



DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

The Press and Dakotian's Report of the Proceedings of the Council and House of Representatives.

Fourteenth Session—17th Day.

Council.

Thursday, January 27.—The council met at 10 a. m., the president in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called—members all present except Mr. Scooby.

The minutes read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the house announced the passage by that body of the following bills:

Council bill 16, fixing the time when taxes shall become delinquent in Union county for 1881, with amendments.

Council bill 6, providing extra compensation for judge of the first judicial district.

Council bill 12, amending section 7 of the justices' code.

House files Nos. 11 and 26, and requesting the concurrence of the council therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee on finance and expenditures, reported back house file 4, recommending its passage.

Mr. Gamble, from the judiciary committee, reported back and recommended the passage of council bills 21 and 23.

Mr. Day, from the committee on counties, reported back house file 19, and recommended its passage.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Fisher—For an act to amend section 28, chapter 49, of the political code, and chapter 49 of the session laws of 1879, entitled revenue, which had its first reading.

AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

The house amendments to council bill 16, relating to the taxes in Union county, were, on motion of Mr. Gamble concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the house amendments to council bill six, increasing the salary of the judge of the first district, were agreed to.

COUNCIL BILLS.

No. 30, creating a commission of finance and banking and defining the duties thereof, was read a second time and referred to the committee on banks and banking.

The following bills were read third time and passed:

No. 21, authorizing boards of county commissioners to levy a tax not exceeding eight mills on the dollar for county revenue including support of the poor.

No. 15, to locate, establish and endow a state normal school.

No. 23, amending section 1748 of the civil code.

HOUSE FILES.

Nos. 11 and 26 were read a first time. Nos. 4 and 19 were read a third time and passed.

A PETITION.

The president laid before the council a petition from members of the bar and citizens of Lawrence county, asking for an increase of the salary of the district attorney of the first judicial district. The petition was accompanied by a bill providing for the proposed increase of salary.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the petition and bill were referred to the committee on counties.

PASSAGE OF A BILL.

Mr. Gamble, from the judiciary committee, reported a substitute for council bill 22, relating to the acknowledgment of instruments by married women, recommending its passage.

The substitute was read a third time and passed.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the council excused the absence of Mr. Day yesterday and Mr. Scooby to-day, on account of sickness.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

A message was received from the house announcing the passage of house files 21 and 32, and requesting the concurrence of the council therein.

Which bills were read a first time.

BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. Gamble, from the committee on judiciary, reported substitutes for council bills five, exempting firemen from service as jurors, and eleven, amending section 96 of the justices code.

The report of the committee was adopted, and the bills read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Gamble, the council adjourned.

House.

Thursday, Jan. 27.—The house convened at ten o'clock a. m. and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Mr. Speaker in the chair and all the members present, excepting Mr. Wells, who was excused from attendance on the morning session.

The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Boyles, from the committee on judiciary, reported back house file twenty-eight, relating to the duties of the commissioners of Union county, without recommendation.

Mr. Moore, who introduced the bill, asked permission to withdraw it, which was granted.

Mr. Kennely, from the committee on engrossment, reported correctly engrossed house bills thirty-two and thirty-one.

Mr. Rohr, from the committee on territorial affairs, reported back the memorial to congress, relating to an act of congress, approved March, 3, 1879, with a recommendation that it pass.

Also house bill thirty-five, for the protection of stock, with the same recommendation.

Mr. Cross, from the committee on charitable and penal institutions, reported

back the bill for the construction of a court house in Barnes county with amendments and a recommendation that it pass.

COUNCIL MESSAGE.

A message from the council informed the house that the council had passed council bills twenty-seven and twenty-nine and house files seven and twenty-two. Also the joint resolution providing for printing reports of territorial officers with amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Cross, from the special committee consisting of the members from the fifth district, reported back house file five, to provide for the construction of a court house and jail in Lawrence county, with sundry amendments and a recommendation that it pass.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Tuman—To amend section seven of chapter fifty-two of the laws of 1879, relating to the employment of short hand reporters in the courts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. La Moure—House file 48, to authorize school district number one, of Pembina county, to issue bonds for the construction of a school house.

COUNCIL MESSAGES.

The joint resolution, originating in the house, providing for the printing of the reports of territorial officers, having been returned from the council with an amendment changing the number of reports from 500 to 300, came up for consideration.

Mr. Dickey moved that the council amendment be concurred in. The motion was adopted, Messrs. McBratney and Miller voting in the negative and all the others in the affirmative.

Mr. La Moure gave notice that he would to-morrow move a reconsideration of the vote by which the motion was adopted.

COUNCIL BILLS.

Council bills twenty-seven and twenty-nine had their first reading.

Council bill thirteen, providing rules for the performance of the trust under the congressional law for the relief of settlers on public land, had its second reading and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Council bill twenty-four, authorizing the commissioners of Charles Mix county to fund the indebtedness of the county, had its second reading and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

HOUSE BILLS.

House file thirty-seven, to establish a board of health and regulate the practice of medicine in Dakota territory, had its second reading and was referred to the committee on education.

House file thirty-nine, to establish a fence law for the county of Lawrence, Pennington, Custer, Mandan and Forsyth, had its second reading and was referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

House file forty-seven, to legalize certain acts of the board of county commissioners of Lawrence, had its second reading and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

House file five, for the construction of a court house and jail for Lawrence county, reported back with sundry amendments, came up for action. On motion of Mr. French, the amendments were adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. French to refer the bill to the committee on engrossment, and Mr. Van Osdel moved as a substitute that the bill be laid upon the table for ten days.

A discussion here ensued which developed a difference of opinion in the Lawrence county delegation. Mr. Warner wanted the bill immediately acted upon, and Mr. Hale wanted it delayed for ten days. Speaker Harding took the floor and spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Mr. Van Osdel's substitute was lost by a vote of fourteen to seven, and Mr. French's motion to refer the bill to the engrossing committee was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

The house, at 12:20 p. m., adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.