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Proclamation of the Governor.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following proclamation of the Governor:

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

No. 8294.

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, in August, 1917, the voters of Texas adopted what is now known as Section 59a of Article 16 of our Constitution and declared that "the conservation and development of all of the natural resources of this State * * * and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto"; and

Whereas, There exists a deplorable condition in Texas on account of the great waste of our natural resources, particularly in oil and gas, and there is an urgent demand for the strengthening of our conservation laws to prevent this enormous waste, and

Whereas, Citizens from every section of this State as well as a great number of the members of the Legislature are insisting that the Legislature be convened in order that such laws may be enacted as they shall deem necessary and adequate to conserve these natural resources.

Now, Therefore, I, R. S. Sterling, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Forty-second Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin, Texas, commencing at twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, July 14th, A. D., 1931, for the following purposes:

1. To enact such legislation as will adequately provide for the conservation of the natural resources of our State.

2. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as the Executive may, from time to time, during the Session, submit by message or otherwise.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause to be impressed hereon the Seal of the State of Texas, at Austin, this the 8th day of July, A. D., 1931.

R. S. STERLING,
Governor of Texas.