

S. F. No. 27, entitled, "An act to authorize the county commissioners of Otter Tail county to issue bonds for the purpose of erecting county buildings."
 S. F. No. 211, entitled, "An act to authorize the city of Winona to issue bonds to pay for waterworks in said city."
 S. F. No. 62, entitled, "An act to legalize certain acts of the Lakewood Cemetery Association."

Respectfully yours,

J. S. PILLSBURY,
 Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
 ST. PAUL, February 15, 1877. }

Hon. J. B. Wakefield, *President of the Senate* :

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following Senate Files, and have deposited the same in the office of the Secretary of State:

S. F. No. 60, entitled "An act to amend section thirty-three, chapter five, General Laws of 1873, relating to altering, laying out or discontinuing of highways."

S. F. No. 54, entitled "An act providing the manner of appointing guardians *ad litem*."

S. F. No. 81, entitled "An act to regulate the salary, compensation and fees of county officers, and clerk hire of the same."

Respectfully yours,

J. S. PILLSBURY,
 Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
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 ST. PAUL, February 15, 1877. }

HON. J. B. WAKEFIELD,

President of the Senate.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith, without my approval, S. F. No. 131, entitled "An act to vacate the plat of Park Boat lots in Ramsey county," and

S. F. No. 172, entitled "An act to vacate a portion of the plat of Kelley's addition to the city of Owatonna, Steele county, Minnesota."

The statutes already in operation make ample provision for the vacation of town plats and streets, (see chapter 12, page 293, Bissell's Statutes at Large,) and the summary legislation which seeks to escape the legal process expressly provided for this purpose, is liable to great abuse. Parties in interest thus receive no notice, and are without just remedy; and although such legislation is usually pronounced invalid when tested in the courts, it is unfair to force contestants to the annoyance and costs of that mode of protection, when a more just remedy is otherwise provided.

There is the further objection to acts of this kind, that they encumber our statutes and subject the State to costs on behalf of matters which are subjects of private rather than public concern, and I deem it wise to adhere to the custom of my predecessors of discountenancing legislation of this character.

Very respectfully,

J. S. PILLSBURY,
 Governor.