



DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

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

Fourteenth Session—52d and 53d Days.

Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, March 3—The council re-assembled at 2 o'clock p. m., the president in the chair and members all present.

HOUSE FILES.

Mr. Gamble, from the committee on judiciary, reported with amendments, house file 172, to amend section 7, chapter 39, of the political code, recommending its passage.

The bill was given its third reading and passed.

The same committee reported without recommendation house file 143, regulating the duties of county assessors and for other purposes.

The bill was put on its passage and lost—ayes 1, noes 9.

House file 188, to amend the game law was reported back by Mr. Day from a special committee, read a third time and passed.

"I OBJECT."

Mr. Wiggin, from the agricultural committee, asked permission to introduce a joint resolution appropriating two hundred dollars to be used by the governor for furnishing information in regard to the territory, but objection was made and the bill was not received.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Council bill 105, providing for compulsory education, was taken up and amended so as to apply only to Lincoln county. The bill was then passed.

EXTRA COMPENSATION.

House file 234, providing extra compensation for the clerk of the house, was reported back from the judiciary committee without recommendation.

The bill was then taken up for consideration and after the presentation of sundry amendments, it was indefinitely postponed.

RECONSIDERED.

On motion of Mr. Scooby, the vote by which house file 143 was lost was reconsidered, and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Martin and Scooby.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message was received from the house announcing the passage of a joint resolution asking the return from the governor's office of house file 184, for correction and amendment; and the passage of house file 238.

On motion the joint resolution in relation to house file 184 was concurred in.

House file 238, relating to the issue of bonds by school district No. 1, of Hughes county, to build a school house, was taken up and, under a suspension of the rules, passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A special sealed message was received from the governor for the consideration of the council in executive session.

ANOTHER OBJECTION.

Mr. Wiggin again asked permission to introduce a joint resolution making an appropriation for the use of the governor in disseminating information in regard to the territory, the amount being reduced from two hundred to one hundred dollars.

Objections were again made to the introduction of the resolution.

The president (Mr. Jolley in the chair) ruled that the resolution was new business and under the rules could not be received without unanimous consent.

Mr. Wilson appealed from the decision of the chair.

On a motion on the appeal there were ayes 4, noes 8, so the decision of the chair was not sustained, and the joint resolution was received.

After some further discussion the further consideration of the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The council then held a short executive session, after which the resolution fixing the time of final adjournment at 8:20 Friday morning, was taken up and being put upon its passage was lost—ayes 5, noes 7.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the house announced the passage by that body of house file 239, in relation to the board of education for Deadwood, and 240, relative to the collection of taxes on personal property.

Under a suspension of the rules the above bills were read and passed.

EVENING SESSION.

The council met at 7 p. m., the president in the chair and all members present.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message was received from the house announcing the indefinite postponement of council bill 105, for compulsory education.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gamble, from the committee on judiciary, reported without recommendation house file 207, relating to the sale of real property on execution.

On motion of Mr. Shaw the bill was laid on the table.

The same committee reported house file 112, amending the herd law without recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Jolley the bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message was received from the house announcing the passage by that body of the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved, By the house of representatives, the council concurring, that both of said houses do adjourn without day on Monday the 7th day of March, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon of said day; and

Be it further resolved, That no business of any kind shall be transacted by either of said houses except such as is already on the table of the two houses and such business as may be sent to either of said houses by his excellency the governor of the territory.

Also, the passage of a joint resolution recalling from the governor house bill 92 creating a board of education for the city of Bismarck, for correction and amendment.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the governor announcing his approval of council bills 99, 128, 135, 167, 166, 136, 161, 163, 152, 137, 164, 117 and 151.

And informing the council that the following bills had become laws by limitation of time as provided in the organic act and that the same had been filed in the office of the secretary of the territory, to-wit: 64, 62, 74, 54, 144, 78, 110, 150, 134, 15, 46, 51, 52, 69, 47, 17, 139, 140, 149 and 154.

Also transmitting a special sealed message for the consideration of the council in executive session, which the council immediately proceeded to consider.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message was received from the house asking the council to concur in a joint resolution for the return from the executive office of house files 140 and 230, for correction and amendment, and the passage of house file 242, establishing a board of education for the city of Bismarck.

The rules were suspended and house file 242 was passed.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Jolley, from the committee on engrossed and enrolled bills, reported that he had presented to the governor the following council bills:

No. 127, to amend section 94 of the code of civil procedure.

No. 151, an act to amend chapter 31, part 2 of the code of civil procedure, relating to mechanic's liens.

HOUSE FILES.

House files 243, 243 and 245, just received from the house, were taken up and passed under a suspension of the rules.

A REMOVAL BILL.

Mr. Scooby, as a member of the judiciary committee, reported back council bill 37, amended so as to provide for the removal of the capitol from Yankton to Huron.

On a motion to adopt the report the ayes and noes were called and resulted ayes 4, noes 8.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, at 10:40 the council adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Council.

Friday, March, 4.—The council met at 10 a. m., with the president in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.
Roll call—members all present.
Minutes read and approved.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

The house joint resolution to adjourn without day on Monday next at 10 o'clock was taken up and passed—ayes 8, noes 3—Mr. Day being absent.

Mr. Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution passed, and Mr. Shaw moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which latter motion was lost.

Pending a vote on the motion to reconsider, a call of the house was ordered, and upon the appearance of the absent members, the motion to reconsider was put and lost—ayes 4, noes 8.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the governor informing the council that bill 122 had become a law by limitation; also transmitting a special sealed message.

After a short executive session the council adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

House.

AFTERNOON SESSION—CONTINUED.

Thursday, March 3—Council bill 105, providing for the compulsory education of children, came up on its second reading and, on motion of Mr. Wells, further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

A BILL PASSED.

House file 234, providing a board of education for the city of Deadwood, was passed by unanimous vote.

A SUBSTITUTE.

Mr. Rohr, by unanimous consent, introduced house file 240, a substitute for house file 189, relating to the collection of the delinquent personal taxes. Under a suspension of the rules the bill had its several readings and was passed.

RECESS.

At about five o'clock the house took a recess until seven p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The house re-convened at seven p. m., with a quorum present.

Mr. French introduced a joint resolution calling for the adjournment of the legislature without day on Monday the 7th inst., at eight o'clock in the morning. Also that no business be transacted excepting to finish up that now in possession of the house.

The resolution was adopted and a motion to reconsider the same was laid upon the table.

FUNDING BILL.

House file 118, providing for funding the indebtedness of counties, recalled from the governor for correction, was acted upon and returned to him by unanimous vote.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the governor announcing that he had approved house files 73, 95, 117, 185, 142, 220, 222, 223, 226, 227, 201, 126, 229, 235, 236, 138, 43, 156, 158, 173, 178, 182, 187, 200, 224 and 237.

Also that the following house files had become laws by limitation without his signature: House files 138, 43, 158, 173, 178, 182, 187, 200, 224 and 237.

BISMARCK'S BOARD.

House file 92, providing a board of education for the city of Bismarck recalled from the governor for correction, being corrected, had its several readings and was passed.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS AUTHORIZED.

House file 243, establishing school district number one of Moody county re-

called from the governor for correction, was put upon its several readings and was passed.

House file 244, which had gone through with a similar process, was passed. It creates an independent school district of the town of Madison, Lake county.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 10 o'clock p. m., the house adjourned until ten o'clock Friday morning.

House.

Friday, March 4.—The house convened at ten o'clock a. m. and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Mr. Speaker in the chair and a quorum present.

The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

On motion all absentees were excused from attendance on to-day's session.

THE REGULAR ORDER

was run through by the speaker and there were no responses until the consideration of general orders was reached, when Mr. Dickey moved that the house go into committee of the whole for the consideration thereof. He was promptly suppressed and the house reassumed its Micawber-like attitude, hoping and trusting still that something would turn up to employ its time.

Mr. Inman here came to the rescue and moved

A RECESS

for fifteen minutes, and the proposition was adopted with entire unanimity. It was a dreary recess, with the howling storm without and a continuation of the protracted inanition within. A legislature snowed in, with nothing on its hands but a determination to earn its four dollars per day, is not productive of much versatility during the morning hours.

COUNCIL MESSAGE.

The recess was brought to an end by the appearance of the chief clerk of the council, who announced that the council had passed the house joint resolution providing for the final adjournment of the legislature on Monday morning next at eight o'clock.

A vote of thanks to the council was suggested, but was not reduced to parliamentary shape and went by the board without action.

The house then took

ANOTHER RECESS,

subject to the call of the speaker and Porter Warner once more passed around the cigars.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the governor announcing that house files 90, 131, 150, 159, 193, 215, 228 and 4 had become laws without his signature, by limitation.

ADJOURNMENT.

The house, at noon, adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.