

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ST. PAUL, Jan. 24, 1860. }

To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota :

I return herewith a bill entitled, "An act providing for an alteration of the State road running from Chatfield, in Fillmore county, to Austin, in Mower county."

The first section is as follows :

"That D. L. Bonner, Edson Owens, and _____ are hereby appointed commissioners to re-locate, survey and establish a portion of the State road running from La Crosse to Mankato, as follows : commencing in the county of Fillmore, at the house of Edson Owens, thence running in a northeasterly direction through the counties of Fillmore, Mower, and Olmsted, to intersect the said State road on the land of G. A. Knapp, east of Buck's creek, and vacate all that portion of the said road now lying between the two aforesaid points."

The State road described in the title and that mentioned in the first section are so entirely different that I am forced to believe the Legislature, through inadvertence, overlooked the discrepancy. And how could the proposed road, by pursuing a "northeasterly direction," run from Chatfield through the counties of Olmsted and Mower to Austin, or indeed reach Mower county at all ?

I am reluctant, by returning this bill, to cause the Legislature to consume time so late in the session which should be given to far more important matters, but my desire is, that whatever enactments are to go upon the statute book shall be, as far as possible, clear and unmistakable.

Respectfully,

ALEX. RAMSEY.

Mr. Acker moved that the House reconsider the votes by which H. F. Nos. 60 and 70, returned by the Governor, were passed.

Carried.

Mr. Purdie moved that H. F. No. 60 be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Carried.

Mr. Greene of Olmsted moved that H. F. No. 70 be referred to the Committee to whom it was before referred.

Carried.

Mr. Mann presented the petition of Chas. Galpin and others for an alteration of State road, which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

S. F. No. 7. A bill for an act providing for the discharge of one or more joint debtors, without impairing the rights of the creditors as to the other debtors.

Had its first reading.

S. F. No. 12. A bill for an act to provide for the recording of conveyances in unorganized counties,

In which the Senate did not concur in the amendment of the House, was taken up.

Mr. Olds moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

Carried.