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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 77.

The house met at 9 o'clock, a. m. and was called to order by the speaker.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called.

Minutes read and approved.

Mr. Codrington presented a petition from the citizens of Hutchinson and Armstrong counties asking to have said counties united in one. The petition was read and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Codrington, to whose committee was referred the Governor's message in relation to printing the laws, reported a law had been presented on the subject of the message.

Mr. Durham, from the committee on counties and townships, reported back council bill No. 36, in relation to judicial districts, and recommended that as the subject matter of the law, was embodied in another act already passed it be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Beadle, from the judiciary committee reported back house file No. 66, allowing actions to be commenced and prosecuted against the territory of Dakota, recommending its passage.

Mr. Thompson from the committee on public printing, reported with house file No. 68, providing for the printing of certain general laws in the German language.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Soderstrom—To repeal chapters 66 and 88 of the laws of 1862.

By Mr. Beadle—For a territorial road from Yankton to Sioux Falls. Also, to amend certain sections of the criminal code.

By Mr. Myron—Relative to the road and bridge fund in Clay county.

By Mr. Hopkins—A memorial to congress asking that the proceeds of the sales of public lands in grasshopper states and territories may be appropriated to such states, etc., to be paid as bounties for the destruction of hoppers.

A message from the council had concurred in the house amendments to council bills No. 19 and 42. Also, that the council had passed council bill No. 46, authorizing the commissioners of Bon Homme county to fund the outstanding indebtedness of the county, and council bill No. 44, to apportion the representation in the legislative assembly.

On motion the rules were suspended, and house file No. 77, to amend certain sections of the criminal code, was read three times and passed.

COUNCIL BILLS.

No. 44, to apportion the representation in the legislative assembly, was read twice and made the special order at 2 p. m.

No. 46, authorizing Bon Homme county to fund its outstanding indebtedness was read a first time.

No. 53, to amend the charter of the city of Yankton was read a first time.

No. 56, to locate a territorial road from Sioux Falls via Rockport to a point on the Missouri river between Fort Pierre and the Missouri river, was read three times and passed.

No. 48, to regulate the tolls of certain ferries on the Missouri river, was read a second time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

No. 86, relating to judicial districts, was indefinitely postponed.

HOUSE BILLS.

No. 71, to attach Ransom county to Richland county for election purposes, was read a second time and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

No. 66, allowing actions to be commenced against the territory of Dakota, was read a third time and rejected.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House met at 1 1/2 p. m., and was called to order by the speaker.

The conference committee on house file No. 1, made a report which was adopted.

Mr. Ziebach, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating St. Johns Lodge No. 196, Free and accepted masons, which was read three times and passed.

Mr. Clarkson, by consent, introduced a bill to repeal certain acts and for other purposes, which was read a first time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

A message informed the house that the council adhered to its amendments to council bill No. 19, and appointed Messrs. Mills, Burleigh and McFench as a conference committee.

Also that the council had passed council bills Nos. 68, 52, and 63, and indefinitely postponed house file No. 52.

Mr. Dunham, from the committee on counties and towns, reported back the bill authorizing Union county to aid in rebuilding the Big Sioux bridge and to construct a drain from Norwegian lake to the Big Sioux river and recommended its passage.

Mr. Sellberg moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

The question then being upon the passage of the bill, it was passed by a vote of 15 to 11.

Council bill No. 44, a bill for an act to apportion the representation in the legislative assembly, was taken up and a long discussion ensued, and finally the further consideration of the bill was postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The council amendments to house file No. 53, to incorporate the city of Vermilion, were concurred in.

Mr. Iverson, by consent, introduced a bill to provide for the payment of certain portions of road tax in Yankton county.

The house then adjourned.