

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House reconvened at 2:15 o'clock P. M., and was again called to order by the Speaker.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

St. Paul, Minn., April 16, 1935.

Hon. G. W. Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you without my approval H. F. No. 1012. I object to the bill on the ground that the total appropriation of \$67,196 is excessive, and that any appropriation is unwarranted.

This bill appropriates the aforementioned sum for the purpose of paying attorneys' fees and plaintiffs' alleged disbursements in the so-called highway suits, which resulted in the cancellation of certain contracts between C. M. Babcock as Commissioner of Highways, and certain contractors.

Initially, no opportunity was afforded to the then Attorney General, Hon. Henry A. Benson, to institute the suits in the name of the state.

At the 1933 session of the Legislature, the present Attorney General, Hon. Harry H. Peterson, requested an appropriation of \$15,000 for the purpose of carrying on these suits in the name of the state. That appropriation was refused.

The attorneys and plaintiffs involved herein have always contended that their action was brought in the public interest and in behalf of the taxpayers of Minnesota. If that statement was true, there is no occasion for the payment of this large sum of money, particularly when the suits could have been handled either by Attorney General Benson or Attorney General Peterson, at a cost very much less than the amount appropriated.

Very truly yours,

FLOYD B. OLSON,
Governor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Barker moved that all authors of H. F. No. 706 be added as authors of H. F. No. 1398 and also that the names of Paulson, J. A., Johnson, R. G., Johnson, Geo. W., Lager, MacKinnon and Collins be added as authors of H. F. No. 1398.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Helgeson moved that the name of Mr. Jesten be added as co-author to H. F. No. 1749.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Powers moved to add the names of Lockwood and Nelson as co-authors to H. F. No. 1267.

Which motion prevailed.