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## THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

### TWELFTH SESSION.

#### Council.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1877.

The council convened at half past nine a. m. and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Present—All the members.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Miner, from the judiciary committee, reported back house file 63 with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Burleigh, from the committee on printing reported back house file 69 with amendments and recommended that it pass.

Mr. Bailey, from the committee on finance, reported back house file 46 without recommendation.

Mr. Wallace, from special committee to whom was referred house file 80, reported in favor of its passage with amendments.

#### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS.

House file 79, a joint resolution requesting Delegate Kidder to secure an appropriation from the sales of public lands to be used in the payment of bounties for the destruction of grasshoppers, was taken up and passed by a vote of twelve to one, Mr. Burleigh voting in the negative.

House file 41, to locate a territorial road from Swan Lake to Sioux Falls, was, on motion of Mr. Mills indefinitely postponed.

House file 63, authorizing a special election in the counties of Richland and Cass, was taken up and the enacting clause stricken out.

House file 80, to give authority to the commissioners of Union county to aid in rebuilding the Big Sioux bridge and to construct a drain ditch was taken up and after an attempt to indefinitely postpone it, was passed.

House file 78, relating to the road and bridge fund of Clay county, was, on motion of Mr. Miner, indefinitely postponed.

House file 48, to regulate allowances for attorneys in certain cases, was, on motion of Mr. Miner, indefinitely postponed.

House file 70, to amend the charter of Yankton, was taken up, several amendments offered by Mr. Burleigh were adopted and the bill passed by unanimous vote.

House file 68, providing for the printing of certain laws in the German language, reported favorably from the printing committee, was taken up and passed, Messrs. Gunderson and Miner voting in the negative.

House file 69, making an appropriation for the publication of the codified laws of the territory and to reimburse E. A. Sherman for certain expenses, reported with amendments from the printing committee, was taken up and passed as amended, Messrs. Gunderson and Miner voting in the negative.

The council then took a recess until one o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Council convened at one o'clock.

Present all the members.

House file 43, authorizing school district No. 1, of Grand Forks county, to issue bonds, was taken up and passed, Messrs. Gunderson and Miner voting in the negative.

On Motion of Mr. Pettigrew, the enacting clause was stricken from house file 73, a bill to establish the boundaries of the third judicial district upon the division of the territory.

House file 83, providing for the payment of a certain portion of the road tax in Yankton was passed by unanimous vote.

House file 4, the political code, was taken from the table, variously amended and passed by unanimous vote.

Council bill 31 was taken up and the house amendments thereto were concurred in.

The council then took a recess to seven o'clock p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

All the members present.

House file 76 was, on motion of Mr. Pettigrew, indefinitely postponed.

House file 80 was, on motion of Mr. Burleigh, postponed until the first day of the next session.

House files 40 and 85 were indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the governor giving notice of his approval of bills 46, 58, 59 and 60.

Notice having been received that the house refused to concur in the council amendments to house file 4, Messrs. Burleigh, Bailey and Miner were appointed as a conference committee on the subject.

The conference committee performed its work and reported that a satisfactory arrangement had been agreed upon by the two houses.

On motion Messrs. Bailey, Wallace and Miner were appointed a committee to wait upon Governor Pennington and inform him that ten o'clock had been agreed upon as the hour when the legislature would adjourn.

House file 82, for an act declaring certain acts repealed and for other purposes, was taken up and passed, Mr. Miner voting in the negative.

On motion the hour of adjournment was postponed to 10:25 o'clock.

A message was received from the governor giving notice that he had approved council bills 31 and 44.

The hour fixed for adjournment having nearly arrived Mr. Miner moved that the thanks of the council be tendered to the president, clerks and officers of the council for their faithful discharge of duties, and the motion was adopted.

President Valentine said:

Gentlemen of the Council:—I am unwilling to permit this last opportunity to pass, without expressing my most sincere thanks, as I now do, for your assistance in the performance of my duties, and for the uniform courtesy shown me as your presiding officer, during these last, and most laborious and important hours of this session; nor am I willing to strike the blow which will separate us forever, without first expressing the hope that if, in the heat of debate, any ill feeling may at any time have been engendered, such feeling may be forgotten as we pass the threshold of this hall.

Be assured my friends, that my kindest wishes will follow each of you to your homes, and that the memory of my associates and associations here will ever be a source of delight to me.

I now declare the council of the twelfth session of the legislative assembly of Dakota adjourned *sine die*.