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FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Tuesday, February 26, 1918.

In obedience to the call of His Excellency, Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Special Session this, the 26th day of February, 1918, the Senate met in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol in the city of Austin at 10 o'clock a.m. and was called to order by Acting Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

Temporary Officers.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following temporary officers: Secretary, Ralph Soape of Rusk County; Journal Clerk, T. H. Yarbrough of Montague County; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. F. Hornbuckle of Bosque County; Doorkeeper, Capt. Geo. T. Walker of Travis County; Calendar Clerk, W. C. Day of Harris County; Engrossing Clerk, Mrs. Clara Hemphill of Travis County; Enrollment Clerk, Mrs. Albert Stelfox of Travis County.

Roll Call.

The Chair directed the Secretary to call the roll of the Senate. A quorum was present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Aldredge,  
Bailey,  
Buchanan of Bell,  
Buchanan of Scurry, Lattimore,  
Caldwell,  
Clark,  
Collins,  
Dayton,  
Dean,  
Decherd,  
Hall,  
Hopkins,  
Johnson of Hall,  
Johnston of Harris,  
McNealus,  
Page,  
Smith,  
Strickland,  
Suter,  
Westbrook,  
Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Bee,  
Floyd,  
Gibson,  
Parr,  
Henderson,  
Robbins.

Prayer by Rev. S. H. Morgan of Bastrop County.

Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas.

I, W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Texas in Article 4, Section 8, do hereby call an extraordinary session of the Legislature to convene in the City of Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock a.m., Tuesday, February 26, A. D. 1918, for the following purposes, to wit:

1. To enact a law to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, by any person in the State of Texas, within ten miles of any camp where soldiers of the United States Army, or Navy, or Marines, are being trained for military service in time of war, and to make a single sale a violation punishable as a felony.

2. To enact a law to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, to any person engaged, employed or enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States and in uniform, and to make such sale unlawful and to define each sale as an offense and to affix the punishment for violation thereof as a felony.

3. To enact a law to prohibit the sale of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, to any person engaged, employed or enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States and in uniform,
and to make such sale unlawful and
to define each sale as an offense and
to affix the punishment for violation
thereof as a felony.

4. To enact a law to prohibit any
person from directly or indirectly
purchasing for, procuring for or giving
to any person employed, enlisted
or engaged in the military forces of the
United States, whether in uniform or
not, and from directly or indirectly delivering to any person
employed, enlisted or engaged in
the military or naval forces of the
United States, whether in uniform or
not, at the time of such purchase for,
procurement, or gift, or delivery to,
of any spirituous, vinous or malt li-
quors, or medicated bitters, capable
of producing intoxication, and pro-
viding that each such act shall be an
offense and to provide punishment
thereof as a felony.

5. To enact a law to prohibit any
person, from soliciting any person en-
gaged, employed or enlisted in the
Military or Naval service of the United
States, to meet, make an appoint-
ment with, or otherwise come in con-
tact with any lewd woman, or to have
unlawful relation with any immoral
woman and to make such solicitation
unlawful and the punishment thereof
a felony.

6. To enact such legislation as in
the judgment of the Legislature may
be necessary and proper to meet the
unusual conditions that have arisen
on account of the severe drouth re-
cently prevailing in this State, pro-
viding relief for the citizens in drouth
stricken sections, especially in those
sections where the food and feed
crops have been failures during the
past season, and rendering available
for immediate use such credits as
may be extended by the United States
through its designated depositories,

7. To enact legislation making
effective the amendment to the Con-
stitution of the State, adopted by the
people in August, 1917, which is
Article 16, Section 59, of the Constitu-
tion, providing for the conserva-
tion of the natural resources of the
State.

8. To enact an adequate and uni-
form depository law for the State of
Texas.

9. To consider and act upon such
other matters of vital importance as
may be presented by the Governor
pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of
the Constitution of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I have here-
unto signed my name officially and
caused to be impressed hereon the
seal of state, at the city of Austin,
Texas, this 19th day of February,
A. D. 1918.

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:
GEO. F. HOWARD,
Secretary of State.

President Pro Tem.—Election Of.

The Chair announced that nomina-
tions for President Pro Tem. of the
Senate for the ensuing Fourth Called
Session were now in order.

Senator Westbrook placed in nomi-
nation for that place Senator E. A.
Decherd of Robertson County.

The nomination was seconded by
Senators Dean, Clark, Smith, Lat-
timore, Alderdice, Dayton and John-
ston of Harris.

There being no other nominations,
the Chair declared nominations
closed, and appointed as tellers Sen-
ators Westbrook, Clark and Smith.

Senator Decherd received eighteen
votes, being a majority of all votes
cast, and was declared to be duly and
constitutionally elected President
Pro Tempore of the Senate during
the Fourth Called Session of the
Thirty-fifth Legislature.

The Chair appointed Senators Lat-
timore, Dean and Alderdice as a
committee to escort President Pro
Tem. Decherd to the President's
stand, whereupon he took the consti-
tutional oath of office, adminis-
tered by Acting Lieutenant Governor
Johnson.

President Pro Tem. Decherd ad-
dressed the Senate briefly and then
took the chair and presided.

Report of Caucus Committee.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 26, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro
Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Upon the call of Senator Mc-
Nealus, chairman of the last caucus
held by the Texas Senate, a caucus
was held in the Finance Room of the
Senate on last night, attended by a
majority of the members of the Sen-
ate, to determine the number and the
personnel of the employees and off-