

bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining waterworks, public buildings, and making public improvements.

H. F. No. 526, An act to amend an act entitled, "An act making paupers a town charge in the county of Douglas," approved February 26, 1883.

H. F. No. 801, An act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Kanabec county, Minnesota, to appropriate moneys for encouraging immigration.

H. F. No. 839, An act to amend section 1 of chapter 326 of the Special Laws of the state of Minnesota one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, "An act to cede to the United States, jurisdiction over certain territory in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, and granting the consent of the legislature to the purchase of the same by the United States, as provided by section 355 of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved Feb. 10, 1887, and to repeal section 3 of said chapter 326.

Very respectfully,

W. R. MERRIAM,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
St. PAUL, March 31, 1891. }

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

SIR: I beg to return you herewith without my approval, House File No. 680.

This bill seeks to grant certain private individuals named therein, without compensation to the state and without cost, save only the nominal expense of draining, a tract of land, the property of the state, comprising about one hundred and sixty acres, now covered by a shallow body of water known as Pickerel Lake in Dakota county, adjacent to and almost within the limits of the city of St. Paul. This land is probably worth nearly, if not quite, one hundred thousand dollars and should not be disposed of for a mere nominal consideration.

Furthermore, this bill is objectionable because of the limitations imposed by the constitutional amendment of 1881, which appropriated "All swamp lands then belonging to the state or that might hereafter accrue to the state, one-half to the common school fund and the other half to the educational and charitable institutions of the state."

For these reasons I decline to affix my official signature.

Very respectfully,

W. R. MERRIAM,
Governor.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER.

Pursuant to a resolution of the House adopted March 25th, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following members of the House as delegates to the First Western States Commercial Congress: Messrs. Kinney, Ongstad, Stockwell, McGrath, Tucker.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate: