

Smith, Strong, Thompson James, Thompson John, Weber, Wellman, Weyhe, Wilkins, Williams, Wilson B., Wilson W., and Mr. Speaker.

So the bill was passed and its title agreed to.

Mr. Wyckoff moved to take

S. F. No. 17, A bill for an act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Redwood to issue bonds for the erection of county buildings,

From its first reading and reconsider it now,

Which motion did not prevail.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. C. F. Adams introduced

H. F. No. 451, A bill for an act to amend section four of chapter twenty-four, of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one,

Which was read the first time.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the bill was read the second and third times and put upon its final passage.

The question being taken upon the passage of the bill, there were yeas 59, and nays 1, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams C. F., Barton, Blair, Bryant, Burbank, Burchard, Cooley, Corey, Corliss, Curtis, Crevath, Dayton, Derham, Eggleston, Eyre, Fenton, Foster, Gaskill A. H., Gaskill J. R. M., Gray, Greeley, Greenleaf, Hall L. R., Hanson, Hemminway, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kellett, Langley, Lienau, Lindsay, Matteson, Millard, Morse, Norsving, Osmandson, Platt, Quinn, Rosendahl, Shelby, Smith, Strong, Trow, Thompson James, Thompson John, Underwood, Van Hoesen, Waite, Wadsworth, Weber, Wellman, Weyhe, Wilkins, Williams, Wilson P., Wilson W., Whitney and Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Murphy voted in the negative.

So the bill was passed and its title agreed to.

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor :

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
ST. PAUL, Feb. 27th, 1872. }

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

DEAR SIR :—I have the honor herewith to return to the House over which you preside, and in which it originated,

H. F. No. 52, A bill for an act to encourage manufacturing interests in the village of East Janesville,

The same not meeting my approval.

My objections to the act are :

First. That it contemplates an exercise of the power of taxation in aid of the business or enterprise of individuals, or of private corporations or associations, and for that reason is an infringement upon the fundamental law of the land.

Second. Were there no question of constitutionality involved, yet

I could not give my approval to an act authorizing an extension of municipal or local indebtedness to another subject which must prove so limitless in amount and universal in application. Let the precedent once be established that any city or village may "encourage and aid manufacturing interests" by taxation, or what is worse, by the easy process of "issuing bonds," imposed perhaps by a bare and reckless majority upon a prudent and unwilling minority—a minority perhaps that will have the greater share of the burdens to bear, and there will be no limit at which such a majority in towns, impatient of the results of legitimate growth or of an uncertain future, will stop.

The two political parties of the State together, comprising all or nearly all of the people of the State, have, with great unanimity and emphasis, pronounced against "protection" even by indirect taxation, as an imposition upon the great body of consumers in favor of the manufacturers, and have declared such a policy inimical to our interests.

Such indirect tax can be avoided by refusing to purchase the article upon which it is levied, but from the direct taxes authorized by this bill there is no escape however burdensome they may prove, even though they should amount to a confiscation of all the property in the district.

As the Legislature is largely composed of the most faithful, farseeing and sagacious politicians of both parties, I cannot resist the impression that the passage of this bill is an oversight to which their attention needs but to be called to be most speedily and anxiously corrected, and I cannot resist the sense of duty that impels me to give them so profitable an opportunity.

This act and its consequences would, I doubt not in themselves prove comparatively harmless, but I cannot be a party to the opening of the flood gates through which another deluge of bonds, debt and taxation would rush.

Very respectfully submitted,

HORACE AUSTIN,

Governor.

Mr. Sanborn moved that the vote whereby

H. F. No. 52, A bill for an act to encourage and aid the manufacturing interests of the village of East Janesville,

Be reconsidered,

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Smith moved that the bill be laid upon the table,

Which motion prevailed.

H. F. No. 393, A bill for an act to legalize and confirm certain deeds or conveyances of land and powers of attorney authorizing the conveyance of land and the records thereof,

Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.

The question being taken upon the passage of the bill, there were yeas 62, and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams C. A., Ayres, Barto, Barton, Berry, Blair, Bothum, Bryant, Buck, Burbank, Burchard, Chamberlain, Child, Corey, Curtis, Davis, Dayton, Derham, Eggleston, Fenton, Finney, Foster, Gaskill J.