

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a conservation and reclamation district to be known as the Central Colorado River Authority, pursuant to and for the purpose set forth in Section 59 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas; etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Senate has adopted

S. C. R. No. 64, Suspending Joint Rules Nos. 22, 23, 24, and 32, so as to take up and consider Senate Bill No. 533 and House Bill No. 1001.

H. C. R. No. 136, Suspending Joint Rules Nos. 23, 24, and 32, so as to take up House Bill No. 836.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate Bill No. 355, to the Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED

On motion of Mr. Gray, Senate Bill No. 355 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Morse, Senate Bill No. 181 was ordered not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Chair laid before the House and had read the following message from the Governor:

Executive Office,

Austin, Texas, May 9, 1935.

To the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth Legislature:

Gentlemen: I have this day disapproved and vetoed House Bill No. 491, an Act providing for a civil service commission in certain cities, for the following reasons:

(1) I am advised that certain provisions of this bill are of doubtful constitutionality.

(2) Though the bill is drawn in general terms, it is admittedly intended to apply to the City of Houston. I doubt the propriety of the State prescribing a civil service system for any particular city. It has

been objected that this bill constitutes an interference with home rule. I understand the City of Houston already has certain charter provisions for civil service. In my judgment, they should not be superseded by the State.

(3) A number of lawsuits and causes of action are now pending involving civil service provisions of the city charter of the City of Houston. This bill as drawn might interfere with these causes of action, though I am sure it was not so intended by the authors.

Respectfully,
JAMES V. ALLRED,
Governor of Texas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 455 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Cooper called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 455, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6032, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Section 22, Chapter 26, Acts First Called Session, Forty-second Legislature, amending Section 11, Chapter 162, Acts Regular Session, Forty-third Legislature; and amending Chapter 43, House Bill No. 43, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, 1934; appropriating the proceeds of the tax derived under the provisions hereof; authorizing the Railroad Commission to employ such help and to incur such other expenses as are necessary to enforce the conservation laws of this State relating to oil and gas and the orders of the Railroad Commission promulgated pursuant thereto, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Chair laid the bill before the House, with the Senate amendments.

Mr. Cooper moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following conference committee: Messrs. Cooper, Frazer, Latham, Steward and Walker.