation of the good accomplished by the distribution of this fund. If the donors of this fund could realize the great amount of good that has been accomplished through the donation in the way of relieving absolute want, and enabling farmers to remain on their farms and raise bounteous crops this year, they would feel more than amply repaid for what they have done.

Statement.

Total amount contributed.	\$277,486.05
Total amount allotted to seventy-three counties	\$272,955.63
Cash balance on hand, viz:	
American National Bank.	3,150.09
Austin National Bank.	867.07
Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	509.14
State National Bank.	4.12
Total.	\$277,486.05

The balance on hand as shown in the four banks of Austin, allotted to various counties was not distributed by them in due time and was cancelled for that reason.

Knowing the conditions as I do, and have known them, since this awful scourge was visited upon West Texas, I do not hesitate to say that the distribution of this fund has enabled a large portion of Texas to maintain themselves through the winter and spring, and are now in position where they will not need help any more. West Texas has been blessed with bounteous rains, and I look to a harvest the like of which has not been known in recent years. Those whose funds were exhausted, and who have sought relief through this fund, have been able to weather the storm, and are again placed upon the road to prosperity, and I do not hesitate to say that the people generally appreciate this help more than words can tell.

I have administered this fund without drawing one dollar out of it, except for the relief of those for whom it was intended. While it has been a burden, yet it has been a pleasure to be able to do some good

for suffering humanity. Your efforts in behalf of these unfortunate people will be appreciated as long as human gratitude is a trait of mankind.

I am,

Sincerely your friend,
F. C. WEINERT.
Administrator.

Mason, Texas, February 3, 1919.

F. C. Weinert, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: The inclosed note for \$280.00 takes all of the \$4000.00 you have allotted to Mason County in behalf of the people. We thank you and all who made it possible to help the drouth sufferers in a time of need, but there are others asking for help who need it very bad. If it is possible to appropriate \$1000 more, it would go to the people who need it as much as those who have been helped. I have turned a number away; please write me if another \$1000 can be spared to Mason County.

Respectfully,
G. H. GARRETT.

Big Springs, Texas, April 26, 1919.

Mr. F. C. Weinert, Administrator
Drouth Relief Fund, Austin,
Texas.

The relief has done a great good in this county and for those receiving it I wish to sincerely thank those who are responsible for this magnificent spirit that prompted such generous action.

Very truly,
S. A. PENIX.
County Judge, Howard County.

Plainview, Texas, March 25, 1919.

Hon. F. C. Weinert, Administrator of
Relief Fund, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We, the County Committee, wish to thank you for the satisfactory manner in which you and your committee has handled same. We believe that this aid will help wonderfully in this county, and as we have just been blessed with good rains, there is no reason why we can't make good crops and repay these notes when due.

Yours very truly,
CHARLES CLEMENTS,
County Judge.

Sherwood, Texas, April 16, 1919.

Mr. F. C. Weinert, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 14th with check for \$550.00, received, for which accept the hearty thanks of myself and Board. Our people certainly appreciate the help that has been granted them, and the prospects are good for a fine crop the present year.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. FOKES,
County Judge, Irion County.

Granbury, Texas, May 3, 1919.

Hon. F. C. Weinert, Administrator
Drouth Relief, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find two applications for balance of amount awarded to Hood County for drouth relief purposes. I wish to thank you sincerely for this help for Hood County; it has helped out many persons who needed it badly. Our quota was \$2000.00; this was distributed among 53 persons who have thanked the Drouth Relief Committee of the State of Texas.

Yours truly,
GEO. TARRANT,
County Judge, Hood County.

Childress, Texas, April 5, 1919.

Hon. F. C. Weinert, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: The Local Committee unanimously agree that I express through you our appreciation to the State Committee and donors of this fund, in so doing we feel that we are expressing the appreciation of this county who have been the beneficiaries of this fund; we know that the small amounts bridged many persons over some very bad places in the road towards making a living.

This county now has the best conditions existing for making a good crop that has existed since this country has been settled by the white man. Wheat now promises to make an abundant crop, the season has now arrived for planting other crops and every body is encouraged that they will make a success.

Again thanking you and your associates, I am,

Yours truly,
M. J. HATHAWAY,
County Judge.

Roby, Texas, May 17, 1919.

Hon. F. C. Weinert, Drouth Relief
Administrator, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Fisher County received approximately \$8,000 from the Drouth Relief Fund. This amount was distributed among 200 families in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$150. Only those who were in the greatest distress received aid from the fund. No family with a man at its head received more than \$100. We continued the distribution over a period of five months.

We feel that this aid was a great help to our people. They appreciate it and are thankful for it. We sent one man a check for \$35 and afterwards he told us that if came in the nick of time to prevent his folks going hungry. The groceries bought with this money fed them until they got help from other sources. We had several widows whose families would have suffered for feed to say nothing of clothing had it not been for the help that this fund enabled us to render.

We feel that the donors of this fund would have wept tears of joy if they had seen the suffering that the money relieved. We had some real distress in this county.

We wish to thank the donors first, then our Governor next, and then the officials who administered the fund for the amount received. When we get on our feet again we will be glad to help others who may need it.

Very respectfully,
W. C. MARTIN,
County Judge, Fisher County.

Spur, Texas, May 3, 1919.

Mr. F. C. Weinert, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Inclosed find application for \$25.00 which covers balance of our allotment. This money has been a great help to these people, and we appreciate the way you have handled the funds.

Will you please send the check direct to me.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. S. LINK,
Chairman County Council Defence.

Post, Texas, May 9, 1919.

Hon. F. C. Weinert, Administrator,
Drouth Relief Fund, Austin,
Texas.

Dear Sir: This is to acknowledge receipt of \$650.00, the last contribution of the Drouth Committee to the drouth sufferers of Garza County.

To say that our people, in their distress, are appreciative of the funds so generously donated by the big hearted people of Texas, is to put it mildly.

We went over the top in furnishing men for a destructive war. We now want an opportunity to take care of ourselves to the end that we do not become a burden upon other communities and do our part in production to feed and clothe the countries torn by ravages of war. This is only possible through the timely assistance rendered by the people of Texas through your committee, and through the favors extended to us by the Texas Legislature.

We still maintain that we have the best country in the world, though the unprecedented drouth for the last two years has left us almost helpless. We now have fine seasons, and believe that we will be able to come through with colors flying, and expect to repay every cent loaned us, and would like to see it become a permanent fund for the relief of the next fellow who is down and out, as we have been.

The farmers of our county tend twice as many acres, and make twice as much per acre, as they can futher east, when we have the seasons.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the people of Texas, and to you and your committee, for your gratuitous self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of the drouth suffering people of our county.

Yours with gratitude,
H. C. SMITH,
County Judge, Garza County.

Eldorado, Texas, May 27, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Kind Sir: In answer to your letter regarding the beneficial results of the drouth relief fund that were distributed in our county, will say that twenty men received each One Hundred Dollars and twenty-six re-

ceived each Fifty Dollars making Thirty Three Hundred Dollars total amount sent our county.

This money was of great benefit to the farmers who received it for it came at a time when crop conditions looked gloomy on account of the drouth, and it was hard for the farmer to start his crop at this time. This money helped the farmer to get his crop far enough advanced that he can now borrow money on same to finish.

If these men had not received this aid, hardly see how they could have started a crop, but think they will be able to finish all right.

We have had plenty of rain, seasons are good, and prospects look good in West Texas for the first time in two years. I feel sure that all this money will be returned early this fall, unless some unseen calamity strikes the farmers of this part of the country.

In behalf of the farmers of this county I cannot overlook this opportunity of expressing to you their appreciation of your efforts along this line. And we certainly hope to make every dollar good. I am,

Yours respectfully,
C. C. WOMACK.

Robert Lee, Texas, June 14, 1919.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Replying to foregoing letter beg to advise that the above mentioned fund was distributed to about 41 farmers, the results were that it tided over these farmers and saved to Coke County more than 40 of our best farmers, who otherwise would have had to leave the county. The results were gratifying, I am,

Yours truly,
D. I. DURHAM,
County Judge, Coke County.

Uvalde, Texas, May 28, 1919.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, State of Texas, Austin, Texas.

My dear Governor: Replying to letter from your office under date of May 22nd, 1919, relative to the beneficial results obtained from the distribution of the Drouth Relief Fund, in Uvalde County, I beg to say in behalf of the farmers of this county, and myself, that this aid was of great benefit, in fact it would have been impossible for some of the farmers to have planted their crop for this year without this aid. I adopted

the method of buying seed and making a distribution of them to the farmers, instead of loaning small sums of money, which met with universal approval of the farmers. In conclusion I wish to state, that this fund was a great help to this drouth stricken county, and that the people appreciate the efforts made in their behalf.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
DITZLER H. JONES.

Abilene, Texas, May 27, 1919.

His Excellency, Governor, W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the citizens of Taylor County I wish to thank you for the \$10,000.00 which was allotted and paid to citizens of this county through the Drouth Relief Board. This money was allotted in amounts of \$25.00 per month to each family and was a Godsend to about two hundred of them. It came at a time when it was sorely needed. The fact that it was available at once with very little restrictions except such as were deemed proper in the judgment of the local committee made the relief especially efficacious. While this money was not enough to give all of the help that was desired and generally speaking was not sufficient to meet the entire needs of any one family, it enabled them to stay on the farm and prepare the land for the bountiful crops that are now promised us. I have had many expressions of gratitude from the people of this county who were helped.

Yours truly,
E. M. OVERSHINER,
County Judge.

Lamesa, Texas, May 27, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Gov. of Texas, Austin, Texas.

My dear Governor: Permit me, as chairman of the committee appointed by you for the distribution of Drouth Relief Funds, to express my appreciation of the manner in which you handled this matter and for liberality in amount allowed this county. Our records show that we were allowed \$3,000.00 and that it was placed with 28 deserving farmers who could not have remained here had this relief not reached them. I have just returned from a tour of

the county and am pleased to advise you each of these farmers (with only one exception), have splendid crops and are very jubilant over the prospects of a bountiful harvest; they request that I convey to you their appreciation of the loan which has allowed them to remain on their farms and thereby tide over the two years drouth that wrought such destruction.

Sincerely yours,
J. R. LOWRIE,
County Judge, Dawson County.

Big Spring, Texas, May 28, 1919.
Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: I am in receipt of your letter relative to the Drouth Relief Fund and its great benefits to our citizens. We only received approximately \$3,000.00 instead of \$9,000.00 as stated in your letter.

I fear, unless you were familiar with conditions here at the time this assistance came to them, I shall not be able to convey to you just the full benefits derived by the people from this very splendid work. In many instances it relieved real distress and put something to eat in the mouths of the hungry little children. I now recall more than one instance where I visited the homes of those who received aid and where there was nothing in the house to eat. I remember very well how much these people appreciated this aid and how they were touched into tears when they were the beneficiaries of the generous public spirited donors of this money.

I cannot estimate the great benefits derived from the money allotted this county but be assured it was surely a God-send. There are families who would have been public charity citizens had not this money been available for them.

As chairman of the Distribution Committee of this county I want to thank in the name and for the citizens of the county not only the donors of the magnificent act of benevolence but all those who were instrumental in any way in this great work of real relief.

I assure you it was a pleasure for me to render whatever services, in an humble way, that it was possible for me to do in this matter in the interest of my people. I am glad of this little part I have had in the distribution of these funds and only

regret that it was not possible to render a greater service to them in this time of distress.

I thank you for the opportunity to express to you something of the great benefits to the people derived from this fund and also to convey our heart felt thanks for it.

Yours truly,

S. A. PENIX,
County Judge, Howard County.

San Angelo, Texas, May 27, 1919.
Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: Replying to your letter about the Drouth Relief Fund, \$8,915.00 of which was advanced to this County, I take pleasure in saying that it has been of great benefit to our people and country. It is difficult to estimate just how much good our people have received from it. It has enabled many farmers to stay here and make a crop who would have been otherwise compelled to do something else for a living, and many would have left the country, leaving much of the land idle. As it has fallen to our lot this season to have an excellent season, it now appears that the farmers will make large crops. Every thing is looking fine, and much of the grain crop has already made, lots of feed stuff is already assured, and all around we are feeling greatly encouraged.

On behalf of the farmers and the citizens generally, we thank you sincerely, and desire to express to you our appreciation for your kind efforts in our behalf.

Yours most respectfully,

CHAS. T. PAUL,
County Judge.

Menard, Texas, May 22, 1919.
Gov. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.
Referring to the Drouth Fund, gotten up by voluntary contributions, amounting to about \$250,000.00 and distributed to those in the drouth district, in need of help, I have to say:

In suggesting this manner of relief, you have done a service to the people of this and other sections of West Texas, which will be long remembered and appreciated. As without this assistance, a number would not have been able to resume their farming occupations—in fact, the help came to the people, when a number could not secure the neces-

saries of life, without the ready money—this they not have.

The manner of distributing the money, could not have been better. As under the system, no one could feel that he was an object of charity, the amount allotted him being placed in a note—making it the nature of a loan.

I believe, a large per cent of the near \$7,000.00, distributed in Menard County, will be repaid or returned, just as soon as made from the farms, by the renters and small land owners.

J. D. SCRUGGS,
County Judge.

Cotulla, Texas, May 24, 1919.
Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor Hobby: The \$1,500.00 allotted to this county for the relief of drouth sufferers has been distributed by your committee for that purpose here. We hold the duplicate of the notes given by those who received funds and the originals have been sent to the chairman of the State Committee in Austin. I think that they will all be paid as they come due.

This fund has assisted materially in enabling the persons who received aid to make an effort toward financial recuperation.

Yours truly,
G. A. WELHAUSEN.

Llano, Texas, May 24, 1919.
Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of recent date regarding the benefits resulting from the distribution of the \$4,000.00 apportioned to this county out of the drouth relief fund. I will say that it was of great and timely benefit to those who received the assistance of the major portion of those who received that assistance had reached the end of their own resources. The following data compiled from the records of our committee will show the extent of the help our people received from the fund.

Sixty heads of families received assistance from the fund.

5673 acres of land was put in cultivation by the 60 applicants, the most of which would have remained idle this year without the assistance received. The average amount of money received by the applicants was

\$66.66. The average amount of money per acre was practically 70½ cents. The small average amount per acre I attribute to the spirit of fairness of the applicants as the large majority of them applied for barely enough to tide them over the breaking season of their land, thereby making it possible for others to share in the benefits of the fund.

Yours truly,

A. E. MOORE,
County Judge, Llano County.

Stanton, Texas, May 22, 1919.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: Your secretary, Mr. Ralph Soape, has requested me to write you in regard to the relief fund that was donated this Martin County. It was of untold benefit to my people have for some of them would have had to go off and hunt work if I had not worked that up for them. As it is they are at home with nice young growing crops, so we hardly know how to express our appreciation of that help.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. WATSON,
County Judge.

Roby, Texas, May 17, 1919.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: I have written Hon. F. C. Weinert, Administrator, an appreciation of help rendered our people in the form of drouth relief. This will be filed with you by him and I refer you to it for your information.

Very respectfully,
W. C. MARTIN,
County Judge, Fisher County.

Garden City, Texas, May 17, 1919.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: The Drouth Relief Committee allotted this county \$3000.00. We have let the farmers have it and it has been a great help to them.

We appreciate the help you have given to our people in this country. Many thanks for the help.

Yours truly,
J. O. BIGBY.

Granbury, Texas, May 15, 1919.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: \$3000.00 was set aside for Hood County; 52 persons made applications, aggregating \$9350.00; aid was granted to said 52 persons, aggregating \$3000.00, an average of

\$57.70 per applicant; no one was rejected. \$10,000.00 could have been easily expended.

We appreciate the amount set aside for our county. The recipients have stated that it was a distinct benefit to them. We used the best wisdom at our hands to make loans as safe as possible.

Respectfully,

GEO. TARRANT,
County Judge, Hood County, Texas.

Childress, Texas, May 19, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your Secretary, Mr. Ralph Soape, of 13th inst., in regard to the Drouth Relief Fund, voluntarily subscribed by many citizens of our State.

As suggested, this, Childress County, received three thousand dollars, all of which has been distributed; while we may have let some have it that were not so deserving, the committee undertook to distribute it to those most in need, with many of the beneficiaries, the small amount allotted them, came at a time they most needed help.

We distributed the amounts in allotments of \$25 to \$100 each, in most instances \$50, in that we relived or obviated distress in sixty seven families, all of which was appreciated by the recipients.

The committee desires to express to you and the donors the very deep appreciation of the beneficiaries, and trust that the greater part of the money will be repaid, so that there may be a perpetual fund on hand to relieve any future distress that may occur in the State.

Yours truly,

M. J. HATHWAY,
County Judge.

Johnson City, Texas, May 10, 1919.

Gov. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

My dear Governor: Responding to the letter of your secretary, Mr. Ralph Soape, as to the beneficial results obtained from the distribution of the Drouth Relief Fund allotted to this, Blanco County, beg to advise that if the sixteen families to whom it was advanced in this county they certainly would of suffered. They

are very thankful to the good people of our great State and the Governor of this timely aid.

Sincerely yours,

WM. MARTINY,
County Judge, Blanco, Co.

Mason, Texas, May 17, 1919.

Gov. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: As you say in your letter of the 14th., I did receive since January first \$4005.00 of the Drouth Relief Fund, which was a great help in a time of need to 63 homes in Mason County. The most of them were unable to start a crop, but the small amount received from the Drouth Relief Fund enabled them to make a beginning until the merchants could give them credit and I think most of them are going to make a good crop this year.

I very much appreciate your efforts in securing the large contributions from those who had been more fortunate and thereby giving aid to those in the drouth stricken section, and in behalf of the people of Mason County who have been helped I desire to thank you and all who have in the very worthy enterprise.

Very respectfully,

G. H. GARRETT,
County Judge, Mason County.

Matador, Texas, May 20, 1919.

Gov. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th, and will state my county received (\$1500.00). Fifteen Hundred Dollars. of this fund and have distributed same as judiciously and fairly as could be done. Our allotment was inadequate. We could only accommodate 20 men at \$75.00 per man with this amount of money. But those who received these amounts seemed very grateful, and I am of the opinion that every dollar of this money will be repaid.

In conclusion will thank you, Governor Hobby, for the important part you have played in rendering assistance to our citizens.

Yours very truly,

SAM W. RHODES,
County Judge, Motley County.

Colorado, Texas, May 20, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: In behalf of the people of this, Mitchell County, I want to express my thanks to you and all connected with the Drouth Relief Fund, for the assistance rendered our people by them. It came just when we had to have it. We needed more but appreciate what we received and I hear of no one starving, but it looked very gloomy for a while, especially last winter. We have fine rains, and prospects for a bumper crop were never better. Cattle are getting fat. In fact, everything points to prosperity in West Texas now. Again I thank you, and all donating people. Also all that were in any manner connected with the movement.

Very respectfully yours,

J. C. HALL,

County Judge, Mitchell County.

Archer City, Texas, May 19, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Kind Sir: Replying to yours of the 5th inst., will say that the \$4050.00 which was advanced to parties in this county for drouth relief was of untold benefit to our people, as many farmers as a result of this loan were able to buy some seed wheat with the money they had on hand or could raise in other ways, when they got this aid to live on, and sowed some wheat which bids fair at this time to make one of the largest yields that was ever known in this county.

I, with the assistance of the committee, which I appointed to assist in the distribution of this fund, let this money only to farmers who were good but just could not come again, and I am of the opinion that practically every cent of this money advanced to this county will be repaid in the fall.

With best wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

GEO. W. ALEXANDER.

County Judge, Archer County.

Hamilton, Texas, May 19, 1919.

Gov. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: I am taking this method of expressing to you on behalf of the people of this county their ap-

preciation for your efforts in raising drouth relief fund.

The funds we received for this county certainly did assist the farmers in relieving them from financial strain, and it also assisted them in making a crop for this year.

We received for this county \$9,510.00 which amount was distributed among farmers that were greatly in need of financial assistance, and they certainly did appreciate the help, without the assistance they probably could not have made a crop this year.

In my opinion there would have been many acres of land in this county left uncultivated, if it had not been for the drouth relief fund distributed here.

I feel like through your effort in procuring this fund you have done the people of this State a great service, and the people do appreciate it I am sure.

The drouth relief committee deserves a great deal of credit for their unselfish service rendered in the distribution of the fund in Texas.

I am,

Yours very truly,
(Letter not signed.)

Anson, Texas, May 17, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: In reply to letter written by Mr. Ralph Soape relative to the \$10,000.00 received by Jones County for distribution to drouth sufferers in this county as to the beneficial results obtained from this disbursement in Jones County, will say that the benefits have been far reaching and enabled those who could be helped to stay and make a crop and only a very few of those helped by this fund have gone elsewhere when the fund was exhausted and these only went away to get work for a while to make money to feed their families when they could stay no longer. Most, if not all of those going away for that purpose, have returned and are now making a crop in Jones County. Every man that I talked to about this fund who received aid said if they had not received that help they would not know what to do nor where to turn.

There is no doubt but that the amount of money we received did a great good, and the only thing that kept it from doing more good and

bringing greater beneficial results was that the amount of money was not more, but I and the committee and the people who received aid understand why no more was sent here.

It is my opinion that the people appreciate your work in relieving the conditions here as far as you were able.

Yours truly,
J. F. LINDSEY.

Baird, Texas, May 9, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: In reply to letter from your office dated May 6, in reference to drouth relief, I beg to state that as I see it the fund accomplished the purpose that the donors intended. Callahan County was not in the position that the counties were in farther west, however, we had people that could not get aid from any other source. This fund gave them something to stand on while trying to do something else.

I notice in your letter that you state that Callahan County has only advanced \$725.00. I think that the records will show that we have advanced \$2,750.00 and that Mr. Weinert has notes for this amount on file in his office.

Very truly yours,
J. R. BLACK,

County Judge, Callahan County.

Sherwood, Texas, May 16, 1919.

Mr. Ralph Soape, Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Soape: Yours of the 13th inst., to hand, contents noted. In reply will say that this county received \$2,000.00, and we have allotted \$2,000.00, the last notes taken is of date April 4, 1919, amounting to \$550.00.

This relief fund has been a great benefit to the farmers of this county, many of whom would have left the county but for the relief received, they have used this fund for buying seed, and feed for their work stock.

The citizens of the county as well as the farmers who have been furnished help are truly thankful for the help given. I believe them to be worthy parties and will return the money advanced at the earliest date possible.

Thanking all concerned for their

hearty support and cooperation, I am,

Respectfully yours,
W. F. FOKES,
County Judge, Irion County.

Quanah, Texas, May 15, 1919.

Hon. Ralph Soape, Secretary to the Governor, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 12th instant is at hand.

The \$5,000.00 allotted to this county was distributed in sums of not exceeding \$100.00 to any one farmer. I think a great deal of good was accomplished and a number of farmers thus helped were enabled to pull through that would otherwise have had to abandon their crops.

The outlook for crops in this section is exceedingly favorable, and most of this money should be paid back this fall.

Very truly yours,
J. A. CLARKE,
County Judge.

Fredericksburg, Texas, May 17, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Replying to Mr. Soape's letter of the 12th, with regard to the drouth relief fund, permit me to state that Gillespie County has received and used the sum of \$5,000.00, which was loaned to about one hundred different families.

A very large part of the money was used to buy wheat and oats for seed. If you could now travel through this county you could see the result. We have a wheat and oat crop the like of which we have never had. Following the two dry years we have had a good season this year, and if weather conditions are favorable for the next weeks we will have the largest grain crop that we have ever had. Much of this grain was planted for pasturage, and the owners already made a good crop off the land in the pasturage they received. Although our people have always had a good deal of grain, it would not have been possible for many to plant had they not been able to get this money.

Again thanking you and the committee for the assistance you have given us, I am, with best wishes,

Sincerely,
A. H. KNEESE,
County Judge, Gillespie County.

Carrizo Springs, Texas,
May 15, 1919.

To His Excellency, the Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas.

Sir: Replying to yours of the 12th, I have the honor to report that with reference to the \$250,000.00 fund distributed for the benefit of the citizens of this State residing within the drouth stricken areas, of which \$500.00 was allotted to this county, and upon my recommendation said sum having been allotted to five worthy farmers deserving of such assistance, in amounts of \$100.00 to each, which was of great assistance to them in meeting their living expenses while carrying their present season's crops.

The amount allotted to this county was sufficient to meet the necessary needs, as I knew of only five farmers who were in urgent need of the help on account of having depended upon dry land farming last year. This year every farmer is exceedingly prosperous in this county, receiving extremely high prices for their heavy yields, consequently the Victory Loan went way over the top with but little exertion on the part of the committees, and we are enjoying one of the most prosperous years ever had in this county.

With best wishes, I beg to remain,
Yours very truly,
A. WINDENTHAL,
County Judge, Dimmit County.

Coleman, Texas, May 9, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Governor: Replying to your recent favor relative to our county's apportionment of drouth relief funds, beg to state that we were allotted \$7,000.00 upon which we issued 264 checks to individuals.

Our county committee, composed of Col. T. A. Burns, of Burkett, and H. W. Kingsbury, of Santa Anna, and myself, sincerely appreciate the courtesies extended us by yourself and the State committee and are highly pleased at the manner in which you distributed the fund, same being entirely satisfactory to us in every particular.

We know that the money allotted us did our people a great amount of good, and desire to thank you and

your committee for the distinct service rendered in the matter.

Sincerely yours,
W. MARCUS WEATHERED,
County Judge.

Midland, Texas, May 31, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, State of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: I have the honor to report that as chairman of the committee for Midland County in the distribution of the fund for the purpose of relieving the citizens of this county who have suffered from the drouth which has visited this section of the State for the past two years, that out of the allotment of \$3,000.00 for this county, I have loaned the sum of \$2,375.00, distributed among eighteen individuals in the county. The smallest loan being \$75.00, and the largest \$250.00.

I have tried to use my best judgment in the placing of this money and feel that it has really gone to those who could not have obtained money otherwise. It has been a blessing to them, I feel, and has been such a lift that will place them again on their feet and enable them to take a new start in life.

Trusting that my efforts have met with your approval, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,
J. M. DEARMOND,
County Judge.

Ballinger, Texas, May 29, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 15th instant through your secretary, Mr. Ralph Soape, asking for an expression from me about the beneficial results obtained from the distribution of a portion of the drouth relief fund, beg to say that we had about 200 loans from the \$5,075.00 allotted to this county. The loans were all made in small amounts so that we could assist as many people as possible, however, some parties received as much as two and three loans. I am of the opinion that the funds loaned in this county were very beneficial to the parties receiving the loans and that it enabled some of them to maintain a few of the very necessities of life in a time when no credit could be had.

Very sincerely,
O. L. PARISH,
County Judge.

H. C. R. No. 6, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

H. C. R. No. 7, referred to the Committee on Penitentiaries.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

Whereas, We are informed that the present standard of wages of postal employees is not adequate, and that most all other classes of labor are receiving more pay for services rendered than such employees are receiving; and,

Whereas, It is just and right that all persons receive sufficient remuneration for their labor to guarantee an average living and allow for old age; and,

Whereas, There is no indication of a substantial lowering of prices of the necessities of life, and business is resuming normal activities on the basis of present prices; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, request the United States Congress to revise the present salary schedule for all postal employees and enact proper legislation so as to provide adequate compensation to said employees, a compensation in keeping with the pay now being received by persons rendering the same or similar service in private employment;

Resolved, That one copy of this resolution be sent to each of the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives representing the State of Texas in Congress and one to the Postmaster General of the United States.

WITT.
McNEALUS.
WILLIFORD.
HERTZBERG.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Messages From the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of Texas in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Cousins I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to exempt Newton, San

Augustine, Jasper, Angelina and Sabine counties from the provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws of the Regular Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and to postpone the eradication of ticks in said counties until January 1, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration, at the request of Representative Sentell, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 6901a of Chapter 29, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature passed at the Fourth Called Session as amended by Chapter 98, Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population of more than 100,000, and fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties having less than 29,000 population, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to incorporate the Rucker Independent School District in Comanche County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 6292 of the Revised Civil statutes of Texas, 1911, providing that the Board of

Pharmacy shall be entitled to charge and collect the following fees, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Moon and Senator Floyd, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to fix a uniform date on which county and precinct officers shall qualify and take over the duties of their respective offices, following their election, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to Amend Article 1121, Chapter 2, Title 25, of the Revised Civil statutes of the State of Texas, relating to private corporations by adding thereto section providing for the formation of private corporations for accepting, guaranteeing, endorsing, becoming surety upon, buying, selling, contracting with reference to, or otherwise dealing in acceptance, bills of exchange, bills of lading, and ware house and other receipts, originating in trade in agricultural products and in bankers' acceptances and authorizing other corporations, under limitations to be defined by you, to hold stock in acceptance corporations doing business in this State and formed to aid trade in agricultural products, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I submit for your

consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1, 4, 5, and 13 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, including changes in regard to the time of meeting of the State Text Book Commission and providing that the State shall make uniform adoptions of additional high school text books, that teachers of State institutions may serve on the State Text Book Commission, that contracts shall be so arranged in the future that the contracts for not more than one-sixth of the total number of different adopted books can be changed in any one year, and providing a more reasonable bond for supplementary books."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Curtis, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to add to Chapter 16, Title 48, R. S. 1911, Articles 2851a, 2851b, 2851c, 2851d, 2851e, providing for an election by the qualified voters in a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only, under the general law for the purpose of authorizing an incorporated under general law, forming a part of said town or village incorporated for free school purposes only, to acquire the right to take over and control the schools within the limits of such town or village incorporated for free school purposes only," etc.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Rosser, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 78, of the Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of

Texas, so as to require the clerk of the court of civil appeals to collect and pay into the Treasury of the State of Texas, all cost and fees that are to be collected, and that are collected by said clerks."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Rosser, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Scurry County, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Davis of Van Zandt, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to create the Van Independent School District in Van Zandt County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of
the State of Texas in Second Called
Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: My attention has been called to the fact that the members of the 180th Brigade, composed of the 345th Machine Gun Battalion, 359th and 360th Infantry Regiments, known as the All Texas Brigade of the 90th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, have caused to be painted a life-sized portrait of Brigadier General U. G. McAlexander, who led this Brigade in its brilliant offensive against the German Army at St. Mihiel and the Muse-Argonne Offensive. The members of this Brigade desire to tender this portrait to the people of Texas to be hung upon the walls of the State Capitol along with other men who have written such brilliant pages in the history of this Southland of ours.

I think it proper and right that

the State accept this portrait as a memento of the deeds of the valor of these boys, who did so much for the cause of Democracy in the war just brought to a conclusion. I therefore suggest that the Legislature make suitable preparations for the acceptance of this portrait, and that the date of acceptance be fixed on July 14, 1919, and that Brigadier General U. G. McAlexander be notified of this action on the part of the Legislature of the State, and that he be invited to be present on this occasion, and I also suggest that an invitation be extended by the Legislature to all the surviving members of this Brigade to likewise be present and take part in the ceremonies of the presentation of this portrait to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative King of Erath and Miller of Dallas. I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act for planting pecan and other trees along the public roads, and about the premises of all State public institutions and public school grounds, and to provide for the preparation of pecan nuts for such planting, etc."

Respectfully yours,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Morning call concluded.

House Bill No. 9.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Forney Independent School District in Kaufman County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Woods, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 9 put on its

Smith, Mrs. F. D., Jr....Fort Worth
 Smith, E. P.....Fort Worth
 Spicer, Mrs. R. H.....Fort Worth
 Sutphin, M. J.....Fort Worth
 Tempel, Frank Ball....Fort Worth
 Tillery, R. H.....Fort Worth
 Tucker, H. B.....Fort Worth
 Verser, J. C.....Fort Worth
 Watson, Rhea W.....Fort Worth
 Wessler, Geo. H.....Fort Worth
 Wyler, Marie E.....Fort Worth
 Yates, S. R.....Arlington

Parker County.

Jones, R. R.....Weatherford

Hood County.

Riley, Gertrude.....Granbury

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

Allen, Miss Florence.....Denton
 Allen, Miss Florine.....Denton
 Donald, D. S.....Krum
 Morris, Miss Frances Davis..Denton
 McGinnis, A. C.....Denton
 Nabours, W. R.....Denton
 Stover, Mary.....Denton
 Sullivan, Walter R.....Denton
 Wear, Miss Gertrude.....Denton

Montague County.

Abbott, N. Z.....Montague
 Bryan, M. A.....Bowie
 Jackson, J. M.....Hardy
 Lamb, Mrs. E. M. G.....Bowie
 Medley, Miss Kinzie.....Saint Jo
 Millikin, Loretta L.....St. Jo
 Nabours, W. R.....Bowie
 Walker, H. S.....Montague

Wise County.

Allen, O. C.....Bridgeport
 Boyd, J. E.....Decatur
 Ball, T. L.....Decatur
 Baits, P. R.....Decatur
 Bowlin, J. P.....Bridgeport
 Bowlin, S. R.....Bridgeport
 Mason, Henry B.....Bridgeport
 Montford, John.....Bridgeport
 Lillard, J. W.....Decatur
 Burch, M. W.....Decatur

In The Senate.

Lieutenant Governor Johnson in
 the Chair.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the
 Legislature of the State of Texas
 In Second Called Session Assem-
 bled:

Gentlemen: At the request of
 Representative Pope, I beg to submit
 for your consideration, the following
 subject, to wit:

"An Act to create the London In-
 dependent School District, known as
 Common School District No. 2, in
 Nueces County, Texas, etc., and de-
 claring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY,
 Governor.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the
 Legislature of the State of Texas
 In Second Called Session Assem-
 bled:

Gentlemen: At the request of
 Representative Hill of Wheeler, I beg
 to submit for your consideration the
 following subject, to wit:

"An Act providing for the redemp-
 tion by the owner, of land or lots
 heretofore sold, or that may be here-
 after sold to the State, city or town
 for taxes, and repealing all laws in
 conflict with this Act, and declaring
 an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
 W. P. HOBBY,
 Governor.

Governor's Office,
 Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the
 Legislature of the State of Texas
 In Second Called Session Assem-
 bled:

Gentlemen: At the request of
 Representative Hill of Wheeler, I beg
 to submit for your consideration the
 following subject, to wit:

"An Act to amend Articles 2763
 and 2766 inclusive of the Revised
 Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that,
 whenever practicable, counties hither-
 to served by ex officio county super-
 intendents, shall be combined into
 convenient groups with other coun-
 ties, each group to be served by one
 school superintendent, providing for
 the organization of said groups by
 the State Superintendent of Public

Instruction, subject to the approval of county boards or of the State Board of Education, providing for the election and compensation of said superintendent, and for office assistants, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the Legislature of the State of Texas In Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Hill of Wheeler, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act to validate all common school districts in the State heretofore created, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the Legislature of the State of Texas In Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Thompson, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit:

"An Act requiring all persons who are employed in the public free schools of the State to pledge in writing and upon oath their allegiance to the United States and to the State of Texas; requiring support of the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas; requiring of said persons protection for the children in their rights as pupils of the public free schools, and to respect and honor the profession of teaching; requiring instruction in loyalty and patriotism, and the duties of citizens to their government, requiring said persons in their conduct to be examples of good citizenship, and that they shall show respect for all lawfully constituted authority, National, State and local, in the presence of their pupils both in and out of school, prescribing penal-

ties for the violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the Legislature of the State of Texas In Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives Barnes, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to create a county highway board for Rains County," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of The Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted:

S. C. R. No. 10, Relating to Pool Halls.

S. C. R. No. 12, Concerning Prison Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 9, Relating to quarantine matters.

And has passed:

H. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 139, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, denominated 'An Act to create the Eighty-eighth Judicial District; fixing its jurisdiction and time of holding courts therein; providing for the appointment by the Governor of a judge for the Forty-second District; providing that the district clerk and county attorney of Eastland County shall each be officers of said Eighty-eighth District Court, and fixing their compensation for services rendered therein; providing further, for the transfer of cases from and to the Forty-second Judicial District Court, and the Eighty-eighth Judicial District Court, from one court to the other, requiring notices of such transfer of cases in certain instances to

red to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Senate Bill No. 82—Ordered Printed in Journal.

Senator Carlock moved that S. B. No. 82, relating to Live Stock Commission Merchants, be printed in the Journal and be not printed in bill form.

The motion prevailed and the bill will be found in the Appendix today.

Messages From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Davis of Dallas, I submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to punish the making of or use of materially false statements in writing respecting financial conditions for the purpose of obtaining money, property or credit, when such money, property or credit amount to more than fifty dollars; when such statements are made directly or indirectly; making such an offense a felony and prescribing the punishment therefor."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 3, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session Assembled:
Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Rusk Independent School District in Cherokee County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Senate Bill No. 43.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that freight charges on car loads of coal deliv-

ered at any point within the State of Texas, where railroad track weighing scales are owned, or used, or maintained at the point of delivery, or in the line of transit, shall be based upon the mutual weight of said coal, prescribing the manner of weighing such, providing a penalty for violation of any provisions of this Act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator McNealus the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Bill Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Johnson, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following:

H. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Forney Independent School District in Kaufman County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Senate Bill No. 55.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a State Athletic Commission and regulating the art of boxing and sparring exhibitions or performances in the State of Texas."

Senator McNealus moved that the bill be set as a special order for next Tuesday at the conclusion of the morning call.

House Bill No. 59.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 67, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and entitled 'An Act to amend the Special Road Law of Rockwall County, Texas, enacted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913,' same being an Act to create a more efficient road law for Rockwall County, Texas; providing that the commissioners court of Rockwall County, Texas, be

titled 'An Act to provide whole family protection for members of Fraternal Benefit Societies and declaring an emergency and also to require a deposit and the investment of the reserves by Insurance Companies and Fraternal Societies' and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Banking.

Simple Resolution No. 21.

Whereas; Private George Defferari, of Galveston, Texas, who is now in the Capitol, and who volunteered as a private in the Engineering Corps and was sent to France, where he served with distinction for eighteen months and was scheduled by General Pershing for promotion on account of distinguished service, at the time the Armistice was signed.

Therefore; be it resolved that he be invited to address the Senate.

GIBSON.

The resolution was read and adopted.

The Chair appointed a Courtesy Committee and the gentleman was presented to the Senate and made a brief address.

Senate Bill No. 95, Referred.

Senator Rector moved that S. B. No. 95 be withdrawn from the Committee on Mining and Irrigation and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The motion prevailed and the bill was accordingly referred.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Sentell, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to require the owner or agent or lessee of any land or any present interest therein, on which any streams is located, in whole or in part, which overflows its banks and floods the lands of other persons

under cultivation, to keep the timber, underbrush and drifts cleared out of the channels and off the shoals of such creek, making the failure to do so a misdemeanor, prescribing a penalty and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senators Buchanan and Strickland, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to prohibit the hauling or transportation of nitro-glycerin over, across or upon any street, alley, or highway of any city, town, or village, or within one-fourth mile within any city, town or village, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Dayton, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 1, Title 85, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 140, Session Laws 1913, relating to the Library and Historical Commission, by amending Articles 5600, 5601, 5602, 5606, 5607a and 5608, and adding Articles 5601a, 6601b, 5601c, 5602a, and 5609b."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Buchanan of Bell County, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 3083 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas as amended by Chapter 13, General Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its regular session so as to prohibit the issuance

of certificates of party nominations of ineligible candidates, and to prohibit the placing of name of any ineligible candidate upon the ballot for any general or special election, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Smith, and Representatives Wiginton, Hornby, Beard and Thomas, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of 'An Act approved April 4th, 1917, Chapter 192, Senate Bill No. 167, entitled 'An Act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies, and declaring an emergency.'"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 5, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Suiter, I beg to submit for your consideration the subject of amending Chapter 203 Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, amending Articles 637a, 637b and 637c of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas relating to the issuance of bonds by counties for the purpose of purchasing or taking over improved roads already constructed in any road district or districts therein and the further construction of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes throughout the county.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the subject of amending Chapter 49, Acts of the Fourteenth Legislature, by enactment of the accompanying bill.

I strongly urge the acquisition by the State of the improvements which constitute the court-house and jail of Travis County, to the end that the State may be in full possession of the half block of property in front of the new Land Office building and opposite the park in front of the Governor's Mansion.

The wisdom of the State's taking possession of this property is in my judgment obvious, and will become more apparant as future years are unfolded. I urge the appropriation of \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary for this purpose, to be available in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1920, and ending August 31, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the subject of legislation which in the wisdom of your body may be deemed necessary to properly and expeditiously carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution providing for State-wide prohibition.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of the Commission created under Chapter 34, General Laws passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its regular session, composed of the Governor, the Attorney General and the State Health Officer, created for the purpose of negotiating the sale and delivery to the United States Government of all property owned and used by the State of Texas for quarantine purposes along the Gulf of Mexico and on the Mexican border, on the Rio Grande river, I herewith submit for your consideration the wide divergance between the value of the properties as indicated by your body, in section 7 of said act, and the estimate of the value of those properties as made by the quarantine officers of the respective stations. It is stated in the Act referred to that

the sale of this property will turn into the State treasury about \$200,000.00, while the respective quarantine officers estimate the combined value of the property at \$79,055.00 as follows:

Galveston	\$45,000.00
Sabine	8,350.00
Point Isabel	6,000.00
Eagle Pass	105.00
Laredo	5,000.00
Port Aransas	14,600.00
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	\$79,055.00

The Commission feels a hesitancy in proceeding to carry out the will of the Legislature, since it appears that a basis for this legislation was the fact that it would bring into the treasury the sum of \$200,000.00; while an estimate made at the request of this commission by those familiar with the properties indicate that less than half of that amount will be derived.

I submit the subject for your consideration, and recommend that a committee be appointed by your body to ascertain the value of these properties, to the end that the Legislature may be informed of the true facts before negotiations for the sale of these properties are entered into.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Johnson of Blanco County, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to create a more efficient Road Law for Blanco County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Scott, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act establishing and creating the Ganado Independent School Dis-

trict in Jackson County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Terrell, I submit for your consideration the subject of amending Section 2, Chapter 65, Acts of Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, page 105, relating to providing aid for rural schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the following subject: "An Act to provide for the creation of a Commission on Uniform State Laws," etc.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Bardy, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 68 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and Chapter 154 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature to provide that sand, gravel and marl taken for raising the grade on Galveston Island and for the reconstruction and repair of Galveston Causeway shall be exempt from the provisions of said Chapter 68; ratifying and validating the permits issued by the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission for sand for said Causeway and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 5, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of

Senator Dudley, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Articles 3881, 3882, 3883, 3889 and 3903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session, Chapter 121 and Chapter 142 and as amended by Chapter 55 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and as amended by Chapter 158 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature; relating to the maximum amount of fees to be retained by district and community officers; the manner of accounting for excess fees, the appointment and pay of deputies and assistants to the various district and county officers; prescribing the maximum salaries to be paid such deputies and assistants; and providing for the appointment of two additional assistants by the district or county attorney in counties of 100,000 inhabitants; prescribing the maximum amount of salaries to be paid such additional assistants and the manner of such payment; providing for \$75.00 per month for necessary expenses by such district or county attorney in counties of 100,000 inhabitants, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Schlosshan, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act providing for the consolidation of Common School Districts one with another, and for the consolidation of common school districts with Independent School Districts, defining ways and means whereby such consolidation may be effected and providing for the organization and control of such consolidated districts, and providing for the assumption of all outstanding bonded indebtedness and preserving the bonding an taxing powers of said district, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 1, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Estes, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Bermond Independent School District of Robertson County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Wright, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating and incorporating Perrin County Line Independent School District in Jack County, Texas etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 1 to 10 inclusive, Chapter 68 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature passed at the Regular Session thereof, being an Act to provide for the protection of fish and oysters within tide water limits along the Gulf Coast of this State, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 25, 28, 31, 35, and 40 of Chapter 157, of the General Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, passed at the Regular Session there-

of, being 'An Act to preserve, propagate, distribute, and protect wild game, wild birds, wild fowl of the State, to provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, storage, sale, purchase, or shipment thereof, to provide for the appointment of Deputy Game Commissioners, and fixing their salaries, to define the duties and powers of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his deputies; to fix the venue of prosecution under this Act; to provide for the issuances of hunting licenses and prescribe penalties for hunting without a license; to declare that certain moneys shall belong to the special Game Fund of this State, and the disposition to be made of said moneys, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency'; correcting certain grammatical and typographical errors in said sections; and by adding thereto Sections 31a and 31b; providing a closed season on wild female deer and spotted fawns and fixing a limit of three buck deer during one season by any one person and fixing penalties therefor; providing the manner of transporting lawfully killed deer and fixing penalties for unlawful shipment of deer, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the office of Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner; providing for his appointment, prescribing his qualifications, defining his duties, authorizing the appointment of deputies, prescribing their qualifications, defining their powers and duties; and for the protection of fish, oysters, turtle terrapins, shrimp, crabs, clams, mussels, lobsters, and all other kinds and forms of marine life in the public fresh water, tidal and coast waters of the State and to protect the natural oyster beds and reefs and to provide for the location of private beds prescribing the terms, tax and conditions upon which fish, shrimp, crabs, clams, turtle terrapins, mussels, lob-

sters, and all other forms and kinds of marine life may be taken from the waters of this State; provided that this act shall be construed to be a continuation of all former laws upon the subject; and providing that all suits now pending involving laws affected by this Act shall not abate but shall be prosecuted under such former laws and under this act, fixing penalties for violations of the act; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Floyd, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following, to-wit:

"An Act increasing the salary of the Official Court Reporter for the 76th Judicial District of Texas to the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars, providing for the manner of payment of such salary and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Floyd, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act increasing the salary of the Official Court Reporter for the Sixth Judicial District of Texas to the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars, providing for the manner of payment of such salary and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the subject of the Board of Control. I approved the law enacted by your body at the regular session dealing with this subject. The law, however, calls for

changes and amendments in order to accomplish the purposes of this legislation and to establish a Board of Control in a manner that will bring the greatest measure of benefit to the State. I have, therefore, taken the liberty of accompanying this message with a bill carefully prepared, and which in my judgment, embodies the desired changes and amendments. I commend this Act to your consideration, and recommend its passage as particularly desirable at the Present Called Session.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:
Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Sackett, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:
"An Act to amend Article 3879 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, being an Act establishing public weigher's fees, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:
Gentlemen: At the request of Honorable Annie Webb Blanton, Superintendent of Public Instruction, I submit to you for your consideration an amendment to Chapter 160 General Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, Acts of 1919, establishing an Industrial Welfare Commission, and regulating the employment of women and minors, so as to remove from the Industrial Welfare Commission the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to provide for the appointment of a person as a member of said Commission in lieu thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:
Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Buchanan of Bell County, I

beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Academy Consolidated Independent School District out of the following Independent School Districts in Bell County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Sentell, I submit the following for your consideration:

"An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, being the Rural School Appropriation, by repealing Sub-division No. (1) thereof, and making said section read as follows:"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Richards, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Title 126, Chapter 1, Article 7355, Sections 26, 27, 30 and 36, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, by providing that Sections 26, 27, 30 and 36, of Article 7355 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, shall not apply to cities and towns of a population of less than 2500 people, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Hill of Wheeler, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Lillie Independent School District in Collings-

worth County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Tidwell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to release soldiers, sailors and marines from any and all penalties, costs and charges which may be assessed against them by reason of non-payment of any taxes, general or special, due upon any property, personal, real or mixed, belonging to them during their term of service in the war between the Imperial German Government and the United States, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the subject of amending Chapter 198 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its regular session, establishing the Hospital for the negro insane at Rusk, Texas. In the interest of economy and in the interest of most speedily providing hospital quarters for insane persons now confined in Texas jails, it appears that an amendment to the law permitting accommodations for white patients separate and apart from negro patients, as is the case in other institutions for the insane of Texas, will make it possible to provide room in the next two months for the approximately 600 insane persons now in Texas jails and partially relieve other asylums.

The Negro Hospital for the Insane at Rusk is modern and adequate and has the very best accommodations for insane patients. It is new and of modern construction and adapted to the care of the afflicted and suggested by the best thought and according to the best plan of construction for the insane. When the furniture now ordered is installed, it will care for 900 patients.

To remove the negro patients from Austin will necessitate an expenditure for transportation, as well as an expenditure for remodeling the quarters for negroes in order to make them available for white patients, of approximately \$100,000.00, most of which in my judgment would be saved by the amendment to the law here suggested.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Senate Bill No. 97.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1121, Chapter 11, Title 25, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to private corporations by adding thereto, a section providing for the formation of private corporations for accepting, guaranteeing, indorsing, becoming surety upon, buying, selling, contracting with reference to, or otherwise dealing in acceptance, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warehouse and other receipts and buying, selling, indorsing, contracting with reference to, or otherwise dealing in banker's acceptances, prescribing securities in which a portion out of the capital of such corporations shall be kept invested, fixing limitations upon its indebtedness, authorizing private corporations banking corporations and trust companies to hold stock in corporations doing business in this State and formed to accept bills of exchange in aid of domestic or foreign trade in agricultural products; subjecting them to the supervision of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; providing penalties for violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Page offered the following amendments which were read and adopted, seriatim:

(1) Amend Caption by inserting in line 12 after the words, "other receipts," the following words, "involving agricultural products."

(2) Amend Caption, lines 12 to 21 inclusive, by striking out, begin-

unless the price can be reduced; Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House concurring, that the Prison Commission is hereby requested and directed to prepare and file with the Secretary of the Senate and the House at its next Called or Regular Session, a detailed report covering the feasibility of a State owned and operated cement plant, the cost of the necessary lands, machinery, etc., and advising the Legislature whether or not such plant is practicable and advisable.

DOROUGH.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Dudley, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Menard County; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator McNealus, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 190 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, which relates to license fees charged against owners of motor vehicles, expressly repealing Section 2 and 3 of said

Chapter 113, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 8, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative C. W. Beard of Milam County, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas, creating a special road system for Milam County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

House Bill No. 3.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay salaries of judges, and for the support of the Judicial Department of the State Government for the two years beginning September 1, 1919, and ending August 31, 1921, and for the Commission of Appeals from September 21, 1919, to June 30, 1920, and declaring an emergency."

The Committee report carrying a substitute bill, the same being S. B. No. 3, was adopted.

Senator Dorrough offered the following:

Amend the Committee Amendment, page 8, line 14, by striking out figures "1200" and "1200" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "\$1800.00 and \$1800.00."

Senator Caldwell offered the following, which was substituted for the above amendment:

Amend Committee substitute to H. B. No. 3 as follows: Strike out figures "\$1200" as salary of stenographer each Court of Civil Appeals and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$1800.00" each year.

Senator Dean offered the following amendment to the amendment as substituted:

Amend by striking out the figures

By Senator Dean:

S. B. No. 128. A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish Common School District No. 20 in Walker County, Texas, out of a part of the territory now embraced in Common School District No. 14 of said county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Williford:

S. B. No. 139. A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to Brazos County a more efficient and better road law; prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising public road work in Brazos County; providing that there shall be levied and collected a tax from every male person between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five, resident within Brazos County on the first day of January of each year outside the corporate limits of any incorporated town an annual road tax of six dollars, for the benefit of public roads and bridges, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioners court; and providing that the tax collector shall furnish to the commissioners court, at its regular term in February, a complete list of the names of all persons, the precincts of their residence against whom a road tax has been assessed, and has failed to pay same; and providing that upon failure of said persons to pay said tax, shall be summoned to work five days on the public road in their respective precincts, providing that they shall perform a reasonable amount of work on the public roads under the direction of the persons in charge of same, and a failure to do so, they shall be prosecuted; providing that eight hours shall constitute a day's work. Said Act further providing that the commissioners court have authority to appoint superintendents of roads and prescribe their duties; providing that the commissioners be ex-officio road commissioners of their respective precincts; defining their duties in reference to roads and providing that a bond be executed by them for the sum of one thousand dollars, payable to county judge; providing further that when any defined district of the county as a whole go to issue bonds provided under general law for permanent road improvement, that there be created a board of permanent road commissioners defining their duties, manner of selection, their

qualifications, term of office, providing for filling of vacancies; providing for their compensation and for their giving bond; Providing further that this Act to be accumulative of all general and special laws of the State of Texas applicable to Brazos County, when not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, in which case the provisions of this Act shall prevail; requiring the courts to take notice of this Act without being specially plead and proved; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Barry Miller, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act providing for the appointment of official stenographer for grand juries of Dallas and Bexar Counties by the judges of the district courts presiding over same, and prescribing their qualifications and duties, and providing for their compensation, and prescribing the time and method of transcribing and furnishing to the district or county attorneys of said counties the evidence adduced and given before said grand juries in the investigation of crimes and offenses coming before such bodies, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Johnston, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Subdivision 6 of Art. 7507 in Chapter 11 of Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to exempt from taxation institutions of purely personal charity and their real, personal and mixed estate, including buildings, grounds, moneys, securities, lands, credits, endowments and all assets,

the rents, income proceeds and increase thereof, and regulating such exemptions, and defining institutions of purely public charity, and defining the word "institutions" as used in the phrase "institutions of purely public character" in Article 11, Section 2 of the Constitution of Texas and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative John E. Davis, of Dallas, I submit for your consideration the following subject to-wit: "An Act to amend Article 4081 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State so as to provide for the appointment of a guardian of a person of unsound mind or an habitual drunkard, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Numerous complaints have been laid before me by the people residing along the Pecos River, in western Texas, to the effect that Texas is not getting its proper share of the waters of the Pecos River because of the increased diversion plants that are being established in New Mexico. In an action by the State of Kansas against the State of Colorado, carried to a conclusion in the Supreme Court of the United States, the principal that each state is entitled to its fair share of the total discharge of interstate streams, was established. At my suggestion, there is now in progress an investigation of the conditions along the Pecos River in Texas and the Pecos River in New Mexico, which investigation is being conducted by the Board of Water Engineers and the Attorney General of Texas to determine whether the rights of Texas people are in jeopardy.

In view of these facts, and at the request of Senator Dudley and numerous citizens of the western part of the State, I submit to you the question of such action as will authorize the Attorney General of the State and the Board of Water Engineers in institute

whatever legal proceedings necessary to protect Texas interests in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act empowering the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to purchase additional lands, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its regular session, which is entitled, 'An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Stephenville, Texas, to be known as the John Tarlton Agricultural College,' etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to provide for the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas or its authorized representatives to sell the hides of any predatory animals killed under authority of Chapter 107 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and remit such funds to the State Treasurer, and such funds set apart to be drawn and used by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission for the further eradication of predatory animals under authority of said Chapter 107."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives O. G. Black and Jones of Bexar County, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1. Chapter 68, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1917, entitled 'An Act to amend Article 1143, Chapter 3, Title 15, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as mentioned by Chapter 20, of the Acts of the State of Texas, relating to the pay of jail guards, and defining the number of hours constituting a day,' and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Hon John E. Davis of Dallas, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, same being 'An Act creating a more efficient road law for Dallas County,' etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Satterwhite, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating an independent school district to be known as 'Texline Independent School District,'"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Kirtrell, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act adding to Chapter 17 of the Harris County Road Law passed by a

regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas," etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration such emergency appropriations as may be needed by the various departments of the State Government and State institutions for the remainder of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Bailey, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 3868, Chapter 3, Title 58 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide the ex-officio compensation that may be paid by the commissioners courts of the various counties of this State to the sheriffs thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Peyton, of Trinity County, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 60, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, so as to transfer Trinity County from Zone No. 2 to Zone No. 3."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 9, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative R. D. Thompson, I submit for your con-

sideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act declaring all cotton gins to be public service institutions and requiring all owners and lessees thereof to obtain license and execute bond before operating same, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18.

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has held that upon interstate streams, the right to proper division of the waters of said streams between the residents of all the states through which such rivers meander, is a principle that may be sustained in an action in which all the facts will be considered, to the end that no State will lose any of its rights, and all States shall have equal opportunity and benefit, and

Whereas, the Pecos River, which rises in New Mexico and flows through Texas, is important to the people of this State who have established extensive diversion works for the irrigation of arid and semi-arid lands that are susceptible of intensive cultivation when the supply of water from said river is available, and

Whereas, the increase in the diversion of the water of said stream by the people of New Mexico, if not restrained by the rights of those so engaged, will be a detriment to the interests of the people of Texas and result in serious financial loss, and

Whereas, Texas is entitled to a proper division of the water supply of the Pecos River, and there should be some determination whether that equitable division is being allowed, and

Whereas the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, and the Attorney General of the State of Texas are now making an investigation to determine the equitable rights of the people of Texas and the legal questions involved in said controversy regarding the waters of this stream; Now, Therefore, Be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Texas, the House concurring: That if after the investigation now being conducted by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas and

the Attorney General of the State of Texas, it is the conclusion of these departments, that the rights of the people of Texas to the waters of the Pecos River are infringed by the diversion of said waters by the people of the State of New Mexico, or by any other agency, that the Attorney General be authorized to institute such legal proceedings as are necessary, in the name of the State of Texas, or in the name or names of individuals, irrigation companies, irrigation districts or the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, as in his judgment should be done, to secure an adjudication of the controversy that has become of importance to the users of water from said Pecos River.

DUDLEY.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 24.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish the Journal Clerk and Secretary each, not to exceed, \$5.00 in stamps for use during the Special Session.

CALDWELL.

The resolution was read and adopted.

House Bill No. 18.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Tokio Independent School District, etc.; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—29.

Alderdice.	Dorough.
Bailey.	Dudley.
Buchanan of Bell.	Faust.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Floyd.
Caldwell.	Gibson.
Carlock.	Hall.
Clark.	Hertzberg.
Cousins.	Honkins.
Dayton.	Johnston.
Dean.	Page.

and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

On motion of Senator Suiter the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 56.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to lease islands, salt water lakes, bays, inlets, reefs and marshes owned by the State within the water limits, and that portion of the Gulf of Mexico within the jurisdiction of the State of Texas, for the production of oil and natural gas, etc."

Senator Buchanan of Scurry offered the following amendments which were read and adopted, serially:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 56, page 1, line 17, by striking out the words "game, fish and oyster fund" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "general revenue fund."

(2) Amend S. B. No. 56, page 1, line 30, by inserting after the word "Texas" the words "and the unsurveyed public free school lands," and amend the caption by inserting the same words after the word "Texas" in line 9 on same page.

(3) Amend S. B. No. 56, page 2, line 22, by adding the words "not to exceed ten years from the date of said lease" after the word "lease."

(4) Amend S. B. No. 56, page 3, by striking out of lines 22 and 23 the sentence "all leases shall date from the time the application was filed."

(5) Amend S. B. No. 56, page 5, by striking out all after the word "with" in line 6, down to "the" in line 7 on said page 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "All amounts received from the unsurveyed school lands and with two-thirds of the amount so received from other areas and shall credit the general revenue fund with the remaining one-third from said other areas."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 56 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Floyd.
Bailey.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Carlock.	Rector.
Clark.	Smith.
Cousins.	Strickland.
Dayton.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Faust.	Woods.

Absent.

Hall. Page.

Absent—Excused.

Johnston. McNealus.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and, on motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, was passed finally.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator W. L. Dean, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act making it the duty of every oil pipeline company or concern or individual doing a pipeline business in the State of Texas to make to the Comptroller of the State and to the Railroad Commission of this State written reports, etc."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Fly, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 2 of H. B. No. 155, enacted by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, amending and revising the metes and bounds of the Nixon Independent School District."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Williford, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act granting to Brazos County, a more efficient and better road law, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Davis of Van Zandt, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Article 6338, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes, prescribing the places where road overseers shall place index boards, and prescribing penalty for failure to comply with this Act."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Nordhouse, O. B. Black, Lange, Parnell, John Davis, Sentell, Fairchild, Pool, Walker of Newton, Taylor, Bolin, Thamosan of Nacogdoches, Wallace Malone, Pope, Richardson, Hill of Wheeler, Murphy, Hall, Faubian, Brady and many others, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to provide for the payment of Texas soldiers and sailors who enlisted in the defense of the State in the war between the United States and the German empire; providing for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State for raising the necessary funds therefor; providing for the raising of revenue to pay the interest on said bonds and creating a sinking fund for redemption of same, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Rep-

resentative Davidson, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to provide for the construction of a road and highway in and through the San Jacinto State Park, and to provide for the use of convict labor for the construction of such road and highway, and to appropriate out of the General Revenue not heretofore appropriated the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the construction and maintenance of such road, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Gaddy, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature First Called Session, approved May 19, 1917, amending Chapter 15, Title 48 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas by adding Article 2815-c so as to provide that Article 2815-c shall not be applicable in the case of any city which votes to extend its city limits without affecting an adjacent School Districts or Districts, a portion or portions of which may be included within such limits as extended."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Through the diligent and patriotic efforts of Mr. Kendall B. Cressey, editor of the Austin American, I am pleased to inform your honorable body that I now have in my custody the cornerstone of the first permanent State Capitol of Texas.

Recently, Mr. Cressey and others have been actively interested in the reclaiming of this relic, which was thought to be in the possession of a former resident of Texas, now living in Denver, Colorado. It has recently come to my knowledge that the cornerstone had been in Austin, and used as a doorstep in front of a home in this city. This information came to me when a committee, consisting of Mr. Cressey, the editor of the Aus-

tin American, Mr. A. J. Zilker, Mrs. Blanche G. Merritt and Mr. O. M. Caldwell, brought the stone to my office on the afternoon of July 9th, and left the same in my office.

By reason of the intrinsic value of this historic old relic, I feel that it properly should belong to the State, and be placed on exhibition at a suitable spot, and preserved to commemorate the early days of Texas' statehood.

I will therefore hold this cornerstone of the first permanent Capitol of the State, here in my office, subject to the direction of the Legislature with respect to its disposition in a manner in keeping with its historic significance.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator W. L. Dean, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"The creation of Common School District No. 20, Walker County, Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 47.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to exchange Court Reports, sessions, Acts and other publications of other States and of the United States and of foreign countries for the benefit of the Law Library of the University of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 47 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Euchanan of Scurry.
Bailey.	Caldwell.
Buchanan of Bell.	Carlock.

Clark.	Hopkins.
Cousins.	Parr.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Dorcugh.	Suiter.
Dudley.	Westbrook.
Faust.	Williford.
Floyd.	Witt.
Gibson.	Woods.
Hertzberg.	

Absent.

Hall.	Rector.
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Absent—Excused.

Johnston.	McNealus.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and, on motion of Senator Caldwell, was passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 49.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 159 of the laws passed by the regular session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature establishing a State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children so as to provide that the Lieutenant Governor shall be a member of the Board to select a site for said Institution, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Caldwell the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 49 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Faust.
Bailey.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Parr.
Caldwell.	Smith.
Carlock.	Strickland.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dayton.	Westbrook.
Dean.	Williford.
Dorcugh.	Witt.
Dudley.	Woods.

Nays—1.

Clark.

Yeas—19.

Alderdice.	Hertzberg.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Rector.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Smith.
Carlock.	Strickland.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dean.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Faust.	Woods.
Floyd.	

Nays—5.

Caldwell.	Dorough.
Clark.	Gibson.
Dayton.	

Absent.

Hall.	Westbrook.
Parr.	

Absent—Excused.

Johnston.	Page.
McNealus.	

Simple Resolution No. 26.

Be it Resolved, by the Senate of Texas, that the Comptroller be requested to furnish to the Senate within two days, a complete itemized list of all estimates upon which inheritance taxes have been collected since February 24, 1919, together with the date upon which the same was paid, and what compensation was paid for the collection in each instance, the person or persons to whom such compensation was paid, so as to show separately the taxes that were collected by the tax collectors of the various counties, and the amount collected by other persons under contract with the Comptroller.

HOPKINS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Whereas, the Honorable Ben M. Terrell, Judge of the Sixty-seventh District Court, will in all probability be compelled to be absent from the State during the month of July and August of the present year, and also during the months of July and August of 1920, due to the serious illness of his wife; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the

State of Texas that leave is hereby granted to the said Honorable Ben M. Terrell to be absent from the State of Texas during the months named.

CARLOCK.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Suiter, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Quitman Independent School District in Wood County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senators Bailey and Alderdice and Representative John Davis of Dallas, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to define profiteering; to prescribe penalties therefor, and to provide for the enforcement thereof."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Morris of Bosque County, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, which was 'An Act incorporating the Meridian Independent School District in Bosque County, Texas, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of
Representative Beason, I submit for
your consideration the following sub-
ject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1, Chap-
ter 19, Local and Special Laws,
passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature
at its First Called Session, being 'An
Act creating the Cedar Bayou Inde-
pendent School District, in the coun-
ties of Harris and Chambers, State
of Texas, etc.'"

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of
Representative Culp, I beg to submit
for your consideration the following
subject, to-wit:

"An Act authorizing Mrs. A. V.
Gillett to inherit the property that
belongs to Frank B. Gillett at the
time of his death, and granting unto
Mrs. A. V. Gillett title, right and
possession of all property seized by
Frank B. Gillett at the time of his
death."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of
Representative Satterwhite, I beg to
submit for your consideration the
following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to restore and confer
upon the county court of Carson
County the civil and criminal juris-
diction belonging to said court under
the Constitution and general statutes
of Texas, etc., and declaring an
emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of
Representatives Hall, Davidson, Kit-
trell and Murphy, I submit for your
consideration the following subject,
to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1, Chap-
ter 62, of the General Laws of the
Regular Session of the Thirty-second
Legislature so as to empower the
commissioners court of the respective
counties of the State of Texas to ap-
propriate not to exceed Two Thou-
sand Dollars per year for the Farm-
ers' Co-operative Demonstration
Work, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Sen-
ator Hall, I beg to submit for your
consideration the following subject:

"An Act to incorporate Blessing
Independent School District, Mata-
gorda County, etc., and declaring an
emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of
Senator Alderdice and Representa-
tive Wiginton, I beg to submit for
your consideration the following sub-
ject, to-wit:

"An Act adding to the Covington
Independent School District in Hill
County, Texas, a part of the Bois de
Arc Common School District, No. 7,
etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

	For Prohibition.	Against Prohibition.	For Amendment, Section 2, Article 6.	Against Amendment, Section 2, Article 6.	For Amendment Section 5, Article IV.	Against Amendment, Section 5, Article IV.	For Amendment Section 50, Article 3.	Against Amendment, Section 50, Article 3.
Starr	8	162	7	165	15	157	37	160
Stephens	219	106	179	168	113	226	143	194
Stirling	89	57	64	92	50	107	42	115
Stonewall			Not counted					
Sutton	112	54	102	72	90	18	115	44
Swisher	279	97	235	161	163	219	268	123
Tarrant	4650	2681	3686	3345	3237	3711	4279	2628
Taylor	957	511	831	734	612	932	837	697
Terrell	30	22	30	26	27	30	32	22
Terry	120	38	116	64	53	108	101	71
Throckmorton	219	63	200	106	99	202	173	126
Titus	599	556	433	303	319	905	435	785
Tom Green	698	296	643	348	534	445	601	373
Travis	2379	2160	2262	2517	2172	2516	2454	2191
Trinity	432	510	302	668	276	687	376	603
Tyler	211	196	176	276	130	321	171	275
Upshur	734	601	565	667	341	1083	519	834
Upton			—No Election—					
Uvalde	338	182	345	222	241	318	301	193
Val Verde	181	65	160	101	133	121	160	99
Van Zandt	1076	827	1205	1057	617	1694	1198	1150
Vicorda	502	904	471	1081	374	1182	590	942
Walker	481	563	412	701	306	807	336	725
Waller	502	368	413	464	319	543	392	472
Ward	66	46	75	51	54	69	86	57
Washington	491	1786	533	1782	555	1706	698	1694
Webb	91	137	165	79	152	67	163	75
Wharton	788	732	776	824	654	927	850	735
Wheeler	312	85	595	113	196	212	215	89
Wichita	556	520	530	319	483	348	646	229
Wilbarger	569	373	516	462	436	545	620	373
Willacy	46	9	47	8	54	1	47	8
Williamson	971	1870	1703	2336	1430	2665	1670	2308
Wilson	470	987	382	1139	334	1278	372	1223
Winkler	5	4	3	6	9	0	0	9
Wise	1531	524	1101	1000	592	1482	1027	1038
Wood	1071	1107	891	1327	572	1634	1033	1315
Yoakum	23	21	21	27	8	10	9	33
Young	896	276	654	448	355	692	625	440
Zapata	26	19	26	22	38	10	41	0
Zavala	82	35	162	25	46	77	96	31
	159,723	140,699	141,773	176,883	108,526	193,339	152,422	153,243

I, C. D. Mims, Chief Clerk, and Acting Secretary of State, do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy showing the vote by counties, on the 6 Constitutional Amendments therein as found by the Election Board and shown in their report, now on file in this Department.

C. D. MIMS,
Chief Clerk, and Acting Secretary of State.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Thomason of Nacogdoches, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act adding territory to the present Cushing Independent School District of Nacogdoches and Rusk Counties; defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative McDonald, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to create an independent school district in Grimes County, Texas, to be known and designated as the 'Victory Independent School District,' etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 11, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for
your consideration the following sub-
ject, to-wit:

"An Act creating a more efficient
road system for Wichita County,
Texas, etc., and declaring an emer-
gency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 58.

The Chair laid before the Senate
on second reading:

S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled
"An Act granting to the City of
Rockport, Texas, all right, title and
interest of the State of Texas, to
certain land lying and being sit-
uated under the waters of Aransas
Bay; declaring such granted area to
be the 'Rockport Shipping District,'
and defining the purpose for which
same is to be used; granting to said
City of Rockport the right, power
and authority to locate, construct,
own and maintain within said
granted territory such seawalls or
breakwaters as may be necessary or
desirable and to fill in the space be-
tween same and the mainland, and
declaring all area formed by such
filling in to be the property of the
City of Rockport; granting said city
the right, power and authority to
construct within such granted area,
such buildings, streets, slips, docks,
terminals, wharves, dikes, piers,
watering and loading and unloading
facilities, tracks or other improve-
ments, or make such excavations as
may be deemed suitable or desir-
able in the building up and main-
tenance of the shipping industry of
the port."

The committee report carrying
amendments was adopted.

The bill was read second time and
passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the
constitutional rule requiring bills to
be read on three several days was
suspended and Senate Bill No. 58
put on its third reading and final
passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Buchanan of Bell.
Bailey.	Buchanan of Scurry.

Caldwell.	Hertzberg.
Carlock.	Hopkins.
Cousins.	Rector.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Suiter.
Dudley.	Williford.
Faust.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.
Hall.	

Absent.

Clark.	Parr.
Dorough.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

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The bill was laid before the Sen-
ate, read third time and, on motion
of Senator Bailey, was passed by the
following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Floyd.
Bailey.	Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	Rector.
Carlock.	Smith.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dayton.	Williford.
Dean.	Witt.
Dudley.	Woods.
Faust.	

Absent.

Clark.	Parr.
Dorough.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Johnston.	Page.
McNealus.	

Bill Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor
Johnson, gave notice of signing and
did sign in the presence of the Sen-
ate, after its caption had been read,
the following:

H. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled
"An Act amending Section 1, Chap-
ter 67, Local and Special Laws of
the State of Texas, passed by the
Thirty-sixth Legislature, and entitled
'An Act to amend the Special Road
Law of Rockwall County, Texas, en-
acted at the Regular Session of the
Thirty-third Legislature, 1913,' same
being an Act to create a more effi-

Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, 1917, entitled 'An Act creating and incorporating the Wilmer Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, defining its metes and bounds and providing a board of trustees therefor, and for other purposes, and declaring an emergency,' so that hereafter said Section 1, in defining the metes and bounds of said Wilmer Independent School District, shall read as shown below."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator McNealus, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 65 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Bell.	Rector.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Smith.
Caldwell.	Strickland.
Dayton.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.
Hertzberg.	

Absent.

Cousins. Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Johnston.
Clark.	Page.
Faust.	Parr.
Gibson.	

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and on motion of Senator McNealus, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Bell.	Rector.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Smith.
Caldwell.	Strickland.
Dayton.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.
Hertzberg.	

Absent.

Cousins. Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Johnston.
Clark.	Page.
Faust.	Parr.
Gibson.	

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 12, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Buchanan of Bell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act for relief of railway corporations having charters granted or amended since the first of January, 1892, and which have failed or about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 12, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senators Bailey and Hall, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature relating to the duties of tax collectors to prepare and mail notices and statements of delinquent taxes against lands to the record owners thereof; the preparation and perfecting of the delinquent tax records of various counties and the compensation of the collector therefor; relating to the duties of the county and district attorneys in respect to instituting suits for the collection of delinquent taxes and the compensation they shall receive therefor; so as to require and provide that the notices to the record owners of real estate against which taxes are delinquent may be mailed by the tax collector to the addresses of such owners during the months of April and May of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable; and prescribing the contents of such notices; and to

amend Section 3 of said Chapter so as to provide that the county attorney of each county in the State or the district attorney in the counties having no county attorney shall file suit for the collection of taxes delinquent against any lands or lots situated in such county, together with interest penalties, and costs then due, as soon as practicable after the expiration of ninety days from the date of notice mailed to the delinquent owner thereof by the tax collector under the provisions of this Act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Senate Bill No. 48.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1202 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas of 1911 as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 112 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 2nd, 1913, and as amended by Chapter 91 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, so as to fix the salaries of Probation officers in this State, and to re-enact said Article as amended by said Section 8 of Chapter 112 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature and declaring an emergency."

Senator Suiter offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

Amend S. B. No. 48, page 3 line 16, by striking out the words "County Judge" and inserting in lieu thereof "County Commissioners Court."

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Caldwell was passed to engrossment.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading as follows:

Whereas, The necessity of a revision of our currency system, which caused the money panics of 1893 and of 1907 gave to the country the Fed-

eral Reserve Act, which has made panics practically impossible; and

Whereas, The farmers and producers of the Southern States have suffered two cotton panics, of 1914 and 1918, brought on by the war and the same manipulations that caused the money panics, causing useless and ruinous breaks in cotton prices; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that we ask Congress, now in session, to so amend Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act as to permit Federal Reserve Banks to loan money on agricultural commodity certificates issued against stored non-perishable farm products by making such certificates commercial paper without any member banks' endorsement; with power vested in the Federal Reserve Banks to extend said loans or carry such certificates as long as the exigencies of the farming interests and market conditions may demand; and, be it

Resolved further, That Congress also be asked to amend Sections 5200 and 5202 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to permit National banks to make larger loans on longer time upon certificates issued against stored, non-perishable agricultural products while they are still in the hands of the producers.

DAYTON.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

Senator Smith moved that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to wire a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, inviting President Wilson to address a joint session of the Legislature, to him at Washington, D. C.

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 122 Set as Special Order.

On motion of Senator Smith Senate Bill No. 122 was set as a special order for next Monday at the conclusion of the morning call.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative McMillin, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act requiring the tax assessor of each independent or common school district in the State in which a school tax has been voted, to prepare and deliver to the tax assessor of the county in which said district is located, the tax rolls for said district at a time not later than July 1, of each year, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Kellis, and Morris of Montague, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to create a Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors that shall serve without pay, prescribing their duties and the subjects in which applicants for land surveyor's license shall be examined, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Witt, Representatives Poage, Williams and Quicksall, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Moody Independent School District in McLennan County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Bonham, I beg to sub-

mit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to increase the limits of Mathis Independent School District of San Patricio County, as created and established by Chapter 97 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature (S. B. No. 593), amending Chapter 74, (S. B. No. 349), Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator Hertzberg, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act authorizing the county treasurer of counties having a population in excess of one hundred thousand inhabitants to appoint an assistant where an assistant is necessary for the efficiency of the public service, etc."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Bonham, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act granting to C. A. Heldenfels and F. W. Heldenfels all right, title, and interest of the State of Texas to certain land lying and being situated under the waters of the Aransas Bay and certain land formed by dredge spoil within the granted area, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative Darroch, I beg to submit for your consideration, the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Hico Independent School District in Hamilton and Erath Counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator Hertzberg and Representative Blackburn, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to authorize and empower Kerr County, or any political subdivision or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined of said county, etc., to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the West Orange Independent School District in Orange County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Burton and Senator Smith, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 20 and 23 Chapter 76 of the Regular and Special Laws of Texas enacted at the Regular, First and Second Called Sessions of the Thirty-first Legislature and known as an Act to create a more efficient road system for Rusk County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Parnell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating the Harrold Independent School District in Wilbarger County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 14, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of your Honorable body in the appointment of Hon. Marion Douglass of Galveston, as a member of the State Board of Public Accountancy, vice Hon. Milton Morris of Austin, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Nominations by the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 57.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make certain emergency appropriations out of the general revenue for the several institutions and departments of the government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Woods offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 57 by adding thereto the following item:

"North Texas Hospital for the Insane. For amount necessary to complete the sewage disposal plant now under course of erection at said hospital, the sum of \$4,000.00."

The following amendments of Senator Dudley was read and adopted:

Amend Senate Bill No. 57 by inserting, page 2, between lines 10 and 12 the following: "To supplement salaries of fifty-two district attorneys from June 19, 1919 to August 31, 1919, as under Act of House Bill No. 22 of the Regular Session Thirty-sixth Legislature, \$28,860.00."

Amend Senate Bill No. 57 by adding the following after line 32 on page 1:

(Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas.)

"For the purpose of paying necessary office expenses of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, including office rent, stamps, stationery, printing office furniture, supplies, telegraph and telephone service and other necessary expenses for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919, \$300.00."

"An Act making appropriation of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars \$15,000.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay the contingent expenses of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, providing how accounts may be approved; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 15, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the subject of amending Chapter 3, Title 18, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, with reference to the issuance of bonds for the purpose of funding, refunding and compromising bonds which have already been issued, providing their issuance to bear a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent per annum.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 15, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator Floyd, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to create a more efficient road system for Red River County, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 15, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Bertram and Smith of Hopkins, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to create a more efficient road system for Hopkins County, Texas."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 12, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Gaddy, I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to amend Section 7, of Chapter 1 of the Special Laws of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, approved April 23, 1903, relating to roads in certain counties so as to exempt the county of Jefferson from the operation of said Section 7 and to repeal Section 7 of Chapter 24 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature approved March 7, 1911, relating to the roads in Jefferson County, and to amend said Chapter 24 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 7, 1911, by adding Section 11 thereto, providing for the regular employment of a county road engineer by the commissioners court of the said county of Jefferson."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 15, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Faubion and Senator Caldwell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to repeal all special road laws heretofore enacted for Burnet County, Texas, * * * validating bond elections heretofore held, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 15, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of your honorable body in the appointment of Hon. A. B. Watkins of Athens as a member of the State Normal School Board of Regents, vice Hon. W. J. Crawford of Beaumont, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

The above was read and referred

to the Committee on Nominations by the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 16, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator Floyd I submit for your consideration the subject of amending the Delta County Road Law.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

House Bill No. 66.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Lovelady School District in Houston County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; investing the district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent district as a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them the power, etc., given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Strickland was passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 114.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Van Independent School District in Van Zandt County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Suiter was passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 112.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 112, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend 'An Act creating the Follett Independent School District of Lipscomb County, defining its metes and bounds, vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only, etc.," said original Act being House Bill No. 65, Chapter 13, Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; this amending Act revising the boundaries of said Follett Independent School District, fixing the number of trustees, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry was passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 77.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt the county of Uvalde from the provisions and operations of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, of Chapter 7, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and all acts amendatory thereto relating to the inspection of hides and animals, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Hertzberg was passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 23.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as the same was amended by Chapter 114 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, relating to the inspection of hides and animals by striking therefrom the word 'Bailey,' so as to include Bailey County among the counties subject to the provisions of Chapter 7, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as the same was amended by Chapter 127, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legisla-

The committee report that the bill be printed in the Journal only was adopted.

Senator Dean offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend the bill by striking out section 6 thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

Section 3: The provisions of this Act shall not prohibit the possession of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes for use by the owner and members of his family in a bona fide residence before this Act goes into effect; nothing in this Act shall prohibit the manufacture, transportation, storage and sale of denatured or pure ethyl alcohol, or denatured rum for use only in the industrial or mechanical arts or for scientific purposes or in chemical laboratories or hospitals or to prevent the manufacture, transportation, sale and keeping and storing for sale of any medicinal preparation manufactured in accordance with formulas prescribed by the United States Pharmacopei or National Formulary or American Institute of Homeopathy, or of alcoholic, patent or proprietary medicines which do not require the payment of the Federal tax as a beverage and which contain no more alcohol than is necessary to extract the medicinal properties of the drug contained in such preparation, and to hold the medicinal agents in solution and to observe the same and which are manufactured and sold for legitimate and lawful purposes and not as a beverage, or to prevent the manufacture and sale of bona fide alcoholic toilet or antiseptic preparations and solutions or flavoring extracts which do not require the payment of Federal tax as a beverage and which contain no more alcohol than is necessary for the extraction, solution and preservation of the agents contained therein, and which are manufactured and sold for legitimate and lawful purposes and not as a beverage and upon the outside of the bottle or package of each is printed in English conspicuously and legibly and clearly and clearly the quantity by volume of alcohol in such preparations.

The manufacture of flavoring extracts or toilet, medicinal antiseptic preparations or solutions, patent or proprietary medicines, or preparations permitted to be manufactured by this Act shall be permitted to

purchase, possess, transport and store alcohol necessary for the manufacture of said article, but not to be sold or given away, provided that such manufacturer shall secure a permit from the Comptroller and provided that said manufacturer shall make a monthly report to be filed with the Comptroller on or before the 10th day of each month, showing the name and quantity of every such preparation, solution or medicine so manufactured, and the percentage of alcohol contained in each such preparation, solution or medicine. Provided further that said manufacturer shall, upon request of the Attorney General of the State, the Comptroller of the State, or the District or County Attorney of the county in which such manufacturer has his place of business, furnish to the officer making such request any information called for by such officer with reference to the manufacture, storage or sale of any such alcoholic preparations, solution or medicine, and any information with reference to the preparation and dates of sale and transportation of any such preparation solution or medicine to any person or persons designated in such request. And provided, further, that any of the officers hereinabove named shall have the right of any reasonable time within business hours to examine the books and records and all data in possession of such manufacturer, with reference to the manufacture, storage or sale of such alcoholic preparation.

Nothing herein shall prevent the storage in United States Bonded Warehouses in the custody of the United States Collector of Internal Revenue of all liquors manufactured prior to the taking effect of this Act or to prevent the transportation of such liquors for purposes not inhibited by this Act.

Pending.

Message From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 17, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Wilson, I submit for your consideration the following subject to-wit: "An Act creating the Graford Independent

School District in Palo Pinto County, Texas; etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Lieutenant Governor Johnson in the Chair.

Senate Bill No. 141.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Covington Independent School District in Hill County Texas, and declaring an emergency; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Committee report that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Alderdice, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 141 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey,	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell,	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry	Johnston.
Caldwell.	Page.
Carlock.	Parr.
Clark.	Rector.
Cousins.	Smith.
Dayton.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Dorough.	Westbrook.
Dudley.	Williford.
Faust.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.

Absent.

McNealus.

Absent—Excused.

Gibson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and on motion of Senator Alderdice was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Caldwell.
Bailey,	Carlock.
Buchanan of Bell,	Clark.
Buchanan of Scurry	Cousins.

Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Dorough.	Rector.
Dudley.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Hertzberg.	Williford.
Hopkins.	Witt.
Johnston.	Woods.

Absent.

McNealus.

Absent—Excused.

Gibson.

Messages From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, July 17, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18, relating to a diversion of the waters of the Pecos River.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 concerning the postponement of the forfeitures and sales of School lands for non-payment of interest thereon by people of the drouth-stricken west.

House has adopted Conference Committee report on House Bill No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. REESE,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, July 17, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has:

Reconsidered the vote by which Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 was adopted, and requests the Senate to return same to the House.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. REESE,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, July 17, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House

"An Act to create and establish a court for the trial of criminal causes and offenses of a criminal nature arising within the City of Port Arthur, Texas, and to prescribe its organization, jurisdiction and procedure, to conform the jurisdiction and precedence of other courts thereto to repeal laws in conflict herewith, and to declare an emergency.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to Chapter 82, Local and Special Road Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, the same being the special road law for Tyler County, Texas, a new section to be known as Section 15a; providing for the compensation of the members of the county commissioners court of Tyler County, Texas while actually engaged in the discharge of their duties in the construction of roads throughout said county; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

My Senator Dayton:

S. C. R. No. 23, Senate Concurrent Resolution relating to the treatment of the State of Texas and its citizens by Mexico.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3.

By Senators Dean, Williford, Suiter, and Rector:

Declaring that the Governor and the Attorney General of this State in addition to the authority conferred upon the respectively by the Constitution and statutes of the State, are directed to institute suit in the Supreme Court of the United States for the purpose of determining and settling the boundaries between the State of Oklahoma and the State of Texas and the preservation of the rights of the State and its citizens and those owning property under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State; directing the said officers to institute suit or suits in any other courts, State or Federal as may be necessary for the preservation of

the rights of the State, of its citizens and those owning property under and by virtue of the laws of the State, and the exercise of the authority, directing that such suit or suits shall be instituted, when in the judgment of the Governor and the Attorney General, it is necessary and after an investigation as said officers may deem proper and against all governments, states tribes nations and their successors and all individuals, persons, partnerships and corporations, as may be necessary or proper parties and declaring an emergency.

July 18, 1919, read first time and referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

Simple Resolution No. 33.

Resolved, That the Journal Clerk of the Senate be instructed to collect the copies of the legislative manual of the Thirty-sixth Legislature and make correction of errors in connection with the list of members of the Senate.

McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 16, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Hamilton, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act to amend Chapter 79, page 202 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, approved on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1901, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Brown County Texas,' etc."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,

Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 18, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

At the request of Representative Brown, of Liberty, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act to allow Tyler County to

pay their commissioners \$6.00 per day while they are expending the bonds for roads for which they have issued bonds."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 18, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

At the request of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act creating a county court of Eastland County, Texas, at law, defining and establishing the jurisdiction of said court and defining the jurisdiction retained by the county court of Eastland County, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 18, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Second Called Session.

I beg to submit for your consideration the subject of passing an appropriate resolution directing the Governor and the Attorney General to institute suit or suits as they may deem appropriate and necessary in the Supreme Court of the United States and such other courts as may be proper and against all necessary parties for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the rights of the State of Texas citizens of Texas, and those holding under the State of Texas and establishing the boundaries between the State of Texas and the State of Oklahoma.

The greatest controversy involved in this subject will be the settlement of the boundary running between the State of Texas and the State of Oklahoma following the course of the Red River, while there may be controversy with respect to the true location of the boundary running North and South between the State of Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas.

I believe the controversy has reached the stage where some affirmative action on the part of the State of Texas is necessary. In support of this belief I quote you from the following from a communication addressed to me by Hon. C. M. Cureton, Attorney General of Texas:

"Following the action of the political authorities of the State of Texas extending over a period of time since Texas became a Republic to the present, the authorities of the State of Texas have exercised jurisdiction to the middle of Red River as the boundary line between the State of Texas and the territory which is now the State of Oklahoma; the Court of Criminal Appeals of this State and the Supreme Court itself have likewise held that the middle of the Red River is the true boundary. The same holding has been made by the Attorney General's Department heretofore, as well as by the Department of the Interior of the United States. The Land Department of the State has acted upon the same belief and at various times has issued permits to prospect for oil and gas to the middle of the Red River.

"There is already pending litigation between the State of Texas and certain parties who claim to exercise rights under the authority of the State of Oklahoma, or of the United States concerning lands between the south bank of Red River and the middle of that stream.

"Under the Constitution of the United States, this litigation will, of course, be ineffective to determine the true boundary or the final title to the property, but will be effective only to the extent of enabling the State to exercise jurisdiction over property to the middle of the stream until final action through a court having jurisdiction of the boundary between the States.

"We are reliably informed that the State of Oklahoma has recently caused, not only the lands in the bed of Red River south of the middle of the stream to be surveyed, but has surveyed many thousands of acres of land within the State of Texas including much land that was patented by the State many years ago; that this land has been surveyed and sold by the State of Oklahoma and large sums of money realized thereby.

"We are reliably informed that the United States District Attorney at Oklahoma City has brought an action in the United States District Court to restrain the officials of the State of Oklahoma from selling and disposing of the land in the bed of Red River including that south of

the middle of the stream, claiming that the land is the property of certain Indian tribes or Nations and not subject to the disposition of Oklahoma, thereby impliedly setting up claim to these lands on behalf of these Indian tribes as against the State of Texas.

This briefly gives the status of the lands in controversy, a portion of which are of immense value. In fact, we are informed that a producing oil well on one of the patented Texas surveys is embraced in the lands claimed by Oklahoma and alleged to have been sold by her. You will see by this recitation of the facts that the controversy has reached an acute stage where effective action is necessary on the part of the State of Texas in order to preserve its sovereignty, protect its citizens, and to protect those who hold or exercise rights by virtue of the laws and sovereign authority of the State."

I recommend the adoption of a resolution by your body clothing the Governor and the Attorney General of Texas with authority to act.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 143.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 143, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to manufacture, sell, barter, exchange, transport, export, receive, solicit take orders for, furnish or possess, spirituous, vinous or liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or other intoxicant whatever, or any equipment for making any liquor except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; declaring it unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to manufacture, sell, barter, exchange, transport, export, receive, deliver or take orders for, furnish or possess any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, or any potable liquor mixture or preparation, containing in excess of one per cent of alcohol by volume or equipment for making such liquors except for medicinal mechanical, scientific or sacramental

purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Senator McNealus offered the following:

Amend Senate Bill No. 143 by striking out the enacting clause, as printed in the Senate Journal on page 349.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Bailey.	Hall.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Faust.	

Nays—19.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Page.
Buchanan of Scurry	Rector.
Carlock.	Smith.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.
Gibson.	

Absent.

Strickland.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Hertzberg (present) who would vote aye; Senator Bledsoe (absent) who would vote no.

Senator Johnston (present) would vote aye; Senator Dayton (absent) who would vote no.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Dean, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Page.
Buchanan of Scurry	Rector.
Carlock.	Smith.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Floyd.	Woods.
Gibson.	

Nays—7.

Bailey.	Hall.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Faust.	

Absent.

Strickland.

to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Carlock:

S. B. No. 171, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Oak Lawn Independent School District, of Tarrant county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

Simple Resolution No. 35.

Whereas, it is currently reported that certain heads of departments have persons related to them within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity employed in other departments of the State government and although such employment may not be in violation of the letter of Articles 381 to 387 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1911, defining nepotism, it is a violation of the spirit of said law and a matter that should be investigated by the Legislature. Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of Texas that the heads of the several departments of the State government be requested to report to the Senate at once, the names and places of employment of each person related to him within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity now or at any time during the last six months employed in any of the State Departments or institutions and the names of all persons now or at any time during the last six months employed in department of which he is the head so related to the head of any other State department, and the name of each person in his department so related to any person employed in any other department or institution of the State government now or at any time during the past six months, and the place where such other person is employed and the name of any person so related to him who is now or heretofore employed by any person or persons holding a contract with the State for any character of service whatever.

CLARK.

Senator Witt moved that the reso-

lution be referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

As a substitute Senator Clark moved that the resolution be adopted.

The substitute prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Alderdice.	Faust.
Bailey.	Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Suiter.
Cousins.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.

Nays—10.

Buchanan of Scurry	Johnston.
Carlock.	Page.
Dean.	Rector.
Dudley.	Witt.
Hertzberg.	Woods.

Absent.

Floyd.	Strickland.
Smith.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Gibson.
Dayton.	Parr.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Bill No. 54.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and fix the salary of the Chairman of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Dudley the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, July 19, 1919.

To the Thirty-ninth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative McLeod, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit:

"An Act amending the Polk County Road Law."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 19, 1919.
To the Texas State Senate:

Gentlemen: I ask the advice, consent, and confirmation of the Senate to the following appointments:

To be members of the Library and Historical Commission: Mrs. Joseph Dibrell, Seguin, Texas; Miss Emma Burleson, Austin, Texas; Mrs. John L. Darrauzet, Galveston, Texas.

To be members Local Board of Managers, Grubbs Vocational College: Frank McKnight, Arlington, Texas; Webb Rose, Arlington, Texas; J. P. Fielder, Arlington, Texas; James Ditto, Arlington, Texas; Leslie Coulter, Arlington, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

The above was read and referred to the Committee on Nominations by the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 19, 1919.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of the committee appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate the Confederate Home, I submit for your consideration

"An Act to amend Articles 205 and 206, Vernon's Sayles' Civil Statutes, relating to the appointment of Board of Trustees and a Superintendent for the Confederate Home."

Respectfully Submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Senate Bill No. 46.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 94 of the laws passed at the regular session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, being an Act approved on March 20, 1919, so as to make it the duty of the Commissioners' Court to provide suitable places in the Court House for holding of the Justice Court in precincts containing 25,000 inhabitants or more located at the County seat, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Caldwell offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 46, by striking

ing out in lines 21 and 22 the words: "there are more than twenty-five thousand inhabitants in such justice precinct and" and add at the end of line 23 the following: "and contains a city of 25,000 inhabitants."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 46 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Carlock.	Page.
Clark.	Rector.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Faust.	Woods.
Floyd.	

Absent.

Smith. Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe. Gibson.
Dayton. Parr.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Caldwell was passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 78.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 150 Acts of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature, denominated, 'An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Chapter 35, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature which is an Act to regulate the sale of cocaine and other drugs; to regulate the issuance of prescriptions for such drugs; etc.'"

On motion of Senator Witt the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Absent.

Hall. Suiter.
Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe. Johnston.
Dayton. Parr.
Gibson.

House Bill No. 185.

By unanimous consent and on motion of Senator Suiter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 185 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice. Floyd.
Bailey. Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell. Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry McNealus.
Caldwell. Page.
Carlock. Rector.
Clark. Smith.
Cousins. Suiter.
Dean. Westbrook.
Dorough. Williford.
Dudley. Witt.
Faust. Woods.

Absent.

Hall. Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe. Johnston.
Dayton. Parr.
Gibson.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 185. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6938, Chapter 4 of the Revised Civil Statutes, prescribing the places where road overseers shall place index boards, and prescribing a penalty for failures to comply with this Act."

The Senate rule requiring Committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended.

The Committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Suiter the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 185 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice. Hall.
Bailey. Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell. Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry McNealus.
Caldwell. Page.
Carlock. Rector.
Clark. Smith.
Cousins. Suiter.
Dean. Westbrook.
Dorough. Williford.
Dudley. Witt.
Faust. Woods.
Floyd.

Absent.

Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe. Johnston.
Dayton. Parr.
Gibson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and on motion of Senator Suiter was passed finally.

Messages from the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 21, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session Assembled: Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Carlock, I submit for your consideration the subject of creating the Oakland Independent School District, Tarrant County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, July 21, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Alderdice, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to-wit: "An Act creating the George County Line Common School District in Dallas and Ellis counties, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

House Bill No. 183.

By unanimous consent and on motion of Senator Alderdice the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was sus-

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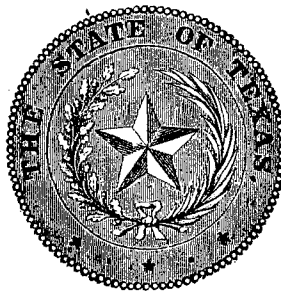
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Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 28, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

In my message to your honorable body when it convened in Regular Session in January last, I recommended legislation which would give to the State the benefit of a classified public service based upon merit.

Earnestly believing that the time has come in the administration of the government of this State for the inauguration of an intelligent civil service system, I am herewith renewing the recommendation made to the Legislature at the Regular Session for the enactment of a law which will seek to place all

employment in the service of the State upon a basis of competency and individual merit.

The administration of the affairs of the State of Texas has come to require the service of so large a number of persons, many of whom must possess special qualifications for the most efficient service, that it is manifestly wasteful and destructive to good public service to continue longer the haphazard policy founded upon political favoritism in the selection of employes of the State.

Most of the States of the Union long since applied the merit system to their public service, and in each instance it is asserted that distinctly advantageous results had been procured, both in the economy of administration of the affairs of the State and in the improved efficiency of the service.

The enactment of the so-called Board of Control bill will mean a distinct departure in the old policy of administration in our eleemosynary institutions, placing their control, it is believed, under more intelligent business direction. In effecting this improvement in administrative methods, it will be found particularly desirable to provide that the large number of employes which will come under the control of this board should be selected and retained upon the basis of individual qualifications for the performance of the duties assigned.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the Legislature the importance to the public service of well considered legislation calculated to place Texas in the front rank of the States applying tests of individual fitness to those who would enter its service. Efficiency in administration, economy in expenditures, and good public policy each call for the establishment in the State of a sound, practicable civil service system.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 28, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: Permit me to invite your attention to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, adopted at the Second Called Session of the Legislature, directing the heads of the various departments of the State government to re-employ all soldiers holding honorable discharges in the same capacity and at the same salary they were employed in

prior to enlistment, and further directing the Governor as Chief Executive to see that the purpose of the resolution was fully carried out. It was my pleasure to direct a personal letter to the heads of each of the various departments with which I enclosed a copy of the resolution.

That you may be fully informed of the result accomplished by your action, I submit herewith copies of replies received in this office from the heads of the respective departments, showing that not only had ex-soldiers holding former positions in the departments been re-employed, but that existing vacancies available were, where possible, filled by discharged soldiers who had not formerly been employed in the departments.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Board of Water Engineers,
Austin, Texas, May 20, 1919.

To the Governor, Executive Office.

Sir: I am directed by the Board of Water Engineers to acknowledge receipt of a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, transmitted through the Executive Department.

The board directs me also to say that early in 1917 Richard Thaxton, an employe of this department, entered the military service of the government. Upon receiving his discharge, after the signing of the armistice, the activities of this board were exerted in his behalf, and a position obtained for him with one of the largest canal companies in the Rio Grande valley at a salary much in excess of that he was receiving while in the employ of the State.

In the summer of 1918, Mr. T. R. Spence, an employe of this department, entered the military service of the government. He received his discharge two months ago, and his former position was awaiting him in this department had he desired to be again employed, but other opportunities have opened for him and he did not desire reinstatement in his old position. He will be in the service of the State, however, in another department.

About two months ago this department became advised that Mr. J. E. Powers, a lieutenant in the aviation service, formerly an employe of the United States Geological Survey in Western States, in co-operative work with another State than Texas, would be available for the class of work being conducted by the Board of Water

Engineers of Texas in stream measurement, and as soon as opportunity presented Mr. Powers was tendered a position by this department in work in cooperation with the United States survey, which he accepted May 1st, and he is now so employed.

Respectfully,
JAMES HAYS QUARLES,
Secretary.

General Land Office,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1919.

Honorable W. P. Hobby, Governor, State Capitol.

Dear Sir: In yours of the 20th instant you enclose copy of House concurrent resolution No. 3 which is a request by the Legislature that all departments restore former employes, who gave them up to enter the war, their former positions when they shall have returned from the war, and that you be authorized to see that the purpose of the resolution is fully carried out.

Permit me to say that when the war came on there were three that enlisted from this department. One of them, Major John W. Hawkins, has returned and resumed his former position in this department on the 15th instant, which was in keeping with my promise to him when he went away. Another, Lee Ehlinger, has not yet returned, but when he does his place will also be available, if he desires it. I have had his wife in the department since he went away. Mr. J. O. Garnett has not yet returned from his service with the Y. M. C. A., in the army, but if he should desire a place when he returns it shall be given him. His wife has been in the department since he went away. I also have another "war widow" in the department, as I call the wives of absent soldiers. Also Langdon Bradfield, who joined the flying department of the war and who, while in flying, fell behind a German line and imprisoned a few months and has been discharged and he now has employment here.

May I express the hope that you will find this record satisfactory.

Respectfully,
J. T. ROBISON,
Commissioner.

Adjutant General's Department,
Austin, Texas, May 23, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

My dear Governor: I am in receipt of your letter calling my attention to

copy of House concurrent resolution No. 3, adopted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature. Replying thereto, beg to advise that I will be very glad to concur in your wishes, and shall lend my co-operation to the matter of carrying out the policy advocated by you in this resolution.

Recently I have put on a discharged soldier in my department who has had a foot amputated as a result of wounds received in France.

Thanking you for calling my attention to this matter, and assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in this, as in all other matters, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JAS. A. HARLEY,
The Adjutant General, State of Texas.

Treasury Department,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Capitol.

My dear Governor Hobby: This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 20th directing my attention to the House concurrent resolution which provides for the re-employment of honorably discharged and returned soldiers, and I assure you that I shall conform to the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

Sincerely yours,

JNO. W. BAKER,
State Treasurer.

Live Stock Sanitary Commission of
Texas.

506 Flatiron Building,
Fort Worth, Texas, May 26, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: I have yours of the 20th with enclosed copy of House concurrent resolution No. 3, adopted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

In this connection, I most respectfully beg to advise that am heartily in accord with this resolution. Whenever the occasion presents itself wherein I can secure the services of one of our soldier boys that I think can fill the place of an inspector, it will be my pleasure to employ him. However, up to this time, I have received only two or three applications from discharged soldiers.

Yours respectfully,

W. A. WALLACE,
Chairman.

Department of Insurance and Banking.
Austin, Texas, June 12, 1919.

His Excellency, the Hon. W. P. Hobby,
Governor of Texas.

My Dear Governor Hobby: Replying to your letter of May 20th, enclosing a copy of House concurrent resolution No. 3, suggesting that State departments follow the policy of employing soldiers who gave up their positions with them to join the army, I take pleasure in advising that in so far as it has been practicable the Department of Insurance and Banking has pursued that course.

We have today on our departmental staff nine young men who saw service in the military or naval branches of the war establishment.

Very sincerely yours,
GEO. WAVERLY BRIGGS,
Commissioner.

Department of Agriculture.
Austin, Texas, May 23, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas,
Capitol.

My Dear Sir: Your letter of May 20th enclosing soldier employment resolutions adopted by the Legislature before me.

You are advised that this Department has re-employed all persons who gave up their places in it and entered the army. We are in hearty sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the resolution, and in fact we have given employment to one or two discharged soldiers who were not employed by us before entering the army.

Very truly yours,
FRED R. DAVIS,
Commissioner.

Department of State.
Austin, Texas, May 31, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Capitol.

Dear Governor: Your letter of May 20, 1919, in reference to taking back into the department soldiers who have gone into the service, received.

I take pleasure in telling you I offered Mr. Brophy who left this Department to go into the service, a position in this office long before the Legislature passed its resolution, and had made all provisions to take him back.

I appreciate your letting me know your wishes in this matter, and at any time this Department can be of service to you, kindly advise.

Yours very truly
GEO. F. HOWARD.

Railroad Commission of Texas.
Austin, Texas, May 27, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Capitol.

Dear Sir: This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., with which you enclose to this Commission copy of House concurrent resolution No. 3, with reference to the re-employment by the State departments of discharged soldiers.

This Commission will gladly co-operate.

Yours respectfully,
ALLISON MAYFIELD,
Chairman.

Office of Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner.

Austin, Texas, May 23, 1919.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Governor: Your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing House concurrent resolution No. 3, adopted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, just received, and in reply to same beg to say: While this Department had no men in the service, we are heartily in sympathy with the spirit and purpose of this resolution, and it is our purpose to employ returning soldiers and sailors whenever there is an opportunity; provided, of course, that they are qualified to fill the specific position, as we have recently done in the case of John Heslip, a wounded soldier from the Thirty-sixth Division.

Sincerely yours,
J. R. JEFFERSON,
Chief Deputy, Game, Fish and
Oyster Commission.

Reclamation Department.
Austin, Texas, May 19, 1919.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, Capitol,
City.

Dear Governor: I am just in receipt of copy of House resolution No. 3, sent me by your office, bearing upon the subject of the reinstatement of former employees of State departments upon their discharge from the military service.

Three of our men were called to the army. One of them we were glad to receive back to his former position on receiving his discharge; another obtained a better position with the State University, and the third, I deeply regret to say, died while in the service of the United States.

Very respectfully yours,
ARTHUR A. STILES,
State Reclamation Engineer.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representative Bledsoe, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act to amend Section 11 of House bill No. 175, enacted at the Fourth Called Session of the Legislature, defining the boundaries of the Woodrow Common School District No. 21, in Lubbock county, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Representatives Hall, Kittrell, Davidson and Murphy, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act creating the Crosby Independent School District in the county of Harris, State of Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Gibson, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act to create the Three P Independent School District in Fannin county, Texas, etc."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senators Allerdice, Buchanan of Bell, McNealus and Caldwell, I submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, and as amended by Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature, relating to

the compensation of official shorthand reporters, repealing all laws in conflict with this section, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 28, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

The enactment of legislation authorizing State participation in road construction in Texas, together with the financial aid received from Federal appropriations in building highways, has resulted in the inauguration of a very active campaign of road building throughout the State. So numerous are the construction projects being undertaken that the demand for road building material is very great, taxing the supply of such materials. Not only is this active demand for materials calculated to cause prices to be increased, but raises the question of sufficiency of the supplies without unduly delaying construction of important highways.

I therefore submit to your consideration the enactment of legislation authorizing the State Prison Commission to acquire the necessary forms of property and essential equipment for the manufacture and production of road building material, and to utilize State prison labor in such work. The State and National governments having authorized and encouraged this program of active road construction, it becomes the duty of the State to use such agencies as may be in its power to assure to the counties engaged in road construction a supply of materials at prices that are reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Page I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject, to wit: "An Act to amend Article 7380 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 by requiring those engaged in the business of a wholesale or retail dealer of pistols or in the business of leasing or renting pistols to make quar-

terly reports on certain dates, under oath, to the Comptroller, showing the gross amount collected and uncollected from any and all sales, conditional sales, leases, rentals or transfers of pistols in this State, during the next preceding quarter and requiring them to pay an occupation tax for the quarter beginning on said date equal to fifty per cent of said gross receipts as shown by said reports, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session:

At the request of Senator Hertzberg, I submit for your consideration the following subject, towit: "An Act to prevent persons who have given a mortgage on personal property for the purchase of said property, if such mortgage lien has been recorded, from removing or allowing same to be removed from the place designated in such mortgage, without first giving written notice to the mortgagee of such intention to remove said property and the place where same is to be removed, or after such removal without first giving written notice to the mortgagee of each subsequent removal of said property and the place where same is to be removed; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas in Second Called Session Assembled.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subjects, towit:

First. The passage of a law requiring the owners and operators of oil and gas wells to report to the Railroad Commission of Texas the amount of oil and gas produced and disposed of, with the price for which the same was sold, together with the receipts from the sale or transfer of leases or other property, and the disbursements made in connection with or for the benefit of such business, and requiring all persons, firms, partnerships, joint stock associations, corporations, or other organizations, domestic or foreign, operating wholly or partially within this State, acting as principal or agent for another, for the purpose of drilling, owning, or operating any oil or gas well, or owning and controlling leases or oil and mineral rights, or the transportation of oil or gas by pipe line, to file with the Railroad Commission of Texas, at Austin, the name of the company or organization, giving the name of the company or organization, giving the name and postoffice address of the organization, the plan under which it was organized, and the names and postoffice addresses of the trustee or trustees thereof.

Second. When the first appropriation for the Railroad Commission of Texas was made in 1891 the salary of the Commissioners was fixed at \$4000 per annum and for twenty-eight years has remained the same. Two years ago the Legislature substantially increased the salaries (fixed by statute) of all heads and a number of the clerks and assistants of the different State departments, with the exception of the Railroad Commissioners. Since that time additional duties have been placed upon the Railroad Commissioners by the passage of the pipe line law and the oil and gas conservation law. These two laws are among the most far-reaching laws that have been passed by the Texas Legislature in recent years, and they entail no little amount of labor. In view of the fact that the Railroad Commissioners are the only officials whose salaries (fixed by statute) have not been increased during the last twenty-five years and in view of the fact that additional duties have been placed upon Railroad

Commissioners, and taking into consideration the greatly increased cost of living, I feel more than justified in recommending that this Legislature grant an increase in salary to the Railroad Commissioners, making the same \$6000 per year.

I therefore recommend that the Legislature increase the salaries of our Railroad Commissioners to that amount, and would respectfully suggest that the increase be paid out of the fund created by Section 11, Chapter 30, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which fund is derived from a tax of one-twentieth of one per cent of the market value of crude petroleum produced within the State.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, assistant secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House, as follows:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Second Called Session.

Gentlemen: Recent investigation into the subject has convinced me of the inadequacy of the present statutes relating to the parole of convicts. Recent practices have had a tendency to commercialize prison labor, wherein it would seem that the purposes of the law should be to give proper recognition to the good conduct of prisoners that the condition of the individual prisoner might be bettered that he could be given a chance to prove himself worthy of confidence. In view of the various abuses that have arisen in the administration of the parole law, I take the liberty of suggesting the advisability of appointing a joint committee of two from the Senate and three from the House to meet and confer with the Honorable Board of Prison Commissioners and the Honorable Board of Pardon Advisers and myself, to the end that proper corrective legislation may be formulated in the interest of the betterment of the prison system.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

ment of a law which will seek to place all employment in the service of the State upon a basis of competency and individual merit.

The administration of the affairs of the State of Texas has come to require the service of so large a number of persons, many of whom must possess special qualifications for the most efficient service that it is manifestly wasteful and destructive to good public service to continue longer the haphazard policy founded upon political favoritism in the selection of the employes of the State.

Most of the States of the Union long since applied the merit system to their public service, and in each instance it is asserted that distinctly advantageous results had been procured both in the economy of administration of the affairs of the State and in the improved efficiency of the service.

The enactment of the so-called Board of Control bill will mean a distinct departure in the old policy of administration in our eleemosynary institutions, placing their control, it is believed, under more intelligent business direction. In effecting this improvement in administrative methods, it would be found particularly desirable to provide that the large number of employes which will come under the control of this board should be selected and retained upon the basis of individual qualifications for the performance of the duties assigned.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the Legislature the importance to the public service of well considered legislation calculated to place Texas in the front rank of the States applying tests of individual fitness to those who would enter its service. Efficiency in administration, economy in expenditures, and good public policy each call for the establishment in the State of a sound, practical civil service system.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, June 30, 1919.

To the Legislature of the State of Texas
in Second Called Session Assembled.

Gentlemen: In my message to your Honorable Body, when it convened in Regular Session in January last, I recommended legislation which would give to the State the benefit of a classified public service based upon merit.

Earnestly believing that the time has come in the administration of the government of this State for the inauguration of an intelligent civil service system, I am herewith renewing the recommendation made to the Legislature at the Regular Session for the enact-