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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Twenty-Seventh Day.

Council.

Saturday, Feb. 3.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The regular order was, on motion of Mills, resumed.

COUNCIL BILLS.

Council bill 28, relating to prairie fires, was brought up and laid on the table for future reference.

Council bill 27, to locate a territorial road from Sioux Falls to Fort Thompson, was, on motion of Mr. Gunderson, re-committed.

HOUSE BILLS.

House file 33, a substitute for the protection of wild animals, game fowl and insect destroying birds. Read twice and referred to the committee on territories, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Pettigrew and Wallace.

House file 34, to provide for the immediate immigration interests of Dakota territory, was read twice and referred to the committee on finance.

House file 16, to exempt certain townships in the counties of Richland and Cass from the provisions of the herd law. Referred to the committee on engrossed bills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The general order was the adoption of the report of the committee declaring Mr. Beck entitled to his seat.

On motion of Mr. Miner the report was withdrawn.

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

Committee rose at four o'clock, the code was adopted and the council adjourned

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Monday, Feb. 5th.

Council met at ten o'clock and opened with prayer by the chaplain.

All the members were present.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Miner presented a petition from taxpayers of Union county asking for the passage of the bill introduced in the house by Mr. Adams for the repair of the bridge across the Big Sioux river. Referred to the committee on expenditures.

A petition was presented from tax payers of Union county asking for the passage of a law by which the commissioners of Union county shall be authorized to construct a bridge to the center of the Big Sioux river to correspond with that portion of a new bridge now being constructed by citizens of Woodbury county, Iowa. Referred to the committee on expenditures.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bailey, from the committee on finance, reported back house file 37, with recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Miner, from the committee on judiciary, reported back council bill 28, with recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Wallace presented a minority report on the same bill from the same committee with amendments.

Mr. Beck, from the committee on engrossed bills, reported council bills 16 and 12 as correctly engrossed.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on education, reported back council bill 31 with a recommendation that it pass.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wilson presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It being reported that certain persons have made corrupt proposals to members of the council for the purpose of unlawfully influencing their action in relation to important measures pending before this body, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to investigate and report all facts in the matter to the council for such action as may be deemed proper, and said committee are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Beck introduced a resolution that a committee of three be appointed by the president to report a bill for a legislative apportionment of the territory. With an amendment by Mr. Pettigrew the resolution was adopted.

COUNCIL BILLS.

Mr. Mills gave notice of a bill to amend chapter 15 of the laws of 1874-5.

Mr. Bailey introduced a bill for the establishment of courts in the counties of Pennington, Custer and Lawrence in the Black Hills.

Also a bill providing for the publication of proceedings of the supreme court. The latter was referred to the judiciary committee, consisting of Messrs. Miner, Wallace and Bailey.

Mr. Bailey's bill providing for the establishment of courts in Black Hills counties, had its three readings and passed by unanimous vote.

Council bill 28, to legalize the official acts of territorial officials, heretofore illegally elected, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and passed. Messrs. Beck, Lee, Moore, and Pettigrew voting in the negative.

Council bill 31, to regulate the time for burning stubble, was, after a long discussion, made the special order for tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

Council bill 32, to locate three wagon roads from the Missouri river to the Black Hills, was amended so as to make Bismarck one of the starting points instead of Fort Lincoln. The bill was then, on motion of Mr. Pettigrew, indefinitely postponed by a vote of 10 to 3, Messrs. Beck, Gunderson and Miner voting in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrew, the vote was reconsidered and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Council bill 22, to protect settlements from prairie fires, was made special order for to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

HOUSE BILLS.

House file 37, to provide for the improvement of certain highways from the Missouri river to the Black Hills, was read a third time and passed—10 to 3, Messrs. Gunderson, Miner and Wallace voting in the negative.

House.

Saturday, Feb. 3.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house met at 3 p. m. and was called to order by Mr. Clarkson speaker *pro tem.*

Mr. Beadle from the judiciary committee reported house file No. 12, a bill for a civil code.

The house then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Inman in the chair, and took up the consideration of house file No. 35, a bill to establish a code of proceedings in courts of justices of the peace, and to limit the jurisdiction of the same.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported sundry amendments, which were adopted.

The rules were suspended, the bill read a third time and passed.

The house then adjourned.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Monday, Feb. 5, 1877.

House met at 10 a. m., and was called to order by the speaker.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called, members all present.

Minutes read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on ways and means reported back council bill No. 22, to enable the village of Sioux Falls to vote aid to the Worthington and Sioux Falls railroad company, and recommending its passage.

The committee on territorial affairs reported back council bill No. 7, to amend chapter sixty-five of the session laws of 1874-5, relative to lunatics, with amendments and recommended its passage.

The committee on judiciary reported back house file No. 38, to pay counsel fees in certain criminal cases, with amendments.

A message informed the house that the council had passed house file No. 21, naming new counties in the Black Hills and defining the boundaries thereof.

On motion of Mr. Stewart the vote by which house file No. 35, passed on Saturday was reconsidered, and the bill was then amended and passed.

On motion of Mr. Beadle the clerk was directed to request of the council the return of house file No. 17, a bill to incorporate the city of Yankton.

Mr. Coddington introduced a bill for an act to provide for the manner of contesting the election of county officers.

Mr. Sargent introduced a bill for an act to empower school district No. 1, Grand Forks to fund outstanding indebtedness.

Council bill No. 14, relative to the protection of game, was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Council bill No. 1, relative to lunatics, was referred to the committee of the whole, having in charge house bill No. 4, for a political code.

Council bill No. 11, to enable Lincoln and Minnehaha counties to fund their outstanding indebtedness, was read a third time and passed.

Council bill No. 22, to enable the village of Sioux Falls to vote aid to the Worthington and Sioux Falls railroad company, was read a third time and passed.

The committee on engrossment reported that chapter 30 of house file No. 4, was correctly engrossed.

House file No. 41, to locate a territorial road from Swan Lake by the way of Finlay and Howard to Sioux Falls, was read a second time, the rules were suspended, the bill read a third time and passed.

House file No. 18, a bill for a code of civil procedure, came up for its third reading and on motion was referred to the committee of the whole.

The house then took a recess until 2 o'clock, p. m.