Hon. A. R. Hall, Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following House Files:

H. F. No. 210, entitled An act to detach the county of Swift from the county of Chippewa and attach the same to the county of Kandiyohi, for judicial purposes.

H. F. No. 297, entitled An act to authorize the board of county commissioners of Lac qui Parle county to fund the floating debt of said county.

H. F. No. 175, entitled An act to appropriate money for the support of the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

H. F. No. 261, entitled An act to provide for the laying out of a State road from Alexandria, in Douglass county, to Parker's Prairie, in Otter Tail county.

H. F. No. 230, entitled An act to legalize the record of certain certificates executed under and by virtue of section eleven, chapter eighty-one, title one, statutes of Minnesota.

H. F. No. 386, entitled An act to amend chapter thirty-eight, title one, of the general statutes, in reference to the protection and management of the public lands of the State of Minnesota.

H. F. No. 248, entitled An act to amend section one, chapter one hundred sixty-five, of the special laws of eighteen seventy-three, in relation to issuing of bonds to the Duluth, St. Cloud and Yankton Railway Company.

And I have this day deposited said Files, numbers 210, 297, 175, 261, 230, 386 and 248, in the office of the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

C. K. Davis,
Governor

Hon. A. R. Hall, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I decline to approve House File No. 218, herewith returned, entitled, "An act granting to Jeremiah Turner and Even Olson, their heirs and assigns, the right to establish and maintain a steam ferry across the Mississippi river at and in the village of Reads, County of Wabasha, and State of Minnesota."

My objections to this bill are that the time of fifteen years is too long a monopoly to be given under the circumstances.

Facts have been brought to my attention which convince me that the exclusive privilege thus granted will really be for a much longer time than fifteen years.

The proviso to section eight provides in substance that this act shall not take effect until the expiration of any term that may now be in existence under grant from the county commissioners. I am informed that Even Oleson, one of the grantees named in this bill, is now in the enjoyment of such a license from the county board, which has about three years to run.

This act then really gives to Mr. Oleson a franchise of eighteen years duration.
THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS.

S.F. No. 353, A bill to authorize the city of Minneapolis to issue

Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.
The question being taken upon the passage of the bill, there were

as 67, and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Adley, Auge, Barron, Barnes, Benz, Brown L.,

Burlison, Child, Clarke, Crandall, Daniels, Davidson, Denny, Dilley, Dickerson, Dosdall, Eckdall, Ficker, Fletcher, Fleming, Foss, Gilmore, Greer, Groetsch, Hanson J. N., Hansing, Harison, Healey, Hill, Howe, Hoyt, Hughes, James, Jones, Jordon, Laworthy, Lawrence, Lafond, Loomis, Martin J., Manning, Mason, Arthur, McDermid, Meyerding, Metcalf, Morgan, Morse, Nelson, Olds, Passon, Pease, Pettit, Pond, Rice, Rieland, Sloan, Smith J. K., Williston and Mr. Speaker.

So the bill was passed and its title agreed to.

S.F. No. 305, A bill relating to the management of the Soldiers' Home,

Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.
The question being taken upon the passage of the bill, there were

as 58 and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Auge, Barron, Babcock, Barnes, Benz, Becker, Brown L., Buell, Burlison, Child, Crandall, Daniels, Denny, Dilley, Drury, Fletcher, Graling, Greer, Groetsch, Harrison, Hechte, Howe, Hoyt, Hughes, James, Jordon, Kenworthy, Lawrence, Lord, Loomis, Martin J., Manning, Mason, McArthur, McNeill, Meyerding, Melrose, Metcalf, Morgan, Morse, Olds, Ottun, Pond, Pratt, Rice, Rieland, Sloan, Smith J. K., Treadwell, Williston and Mr. Speaker.

So the bill was passed and its title agreed to.

S.F. No. 333, A bill to amend an act of the Legislature entitled,

Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.
The question being taken upon the passage of the bill, there were

as 65, and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Adley, Auge, Barron, Babcock, Barnes, Benz, Brown L., Buell, Clarke, Crandall, Daniels, Davidson, Jerson, Dosdall, Ficker, Fletcher, Gillick, Graling, Greer, Groetsch, Hansing, Harrison, Healey, Hill, Howe, Hoyt, Hughes, Jop, James, Jones, Jordon, Lawrence, Langley, Lord, Loomis, Jln J., Manning, McArthur, McDermid, Meyerding, Melrose,