

# HOUSE JOURNAL.

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION.

## PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas.

Tuesday, January 12, 1915.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth Legislature assembled this day in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the city of Austin; and, at 12 o'clock meridian, Hon. D. A. Gregg, Secretary of State, called the Honorable House to order.

Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, pastor of the First Methodist Church, South, of Austin, by invitation of the Honorable Secretary of State, invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon the assembling of the Thirty-fourth Legislature.

### TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

For the purposes of temporary organization, the Honorable Secretary appointed the following temporary officers and employes:

1. Chief Clerk: W. R. Long.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms: W. L. Escaville.
3. Assistants Sergeant-at-Arms: L. P. Archer, Tom A. Hall, J. W. Strode, H. D. Garrison, T. A. Griffith.
4. Reading Clerk: O. P. Basford.
5. Assistant Reading Clerk: T. B. Reese.
6. Journal Clerk: J. L. Robinson.
7. Assistant to Journal Clerk: Noel Brown.
8. Doorkeeper: J. K. Lane.
9. Assistants Doorkeeper: H. T. Dunaway, J. B. Long, W. E. Cox, I. C. Walling, W. S. Oldham, J. T. Wright, J. S. Nelson.
10. Sergeant-at-Arms in Gallery: W. W. Williams.

Temporary Pages: Ted Whitlock, John Moore, Holdiman Depew, Klebert Presler, Wal Metzenthin, John Gatlin, Walden Yancy, Jackson Burt, Thomas Nelson, Alex Peschke, Horace Posten, Otis Hulsey, Monroe Routon, Hendrix Burren, Clair Harris, Warren McMordie,

Foster Elliott, Robert Bowman, Keller Woods, Walter Dickenson, Miller Newton, Ray Randerson, Walton Madison, John Whitten, Morgan Stewart, Bland Johnson, Chas. Latham, Ernest Goldstein, M. G. Shelton, Ross Turner, Russell Crow, Herbert Quick, Paul Bledsoe, Jack Gaither, Neal Barrett, Wilmer Phillips, Ike Roberts, Rex Poston, Josh Tharp, Paschal Buford, Drew Hargon, Chester Walling, Leo Haney, Thomas Holcombe, Clarence Harwood, Ernest Denny, Courtney Harrell, Robin Pate, James Leonard, Wm. Bolin, Eugene Potter, Otis Payne, Joe White, Tiller James, Paul Boner, Forrest Gathright, Clifton Phillips, Ferguson Haile, Claire Harris, Joe Caldwell, Dick McNutt, Richard Rector, Mack Rust, Elmer Trout, Goebel Reeves, Lee Richardson, John Whatley, Clyde Graham, Cullen Baggett, Tom Hudson, John Carter.

### ROLL OF COUNTIES CALLED.

The Honorable Secretary then directed the Temporary Chief Clerk to call the roll of counties in alphabetical order.

As the roll was called, the following Representatives-elect answered to their names:

Anderson—H. R. Walters.  
Angelina—B. A. Calhoun.  
Austin—L. Tillotson.  
Bastrop—Roger Byrne.  
Bell—W. R. Butler, H. B. Savage.  
Bexar—D. A. McAskill, B. Schwegmann, Otto Wahrmund, E. Nordhaus.  
Bowie—R. H. Jones.  
Brazos—C. S. Gainer.  
Brewster—M. M. McFarland.  
Brooks—L. P. Strayhorn.  
Brown—H. P. Taylor.  
Burleson—A. C. Murray.  
Caldwell—F. L. Tiller.  
Callahan—R. G. Powell.  
Cameron—L. H. Bates.  
Cass—W. D. Lanier.  
Chambers—A. L. Beason.  
Cherokee—W. M. Ellis.  
Childress—W. D. Cope.

Clay—C. W. Boner.  
 Coleman—Henry Sackett.  
 Collin—Woodville Rogers. C. M.  
 Spradley.  
 Collingsworth—R. L. Templeton.  
 Colorado—H. J. Miller.  
 Comal—Louis H. Scholl.  
 Comanche—W. T. Loudermilk.  
 Cooke—Geo. W. Dayton.  
 Coryell—Josh F. A. Tharp.  
 Dallas—John E. Davis, Dwight L.  
 Lewelling, Chas. O. Laney, J. W. Parks,  
 James A. Florer.  
 Denton—Geo. M. Hopkins.  
 DeWitt—A. C. Hartman.  
 Ellis—G. W. McKnight, R. L. Sullivan.  
 El Paso—Richard F. Burges, Albert  
 S. J. Eylar.  
 Erath—Henry Clark.  
 Falls—J. Rector.  
 Fannin—John Cunningham, J. E.  
 Pearson.  
 Fayette—E. J. Weber.  
 Fisher—Jno. W. Woods.  
 Foard—W. S. Bell.  
 Freestone—R. L. Williford.  
 Galveston—John W. Campbell.  
 Gillespie—Wm. Bierschwale.  
 Gonzales—W. M. Fly.  
 Grayson—D. S. McMillin, Ice B.  
 Reeves.  
 Grimes—W. E. Neeley.  
 Guadalupe—James Greenwood.  
 Hale—T. J. Tilson.  
 Harris—Stanley Beard, Sam H. Dixon,  
 R. H. Holland, August Haxthausen.  
 Harrison—M. G. Blalock, J. B. Furrh.  
 Haskell—Bruce W. Bryant.  
 Henderson—P. L. Parker.  
 Hill—S. W. Tinner.  
 Hood—Jess Baker.  
 Hopkins—R. R. Williams, W. I.  
 Wynn.  
 Hunt—Joseph F. Nichols, I. M.  
 Payne.  
 Jackson—W. W. McCrory.  
 Jasper—L. C. Stewart.  
 Jefferson—E. A. McDowell.  
 Johnson—J. R. Keith, John H. Veatch.  
 Jones—W. G. Blackmon.  
 Karnes—Sam Gates.  
 Kaufman—E. E. Thompson.  
 Kimble—M. E. Blackburn.  
 Lamar—D. W. Dickson.  
 Lavaca—W. T. Bagby.  
 Leon—D. C. Dove.  
 Liberty—J. M. Rich.  
 Limestone—J. J. Vannoy.  
 Lubbock—Don H. Biggers.  
 Marion—T. D. Rowell.  
 Matagorda—James H. Roach.  
 McLennan—H. P. Jordan, N. B. Wil-  
 liams, Edgar E. Witt.  
 McMullen—Frank H. Burmeister.

Midland—E. R. Bryan.  
 Milam—C. M. Beard.  
 Mills—A. R. Watson.  
 Montague—W. R. Nabours.  
 Morris—T. R. Bolin.  
 Nacogdoches—A. T. Russell.  
 Navarro—C. E. Upchurch, J. H.  
 Woods.  
 Nueces—Pat F. Dunn.  
 Orange—E. L. Bruce.  
 Palo Pinto—B. P. Maddox.  
 Panola—E. A. Meador.  
 Parker—E. H. Grindstaff.  
 Potter—J. W. Crudgington.  
 Rains—W. C. Middleton.  
 Red River—Luther Carter.  
 Robertson—E. A. Decherd.  
 Runnels—R. S. Griggs.  
 Rusk—Geo. W. Burton.  
 San Jacinto—F. O. Fuller.  
 San Saba—W. D. Cowan.  
 Scurry—T. F. Baker.  
 Shelby—Willie Savage.  
 Smith—J. S. Magee.  
 Tarrant—Chas. A. Burton, Hunter P.  
 Lane, I. T. Valentine, Louis J. Wortham.  
 Taylor—J. M. Wagstaff.  
 Tom Green—C. B. Metcalfe.  
 Travis—W. D. Caldwell, George Men-  
 dell, Jr.  
 Upshur—J. J. Stephens.  
 Van Zandt—John W. Stanford.  
 Victoria—B. F. Williams.  
 Walker—W. L. Hill.  
 Waller—H. Laas.  
 Washington—S. D. W. Low.  
 Webb—Asher R. Smith.  
 Wichita—E. P. Haney.  
 Williamson—Howard Bland.  
 Wise—R. F. Spencer.  
 Young—E. W. Fry.  
 Zavala—J. F. Harris.

#### ROLL OF MEMBERS IN ALPHABETI- CAL ORDER.

The Honorable Secretary directed the Chief Clerk to call the roll of the members-elect in alphabetical order.

The roll was called, and the following members-elect answered to their names:

Babgy, W. T.  
 Baker, Jess, of Hood.  
 Baker, T. F., of Scurry.  
 Bates, L. H.  
 Beard, Stanley, of Harris.  
 Beard, C. M., of Milam.  
 Reason, A. L.  
 Bell, W. S.  
 Bierschwale, Wm.  
 Biggers, Don. H.  
 Blackburn, M. E.  
 Blackmon, W. G.  
 Blalock, Myron G.  
 Bland, Howard.  
 Bolin, T. R.

Boner, C. W.  
 Bruce, E. L.  
 Bryant, Bruce W.  
 Bryan, E. R.  
 Burges, Richard F.  
 Burmeister, Frank H.  
 Burton, Geo. W., of Rusk.  
 Burton, Chas. A., of Tarrant.  
 Butler, W. R.  
 Byrne, Roger.  
 Caldwell, W. D.  
 Calhoun, B. A.  
 Campbell, John W.  
 Carter, Luther.  
 Clark, Henry.  
 Cope, W. D.  
 Cowan, W. D.  
 Crudgington, J. W.  
 Cunningham, Dr. John.  
 Davis, Jno. E.  
 Dayton, Geo. W.  
 Decherd, E. A.  
 Dickson, D. W., of Lamar.  
 Dixon, Sam. H., of Harris.  
 Dove, D. C.  
 Dunn, Pat F.  
 Ellis, W. M.  
 Eylar, Albert S. J.  
 Florer, Jas. A.  
 Fly, W. M.  
 Fry, E. W.  
 Fuller, F. O.  
 Furrh, J. B.  
 Gainer, C. S.  
 Gates, Sam.  
 Greenwood, Jas.  
 Griggs, R. S.  
 Grindstaff, E. H.  
 Harris, J. F.  
 Haney, Edgar P.  
 Hartman, A. C.  
 Haxthausen, Aug.  
 Hill, W. L.  
 Holland, R. H.  
 Hopkins, Geo. M.  
 Jones, R. H.  
 Jordan, H. P.  
 Keith, J. R.  
 Laas, H.  
 Lane, Hunter P.  
 Laney, Chas. O.  
 Lanier, W. D.  
 Lewelling, Dwight L.  
 Loudermilk, W. T.  
 Low, S. D. W.  
 Maddox, B. P.  
 McAskill, D. A.  
 McCrory, W. W.  
 McDowell, E. A.  
 McFarland, M. M.  
 McKnight, G. W.  
 McMillin, D. S.  
 Magee, J. S.  
 Meador, A. E.  
 Mandell, Geo. W., Jr.

Metcalfe, C. B.  
 Middleton, W. C.  
 Miller, H. J.  
 Murray, A. C.  
 Nabours, W. R.  
 Neeley, W. E.  
 Nichols, Jos. F.  
 Nordhaus, Eugene.  
 Parker, P. L.  
 Parks, J. W.  
 Payne, I. M.  
 Pearson, J. E.  
 Powell, Dr. R. G.  
 Rector, J.  
 Reeves, Ice B.  
 Rich, J. M.  
 Roach, Jas. H.  
 Rogers, Woodville.  
 Rowell, T. D.  
 Russell, A. T.  
 Sackett, Henry.  
 Savage, H. B., of Bell.  
 Savage, Willie, of Shelby.  
 Scholl, Louis H.  
 Schwegman, Bernard.  
 Smith, Asher R.  
 Spencer, R. F.  
 Spradley, Chas. M.  
 Stanford, John W.  
 Stephens, J. J.  
 Stewart, L. C.  
 Strayhorn, Dr. L. P.  
 Sullivan, R. L.  
 Taylor, H. P.  
 Templeton, R. L.  
 Tharp, Josh F. A.  
 Thompson, E. E.  
 Tiller, F. L.  
 Tillotson, Leonard.  
 Tilson, T. J.  
 Tinner, S. W.  
 Upchurch, C. E.  
 Valentine, I. T.  
 Vannoy, J. J.  
 Veatch, John H.  
 Wagstaff, J. M.  
 Wahrmond, Otto.  
 Walters, H. R.  
 Watson, A. R.  
 Weber, E. J.  
 Williams, R. R., of Hopkins.  
 Williams, N. B., of McLennan.  
 Williams, B. F., of Victoria.  
 Williford, R. L.  
 Witt, Edgar E.  
 Woods, Jno. W., of Fisher.  
 Woods, J. H., of Navarro.  
 Wortham, Louis J.  
 Wynn, W. I.

The Honorable Secretary announced a quorum present.

#### OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

W. R. Long, Temporary Chief Clerk of the House, under the order and di-

rection of the Honorable Secretary of State, then administered the oath of office to the Representatives-elect, all of them rising together and repeating the following oath, prescribed in the Constitution, as he read it to them:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State or out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

#### ROLL OF MEMBERS SHOWING DISTRICTS.

The Honorable Secretary then filed with the Clerk the following list of the members of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, whose certificates of election have been received by the Secretary of State and remain on file in the office of the Secretary of State:

Dist.  
No.

- 72. Babgy, W. T., Hallettsville.—Lavaca.
- 97. Baker, Jess, Granbury.—Hood, Somervell and Erath.
- 105. Baker, T. F., Snyder.—Dickens, Kent, King, Stonewall and Scurry.
- 77. Bates, L. H., Brownsville.—Willacy and Cameron.
- 15. Beard, Stanley, Houston.—Harris.
- 65. Beard, C. M., Milano.—Milam.
- 17. Beason, A. L., Anahuac.—Galveston and Chambers.
- 103. Bell, W. S., Crowell.—Hardeman, Foard and Knox.
- 87. Bierschwale, Wm., Fredricksburg.—Llano, Gillespie, Blanco and Kendall.

Dist.  
No.

- 122. Biggers, Don H., Lubbock.—Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Lubbock, Hockley and Cochran.
- 115. Blackburn, M. E., Junction.—Sutton, Kimble, Kerr, Bandera, Edwards, Crockett, Mason, Menard and Real.
- 106. Blackmon, W. G., Avoca.—Jones and Shackelford.
- 126. Blalock, Myron G., Marshall.—Harrison and Gregg.
- 91. Bland, Howard, Taylor.—Williamson.
- 32. Bolin, T. R., Omaha.—Titus and Morris.
- 100. Boner, C. W., Bellevue.—Clay and Archer.
- 14. Bruce, E. L., Orange.—Jefferson, Liberty and Orange.
- 102. Bryant, Bruce W., Haskell.—Baylor, Throckmorton and Haskell.
- 120. Bryan, E. R., Midland.—Reeves, Pecos, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Martin and Howard.
- 118. Burges, Richard F., El Paso.—El Paso.
- 80. Burmeister, F. H., Christine.—Frio, Atascosa, McMullen and LaSalle.
- 6. Burton, G. W., Henderson.—Rusk.
- 52. Burton, Charles A., Ft. Worth.—Tarrant.
- 66. Butler, W. R., Temple.—Bell.
- 90. Byrne, Roger, Smithville.—Bastrop.
- 89. Caldwell, W. D., Austin.—Travis.
- 10. Calhoun, B. A., Lufkin.—San Augustine and Angelina.
- 16. Campbell, John W., Galveston.—Galveston.
- 33. Carter, Luther, Clarksville.—Red River.
- 96. Clark, Henry, Stephenville.—Erath.
- 92. Connell, Sampson, Leander.—Williamson and Burnet.
- 104. Cope, W. D., Childress.—Cottle, Motley, Childress and Hall.
- 114. Cowan, W. D., San Saba.—McCulloch and San Saba.
- 125. Crudgington, J. W., Amarillo.—Carson, Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman, Moore, Potter, Oldham, Hartley and Dallam.
- 37. Cunningham, John, Ravenna.—Fannin.
- 44. Davis, John E., Mesquite.—Dallas.

Dist. No.		Dist. No.	
48.	Dayton, Geo. W., Valley View.—Cooke.	44.	Laney, C. O., Dallas.—Dallas.
64.	Dechard, E. A., Franklin.—Robertson.	2.	Lanier, W. D., Atlanta.—Cass.
15.	Dixon, Sam H., Houston.—Harris.	109.	Loudermilk, W. T., DeLeon, R. F. D. 1.—Comanche.
36.	Dickson, D. W., Paris.—Lamar.	69.	Low, S. D. W., Brenham.—Washington.
23.	Dove, D. C., Buffalo.—Madison and Leon.	98.	Maddox, B. P., Grayford.—Palo Pinto and Stephens.
76.	Dunn, P. F., Corpus Christi.—Duvall, Nueces and Jim Wells.	85.	McAskill, D. A., San Antonio.—Bexar.
26.	Ellis, W. M., Rusk.—Cherokee.	73.	McCrary, W. W., Edna.—Wharton and Jackson.
119.	Eylar, Albert S. J., El Paso.—El Paso and Culberson.	13.	McDowell, E. A., Beaumont.—Jefferson.
47.	Florer, James A., Dallas.—Kaufman and Dallas.	117.	McFarland, M. M., Alpine.—Maverick, Kinney, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis.
75.	Flournoy, John W., Beeville.—Aransas, Refugio, San Patricio, Bee and Live Oak.	55.	McKnight, Geo. W., Waxahachie.—Ellis.
82.	Fly, W. M., Gonzales.—Gonzales.	42.	McMillin, D. S., Whitewright.—Grayson.
99.	Fry, E. W., Graham.—Young and Jack.	27.	Magee, J. S., Tyler.—Smith.
11.	Fuller, F. O., Cold Springs.—Polk and San Jacinto.	5.	Meador, A. E., Beckville.—Panola.
4.	Furrh, J. B., Elysian Fields.—Harrison.	89.	Mendell, Geo. W., Jr., Austin.—Travis.
22.	Gainer, C. S., Bryan.—Grimes and Brazos.	113.	Metcalfe, C. B., San Angelo.—Sterling, Irion, Tom Green and Schleicher.
84.	Gates, Sam, Runge.—Wilson and Karnes.	30.	Middleton, W. C., Point.—Wood and Rains.
83.	Greenwood, James, Seguin.—Guadalupe.	71.	Miller, Herman J., Bellville.—Austin and Colorado.
111.	Griggs, R. S., Ballinger.—Coke and Runnels.	68.	Murray, A. C., Caldwell.—Burleson and Lee.
51.	Grindstaff, E. H., Weatherford.—Parker.	49.	Nabours, W. R., Montague.—Montague.
24.	Hairston, J. R., Lovelady.—Houston.	21.	Neeley, W. E., Anderson.—Montgomery and Grimes.
101.	Haney, Edgar P., Wichita Falls.—Wichita and Wilbarger.	39.	Nichols, Joseph F., Greenville.—Hunt.
116.	Harris, J. F., Cometa.—Uvalde, Medina, Zavala and Dimmit.	85.	Nordhaus, Eugene, San Antonio.—Bexar.
81.	Hartman, A. C., Cuero.—Karnes and DeWitt.	28.	Parker, P. L., Chandler.—Smith and Henderson.
15.	Holland, R. H., Houston.—Harris.	44.	Parks, J. W., Dallas.—Dallas.
15.	Haxthausen, August, Houston.—Harris.	40.	Payne, I. M., Commerce.—Hunt and Rockwall.
20.	Hill, W. L., Hunstville.—Walker and Trinity.	38.	Pearson, J. E., Dodd City.—Lamar and Fannin.
46.	Hopkins, Geo. M., Denton.—Denton.	108.	Powell, Dr. R. G., Baird.—Callahan and Eastland.
1.	Jones, R. H., DeKalb.—Bowie.	62.	Rector, J., Eddy, R. F. D. 1.—Falls.
61.	Jordan, Harry P., Waco.—McLennan.	42.	Reeves, Ice B., Sherman.—Grayson.
95.	Keith, J. R., Cleburne.—Johnson and Bosque.	12.	Rich, J. M., Liberty.—Tyler, Hardin and Liberty.
18.	Laas, H., Brookshire.—Fort Bend and Waller.	19.	Roach, James H., Blessing.—Brazoria and Matagorda.
52.	Lane, Hunter P., Ft. Worth.—Tarrant.	41.	Rogers, Woodville J., Melissa.—Collin.
44.	Lewelling, Dwight L., Dallas.—Dallas.		

Dist.  
No.

3. Rowell, T. D., Jefferson.—Bowie, Cass and Marion.

7. Russell, A. T., Nacogdoches.—Nacogdoches.

112. Sackett, Henry, Camp Colorado.—Coleman and Concho.

67. Savage, H. B., Belton.—Bell and Milam.

8. Savage, Willie, Paxton.—Shelby.

88. Scholl, Louis H., New Braunfels.—Hays and Comal.

85. Schwegmann, Bernard, San Antonio.—Bexar.

79. Smith, A. R., Laredo.—Webb and Zapata.

50. Spencer, French, Decatur.—Wise.

43. Spradley, C. M., McKinney.—Collin and Grayson.

29. Stanford, John W., Canton.—Van Zandt.

31. Stephens, J. J., Gilmer.—Upshur and Camp.

9. Stewart, L. C., Magnolia Springs.—Jasper, Sabine and Newton.

55. Sullivan, R. L., Waxahachie.—Ellis.

78. Strayhorn, L. P., Falfurrias.—Starr, Hidalgo and Brooks.

110. Taylor, H. P., May.—Brown and Callahan.

124. Templeton, R. L., Wellington.—Donley, Collingsworth, Gray, Wheeler, Hemphill, Roberts, Lipscomb and Ochiltree.

93. Tharp, Josh P. A., Gatesville, R. F. D. 1.—Coryell and Lampasas.

45. Thompson, E. E., Kaufman.—Kaufman.

86. Tiller, Frank L., Luling.—Caldwell.

127. Tillotson, Leonard, Sealy.—Burleson, Lee, Fayette, Waller, Fort Bend, Austin and Colorado.

123. Tilson, T. J., Plainview.—Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Randall and Armstrong.

56. Tinner, Sam W., Whitney.—Hill.

59. Upchurch, C. E., Corsicana.—Hill and Navarro.

54. Valentine, I. T., Fort Worth.—Tarrant and Denton.

60. Vannoy, J. J., Tehuacana.—Limestone.

53. Veatch, John H., Joshua.—Johnson.

107. Wagstaff, J. M., Abilene.—Taylor.

85. Wahrmund, Otto, San Antonio.—Bexar.

25. Walters, Hill, Slocum.—Anderson.

94. Watson, A. R., Mullin.—Mills and Hamilton.

Dist.  
No.

70. Weber, E. J., LaGrange.—Fayette.

34. Williams, R. R., Cumby.—Hopkins.

61. Williams, N. B., Waco.—McLennan.

74. Williams, B. F., Victoria.—Victoria, Goliad and Calhoun.

58. Williford, R. L., Fairfield.—Freestone and Navarro.

63. Witt, Edgar E., Waco.—McLennan, Limestone and Falls.

121. Woods, John W., Rotan.—Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher.

57. Woods, J. H., Corsicana.—Navarro.

52. Wortham, Louis J., Ft. Worth.—Tarrant.

35. Wynn, W. I., Tira.—Hopkins, Delta and Franklin.

The State of Texas,  
Department of State.

I, D. A. Gregg, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct list of the Representatives of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, elected at the General Election held throughout this State on the third day of November, A. D. 1914, as certified to me by the returning officers of the respective Representative districts.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name officially and caused the Great Seal of State to be impressed hereon, at my office in Austin, Texas, this the 11th day of January, A. D. 1915.

D. A. GREGG,  
Secretary of State.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

The Honorable Secretary then announced that the next business in order is the election of a Speaker.

Mr. Rowell offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives that in the election of a Speaker the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and that each member when his name is called shall rise and announce for whom he casts his vote for Speaker.

Resolved, further, That the one voted for for Speaker who receives a majority of votes of the duly elected and qualified members, shall be declared elected as Speaker of said House.

The resolution was read second time.  
Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

Mr. Haney offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by striking out the last paragraph and substituting the following:

"Resolved further that the candidate for Speaker who receives a majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected Speaker of the House."

Mr. Rowell accepted the amendment.

Question recurring on the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas—61.

Baker of Hood.	Metcalf.
Beard of Milam.	Middleton.
Blackmon.	Nabours.
Bolin.	Payne.
Boner.	Reeves.
Bryant.	Rich.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Calhoun.	Rowell.
Carter.	Russell.
Clark.	Sackett.
Cope.	Savage of Shelby.
Crudgington.	Smith.
Cunningham.	Spencer.
Davis.	Stanford.
Decherd.	Stephens.
Dickson of Lamar.	Stewart.
Dove.	Sullivan.
Ellis.	Templeton.
Fuller.	Thompson.
Furrh.	Tiller.
Griggs.	Tilson.
Grindstaff.	Upchurch.
Haney.	Vannoy.
Hopkins.	Veatch.
Jones.	Wagstaff.
Laney.	Walters.
Lewelling.	Watson.
Maddox.	Woods of Fisher.
McAskill.	Woods of Navarro.
Magee.	Wynn.
Meador.	

#### Nays—78.

Bagby.	Butler.
Bates.	Byrne.
Baker of Scurry.	Caldwell.
Beard of Harris.	Campbell.
Beason.	Cowan.
Bell.	Dayton.
Bierschwale.	Dixon of Harris.
Biggers.	Dunn.
Blackburn.	Eylar.
Blalock.	Florer.
Bland.	Fly.
Bruce.	Fry.
Bryan.	Gainer.
Burges.	Gates.
Burmeister.	Greenwood.
Burton of Tarrant.	Harris.

Hartman.	Pearson.
Haxthausen.	Powell.
Hill.	Rector.
Holland.	Roach.
Jordan.	Savage of Bell.
Keith.	Scholl.
Laas.	Schwegman.
Haney.	Spradley.
Lane.	Strayhorn.
Lanier.	Taylor.
Loudermilk.	Tharp.
Low.	Tillotson.
McCrory.	Tinner.
McDowell.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Wahrmund.
McKnight.	Weber.
McMillin.	Williams
Mendell.	of Hopkins.
Miller.	Williams
Murray.	of McLennan.
Neeley.	Williams
Nichols.	of Victoria.
Nordhaus.	Williford.
Parker.	Witt.
Parks.	Wortham.

Absent.

Flournoy.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Reading Clerk call the roll, and as each member's name is called he walk to the Reading Clerk's desk and place his ballot, for Speaker, in a hat.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

The Honorable Secretary announced that nominations for Speaker were now in order.

Hon. W. L. Hill, of Walker county, nominated Hon. Newt B. Williams, of McLennan county.

Hon. D. A. McAskill, of Bexar county, nominated Hon. H. B. Savage, of Bell county.

Hon. R. H. Jones, of Bowie county, nominated Hon. John W. Woods, of Fisher county.

Hon. James A. Florer, of Dallas county, seconded the nomination of Hon. Newt B. Williams.

Hon. Roger Byrne, of Bastrop county, seconded the nomination of Hon. H. B. Savage.

Hon. T. D. Rowell, of Marion county, seconded the nomination of Hon. John W. Woods.

Hon. Albert S. J. Eylar, of El Paso county, seconded the nomination of Hon. Newt B. Williams.

Hon. W. R. Butler, of Bell county, seconded the nomination of Hon. H. B. Savage.

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant, of Haskell

county, seconded the nomination of Hon. John W. Woods.

Hon. Frank H. Burmeister, of McMullen county, seconded the nomination of Hon. H. B. Savage.

Hon. C. B. Metcalfe, of Tom Green county, seconded the nomination of Hon. John W. Woods.

The Honorable Secretary declared nominations closed.

The Honorable Secretary then directed the Clerk to call the roll and requested each member as his name was called to come forward and deposit his ballot.

The Honorable Secretary then appointed the following tellers: Messrs. Mendell, McCrory, Lane, Byrne, Parks, Burmeister, Blalock, Carter and Sullivan.

The ballots, being counted by the tellers, resulted as follows:

Hon. John W. Woods received 72 votes.

Hon. Newt B. Williams received 57 votes.

Hon. H. B. Savage received 10 votes.

Hon. Newt B. Williams moved that the election of Hon. John W. Woods be made unanimous.

The motion, being seconded by Hon. H. B. Savage, prevailed.

The Honorable Secretary then declared Hon. John W. Woods, of Fisher county, duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Speaker's stand: Messrs. Rowell, Griggs, and Jones.

The committee having performed their duty, the Honorable Secretary of State then administered the oath of the office to the Speaker-elect and presented him to the House.

Mr. Woods then addressed the House, thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him.

(Mr. Williams of McLennan in the chair.)

#### SELECTION OF SEATS.

Mr. Fuller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members now proceed to the selection of seats in the usual way, and that all members blind or deaf, all members partially blind or deaf and all members over sixty years of age, be permitted to select their seats before the general drawing.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lane, Hon. Newt B. Williams and Hon. H. B. Savage were allowed to select their seats before the general drawing.

The provisions of the resolution were then carried out, each member coming forward and selecting his seat as his name was called by the Chief Clerk.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, the House, at 4:25 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### SECOND DAY.

(Wednesday, January 13, 1915.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Woods in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Fuller.
Baker of Hood.	Furrh.
Baker of Scurry.	Gainer.
Bates.	Gates.
Beard of Harris.	Greenwood.
Beard of Milam.	Griggs.
Beason.	Grindstaff.
Bell.	Harris.
Bierschwale.	Haney.
Biggers.	Hartman.
Blackmon.	Haxthausen.
Blackburn.	Hill.
Blalock.	Holland.
Bland.	Hopkins.
Bolin.	Jones.
Boner.	Jordan.
Bruce.	Keith.
Bryant.	Laas.
Bryan.	Lane.
Burges.	Laney.
Burmeister.	Lanier.
Burton of Rušk.	Lewelling.
Burton of Tarrant.	Loudermilk.
Butler.	Low.
Byrne.	Maddox.
Caldwell.	McAskill.
Calhoun.	McCrory.
Campbell.	McDowell.
Carter.	McFarland.
Clark.	McKnight.
Cope.	McMillin.
Cowan.	Magee.
Crudgington.	Meador.
Cunningham.	Mendell.
Davis.	Metcalfe.
Dayton.	Middleton.
Decherd.	Miller.
Dickson of Lamar.	Murray.
Dixon of Harris.	Nabours.
Dove.	Neeley.
Dunn.	Nichols.
Ellis.	Nordhaus.
Florer.	Parker.
Fly.	Parks.
Fry.	Payne.