

WHEREAS, From a report made by a special committee appointed by the Speaker of this House it appears that for trivial offenses inhuman punishment is meted out to convicts confined in the penitentiary at Stillwater; and whereas, such punishment is a blot on the progressive ideas which at this age should characterize the management of penal and reformatory institutions, therefore be it

Resolved, By the House, the Senate concurring; that the present warden of the penitentiary is hereby directed to institute a different and more humane system of punishment to the end that the convicts may reform and not be driven to desperation by mental and physical torture.

The joint resolution was read the first, second and third times, and The question being taken on the adoption of the resolution,

And the roll being called there were yeas 103 and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Ahlness, Ames, Anderson, Barrett, Battley, Bell, Benner, Berning, Bjorge, Bonde, Booren, Bowman, Boyd, Bull, Campion, Cantleberry, Capser, Carleton, Caswell, Christlieb, Church, Chesley, Coburn, Cole E., Cole T., Coates, Currier, Daly, Darelus, Dearing, Demo, Diepolder, Doyle, Engelbert, Erickson, Feig, Foley, Gallagher, Gildea, Gilmore, Green, Greer, Harwick, Helms, Holler, Huntington, Huset, Kendall, Keyes, Kinney, Knudson, Koehnen, Larson, Lewis, Linnemann, Lloyd, Lockwood, Lomen, Long, Lyman, Lynn, McAllister, McGrath, McGuire, Moore, Nelson J. R., Nelson N. P., Nilsson, Ongstad, Penney, Peterson, Price, Richardson, Ringwald, Roach, Searle, Setterlund, Sheets, Sikorski, Sinclair, Smith, Smout, Starks, Stevens, Stivers, Stockwell, Thompson A., Thompson P. E., Tripp, Tucker, Turrell, Wacek, Wagoner, Wahlund, Walsh M., Walsh R. A., Wells, Weatherston, White, Wilson, Wright, Zelch, Mr. Speaker.

So the joint resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Keyes the report of the Committee, together with the two joint resolutions, were sent to the Senate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ST. PAUL, April 18, 1891. }

Hon. E. T. Champlin, Speaker of the House:

SIR,—I beg to return herewith without my approval, House File No. 1218 entitled, "an act to amend the articles of incorporations of the Flom Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Norman county, Minnesota."

This bill contravenes the seventh (7th) sub-division of section thirty-three (33) of article four (4) of the State Constitution. The constitution expressly prohibits the granting of corporate powers except to cities.

Besides, the purposes sought to be accomplished by the bill, may be secured by virtue of the existing general law.

For these reasons I am constrained to withhold my official signature.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. MERRIAM,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ST. PAUL, April 18, 1891. }

Hon. E. T. Champlin, Speaker of the House.

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

H. F. No. 983, An act to authorize the county commissioners of Hennepin county, in the state of Minnesota, for the improvement of navigation on lake Minnetonka in said county, for the preservation of the public health, and for the public benefit, advantage and use, to establish and maintain a uniform height of water in said lake, to acquire and condemn property and do such other acts as may be necessary.

H. F. No. 1144, An act to legalize the disposition of saloon license in the village of Glenwood, Pope county, Minnesota.

H. F. No. 1257, An act to authorize the city of St. Paul to issue certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of paving Third street from Broadway to the east abutment of Third street bridge, and for the purpose of paying its proportion of the cost of the Lexington avenue bridge across the Great Northern railway.

H. F. No. 881, An act prescribing the times of holding the general terms of district court in the ninth judicial district.

H. F. No. 293, An act to amend chapter 14 of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An act to amend chapter 58 of the General Laws of the extra session of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, entitled an act relating to locating, establishing and vacating highways and cartways in Goodhue county, and to amend section 49, chapter 13, General Statutes."

H. F. No. 395, An act to legalize certain corporations.

H. F. No. 573, An act to amend section 18, chapter 208, of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, relating to the establishment of the Minnesota state reformatory.

H. F. No. 443, An act relating to and providing for city justice of the peace in and for the city of Minneapolis, and to define and regulate the powers and duties of justices of the peace in said city.

Very respectfully,

W. R. MERRIAM,
Governor.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Barrett offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the chief clerk of this house have authority to draw a certificate for the several amounts due persons by reason of services, supplies, attendance and mileage before the special committee to investigate Duluth elevators duly passed March 21, 1891 in the total sum of two thousand one hundred and forty dollars and sixty-four