

S. F. No. 178: An act repealing Chapter 424, General Laws 1923, fixing the salary of treasurers in certain counties and Chapter 425, General Laws 1923, relating to clerk hire in the office of county treasurer in certain counties.

S. F. No. 206: An act to establish and create a state public park to be known and designated as the Pipestone State Park.

S. F. No. 216: An act to fix the salary of county auditors and clerk hire in their offices in counties in this state containing not less than 15 or more than 16 full or fractional congressional townships and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$5,000,000 and not more than \$6,000,000 and having a population of not less than 10,000 and not more than 12,500 inhabitants.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
St. Paul, March 25, 1925.

Hon. W. I. Nolan, President of the Senate.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following Senate Files:

S. F. No. 204: An act authorizing the establishment and maintenance by independent and special school districts of a junior college department and providing for the supervision and control of the state department of education.

S. F. No. 319: An act legalizing the extension of the corporate existence of certain township mutual fire insurance companies, where the resolution extending said existence was not filed within the period of corporate existence.

S. F. No. 926: An act authorizing the Governor of the State of Minnesota to deed to the City of St. Cloud, Minnesota, certain real estate belonging to the State of Minnesota in said City of St. Cloud in consideration of the vacation of certain streets and alleys in said city by the governing body thereof by which complete title to said streets and alleys is vested in the State of Minnesota.

Respectively submitted,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
St. Paul, March 26, 1925.

Hon. W. I. Nolan, President of the Senate.

Sir: Herewith I am returning to you, without my approval, the following Senate Files:

S. F. No. 511, A bill for an act to fix the compensation of Judge of

Probate Court in the State of Minnesota, in counties now or hereafter having a population of not less than two hundred and forty thousand (240,000) inhabitants.

S. F. No. 654, A bill for an act fixing the salary of the county attorney and providing for the number of assistants, clerks and other help, and fixing their compensation and providing for their expenses in all counties in this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 150,000 inhabitants, and an area of 5,000 square miles or more, and repealing all inconsistent acts.

It is with great reluctance that I return these bills. I am not unmindful of the value of the services rendered by the men who would be the beneficiaries of these and the scores of other similar bills before the House and Senate. I am fully aware that some public officials are receiving less remuneration than they might earn in private business.

But, I am aware also of the plight of the tax-payers of Minnesota, who at a time when they are trying to recover from the effects of the most serious economic blow that ever came to the people of the State, are finding it difficult, in many cases impossible, to pay the taxes already imposed on them. If all the salary bills now pending were passed, those taxes would be considerably increased.

I have the conviction that during this period, public officials should be willing to share the hardships of the people, instead of adding to their burdens. I believe that loyal and public-spirited officials will not hesitate to do so.

The Constitution requires me to return bills to which I cannot give my approval, to the Legislature. The duty of the Executive to return bills which his judgment and conscience cannot approve is as sacred as that of the Legislature to pass bills which in its opinion promote public interests and to defeat those which advance the cause of individuals at the expense of the general welfare. I should violate my oath of office as well as my obligation to the people of Minnesota if I should permit considerations of self-interest and personal friendships to prevent the performance of that duty.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Jackson moved that S. F. No. 511 together with that part of the Governor's message pertaining thereto be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

Which bill and message were laid on the table.

Mr. Adams moved that S. F. No. 654, together with that part of the Governor's message pertaining thereto, be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

Which bill and message were laid on the table.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Larson introduced—

S. F. No. 1140, A bill for an act to amend subdivision 5, Section 1979,