The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor:

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ST. PAUL, April 12, 1896.

Hon. Frank A. Day, President of the Senate,

SIR: Herewith I return Senate File No. 417, without my signature. This bill provides for the consolidation of any two or more colleges, seminaries of learning or other educational institutions. According to the provisions of this measure, this may be accomplished by the action of a bare majority of the board of directors or trustees of the respective institutions. Such action may be taken without any regard to the desires of the incorporators or the general membership or of the persons who have contributed to the support and upbuilding of the several institutions. In many instances this might result in a serious misapplication of the purposes of the originators and supporters of one or more of the institutions to be consolidated.

In view of the manifest want of protection to the membership or the institutions, contemplated by its terms, I am firmly of the belief that, upon considerations of public policy, this bill should not become a law. I have, therefore, the honor to advise you that because of the above facts, I am constrained to withhold my approval.

I am,

Very respectfully,

D. M. Clough,
Governor.

Mr. Stevens moved that the vote by which S. F. No. 417 was passed be reconsidered and S. F. No. 417 be referred to the Committee on Education, Which motion prevailed,

On motion the Senate took a recess till 2:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met at 2:30 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the President.

Mr. Stevens moved a call of the Senate,

And the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Barr, Cole, Collester, Croukhite, Currier, Day, Dunham, French, Greer, Hanna, Hanson, Heneman, Hodge, Ittis, Jones, Johnson A. G., Knaavold, Larson, Miller, McArthur, McHale, Ozmun, Peterson, Potter, Reishus, Ringdal, Roverud, Schaller, Sevatson, Sheehan, Smith, Spencer, Stebbins, Stevens, Theden, Wing, Yale, Young.

On motion, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS.

S. F. No. 607, A bill for an act to prevent the propagation of a grass commonly called witch grass or quack grass, Was read the third time.