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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Days.

Council.

Yankton, Jan. 23.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The president stated that another portion of the civil code would be transmitted to the council by the house in about a half an hour.

Mr. LaMoore called up council bill No. 13, a memorial for the establishment of an additional land office in northern Dakota and moved its passage under suspension of rules.

Mr. Wallace objected to that portion of the memorial which stated that the region referred to was the best wheat producing region in the world. He did not think this legislature had traveled over the entire globe and were therefore not competent to judge upon this subject.

Mr. Back sustained the memorial.

Mr. LaMoore said that he did not feel like modifying the language of the memorial and hoped it would pass as it was.

Capt. Miner spoke in favor of the memorial and explained the necessity for the action is asked for therein.

The vote was put and the bill passed.

Mr. Mills reported from the committee on enrolled bills that house files No. 9 and 11 had been examined and found to be correctly enrolled.

A message was received from the house notifying the council that the house had passed house file No. 2, a bill for an act to establish a penal code for the territory of Dakota and requested the concurrence of the council.

House bill No. 2 was, on motion, read first and second times by its title.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Mills in the chair, on house file No. 2.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 24.

The council convened at ten a. m., with prayer by the chaplain.

The president was in the chair and all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gunderson, from the committee on highways, bridges and ferries, reported back, with a recommendation that it pass.

Council bill No. 11. This bill grants to Daniel T. Braley the right to maintain for ten years a ferry across the Red River of the North, under the usual restrictions. Under suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gunderson, from the committee on highways, bridges and ferries reported that the committee had examined the petition for a bridge across Dakota river and recommended that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on education, reported back council bill No. 7, a bill to amend the law relative to the keeping of lunatics, by substitute and recommended that the substitute pass, instead of the original bill.

On motion of Mr. Bailey it was ordered that the substitute bill be printed for the council and that the bill lie on the table until such printing was done.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

A message was received from the house giving notice of the adoption by that body of the council amendments to house bill No. 3, a bill to establish a code of civil procedure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The president announced that it was necessary for him to be absent a short time on Black Hills business and Mr. Wallace was called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Valentine the council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Mills in the chair, on the penal code.

HOUSE.

MORNING SESSION.

Yankton, Jan. 23.

House file No. 16, granting to Geo. H. F. Johnson the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Red River of the North, was read a second time and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Inman moved that the vote by which the house concurred in council amendments to the probate code, be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Coddington the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table. On motion recess was taken until two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house met at 2 p. m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The committee on enrollment reported that house file No. 9, to repeal chapter 1 of the special and private laws of 1875, and house file No. 11, to legalize the assessment of Hanson county for the year 1875, had been examined and found correctly enrolled.

The house then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Ducham in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the civil code. After some time spent therein, the committee arose and reported sundry amendments, which were adopted by the house.

One of the most important amendments adopted was one changing the rate of interest upon contracts from twelve to ten per cent.

On motion the house then adjourned.

HOUSE.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 24.

The house met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the speaker. Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called.
The minutes read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hexom, from committee on enrollment, reported house file No. 3 correctly enrolled.

Mr. Hopkins, from committee on agriculture, to which had been referred council bill No. 10, to exempt Burleigh county from the operations of the field law, reported the same back and recommended that it do not pass.

Mr. Coddington, from the special committee to which was referred that part of the governor's message relating to immigration, made a verbal report, and asked further time to prepare and present a bill.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Adams—To enable Union county to issue bonds to aid in the construction of a bridge across the Big Sioux river.

By Mr. Hackett—Creating new counties and defining the boundaries thereof.

By Mr. Inman—To incorporate the city of Vermillion.

By Mr. Hagle—For an act to locate a territorial road from Firesteel on the Dakota river by way of Chanka and Wessington springs to Fort Thompson on the Missouri river.

By Mr. Hopkins—To repeal sections two and three of chapter five, and sections two and three of chapter six of the private laws of 1874-5.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Coddington—Legislating the organization of the board of county commissioners and qualification of the register of deeds and ex-officio county clerk of Brookings county, D. T.

By Mr. Adams—To repeal chapter 33 of special laws of 1868-9, relating to the military bridge across the Big Sioux river.

By Mr. Maywald—Authorizing school district No. 4, of Bon Homme county, to issue bonds for the purpose of procuring a site for and erecting thereon a brick school building, and for setting aside a fund to pay the same.

By Mr. Clarkson—Defining the boundaries of certain counties in the territory of Dakota.

The bill creating a code of civil procedure was read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on judiciary.

The house then took a recess until 2 p. m.