

and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following Senate Files:

S. F. No. 190: An act to validate certain judgments where jurisdiction has been obtained by publication of summons without filing affidavit before publication.

S. F. No. 599: An act to amend Section 7432, General Statutes 1923, relating to public service corporations.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
St. Paul, March 19, 1925.

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

Sir: Herewith I am returning to you without my approval S. F. No. 457, entitled:

"A bill for an act fixing the salary of the Judge of Probate and the number of clerks and amount of clerk hire allowance in all counties of the state now or hereafter having a population of more than 150,000 inhabitants and an area of more than 5,000 square miles."

I have given my approval to bills that changed the classification of counties for the purpose of fixing salaries, where the effect was, not to increase such salaries, but to maintain them at their present level. This bill is of a different kind. It increases salaries, one of them to the extent of 25 per cent. I do not believe that we are justified in increasing any salary to such an extent at a time when the tax-payer is burdened with heavy taxes and his income reduced by the general economic situation.

In my message to the Legislature I said: "The situation suggests that the Legislature should be reluctant to impose additional obligations on local governing bodies, that legislation affecting the smaller units of government should be permissive rather than mandatory, and that exercise of a power granted should not be made compulsory unless imperatively demanded by considerations of the general welfare."

Let me add that if a measure were passed giving the board of county commissioners authority to increase the salaries, I would give my approval to the same. I do not believe, however, that the state as such should take any action that would compel such increase by the counties.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Adams moved that the message of the Governor on S. F. No. 457, together with the bill, be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

Which message and bill were laid on the table.