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Mr. Wilcox offered a petition from prominent citizens of Becker county, relating to the enactment of a county option law, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Norman offered a petition from prominent citizens of Blue Earth county, relating to the enactment of a county option law, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Gandrud offered a petition from citizens of Kandiyohi county, relating to the enactment of a county option law, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Laybourn offered a petition from the licensed barbers of Duluth, relating to an amendment to chapter 186 of the Laws of 1897.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker laid before the House the following message from the Governor of the State:

To the House of Representatives :

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

H. F. 8, "An act amending section 5 of chapter 292, of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota, for the year 1897, being an act relating to mortgages and conveyances of personal property and contracts creating or reserving a lien thereon."

H. F. 77, "A memorial from the Legislature of Minnesota to the Congress of the United States, asking the submission of an amendment to the Constitution, conferring power in Congress to define, regulate, prohibit and dissolve trusts, etc."

Very respectfully,
S. R. VAN SANT,

State Capitol, Feb. 25, 1901.

The Speaker also laid before the House the following message from the Governor of the State:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my message to the Legislature on assuming office, I stated that if any special cause should arise, or information should come into my possession which would aid you in your deliberations, I would communicate with you at a later date.

In my judgment there will be no more important measure presented to this Legislature than the proposed law creating a Board of Control for the management of our correctional and charitable institutions. It is generally conceded that the proposed plan would result in a large saving to the state. The main