

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Adams,	Dille,	Hofstad,	Mayman,	Quinlivan,
Anderson, G. A.,	Dunn,	Holladay,	Melby,	Renick,
Anderson, T. E.,	Emerson,	Holmquist,	Merritt,	Rohne,
Andrews,	Enstrom,	Johnson, G. W.,	Morton,	Rosetter,
Arvik,	Erickson,	Johnson, H. A.,	Moser,	Salmonson,
Atwood,	Escher,	Johnson, R. G.,	Munn,	Samec,
Barness,	Fabel,	Jordahl,	Naylor,	Scallon,
Berg,	Farmer,	Keeler,	Nellermoe,	Schneider, W.,
Blodgett,	Finstuen,	Kempfer,	Nelson, H. S.,	Scribner,
Blum,	Fredriksen,	Kennedy,	Nelson, J. M.,	Snyder, J. P.,
Campbell,	Gehan,	Kern,	Nelson, N. J.,	Spindler,
Children,	Glende,	Kinneberg,	Neuman,	Starkey,
Christenson,	Graham,	Kolshorn,	Nordine,	Sweitzer,
Cullum,	Green,	Kozlak,	Norton,	Swenson,
Dahl,	Greer,	Lieb,	O'Brien,	Therrien,
Dahle,	Hanson,	Lightner,	Odegard,	Thorkelson,
Dalager,	Hart,	Lodin,	Olson,	Undlin,
Dammann,	Haugland,	Long,	Paige,	Veigel,
Davidson,	Hazel,	Lord,	Parks,	Wilson, D. W.,
Davis,	Herfindahl,	Lundeen,	Payne,	Wilson, L. W.,
Day,	Hill,	McDonough,	Peterson,	Zimmerman,
Deming,	Hitchcock,	Masek,	Pratt,	Mr. Speaker.

Messrs. Knudsen and Lewer voted in the negative :

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

Mr. Erickson moved to amend H. F. No. 741 as follows :

Strike out the period at the end of Section No. 2 and insert a semi-colon and the following additional matter : "nor shall it impair the right of Insurance Companies to settle any partial loss to property insured by repairing such partial loss sustained in lieu of cash settlement of such loss."

Which motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Starkey moved that H. F. No. 741, as amended, be placed at the foot of the Special Order.

Which motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

St. Paul April 18, 1927.

Hon. John A. Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir : I herewith return without approval H. F. No. 1326, "A bill for an act providing that all expenses incurred by the state in connection with the management, operation and care of state school forests or other state forests established or operated under laws passed pursuant to Section 7 of Article 8 of the State Constitution, including all expenses incurred in connection with the cutting and sale of timber from such lands, shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of timber of forest products taken from such lands."

This bill seeks to reverse a policy as old as the State. In 1861, Governor Alexander Ramsey warned against setting any precedent which should divert any of the trust funds from their original purposes. In his message to the Legislature he said : "Of this magnificent grant, the great gift of the nation to all the millions who are to inhabit the soil

of Minnesota, you are stewards in their behalf, and it devolves upon you to see that the sacred trusts involved are faithfully executed. * * * The precedent which you shall establish will go far to shape the future policy of the State in this regard, and therefore upon you will depend in a great measure whether these vast estates, consecrated to the noblest aspirations of a free people—to Education, which is the root of liberty, and to Charity, which is its fruit—shall be husbanded with a wise and statesmanlike economy or squandered with a blind improvidence—whether the institutions to be built upon these ample foundations shall be forecast to the broad measure of our destiny or stunted in their germ by a selfish eagerness for premature results. * * * Let it not be forgotten that the children who eat our bread are to be our judges, and before we shall pass away, they will rise up in the places now occupied by us and require of you and me an account of our stewardship.”

The present bill provides that all expenses incurred by the State in connection with the management, operation and care of State forests, shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of timber taken therefrom. There is no limitation on the amount which may be so taken. The bill authorizes the dissipation of all the proceeds in administration.

It is quite possible that the time will come when it will be necessary to deviate from the ancient policy so wisely promulgated and advocated by Governor Ramsey. Possibly in order to reforest the denuded forest areas of the North Country, it will be necessary to make provision for taking from the proceeds of the sale of timber such sums as shall be required to plant trees and care for their nurture. It may be that the trust funds will in the future be best promoted by such a policy. But when provision is made for the diversion of any such sums, the conditions and amounts of such diversion should be carefully and jealously guarded. The proposed act fixes no limits, either in percentage or amount. It does not determine definitely the specific purposes for which such sums shall be used. It does not provide for their re-payment out of the increase, nor for the reimbursement of the trust funds on account of amounts which may be lost.

The legislature has passed and I have approved an act creating an interim commission to study reforestation and related questions. The questions suggested by the proposed measure should be carefully considered by the Commission before the State commits itself irrevocably to a revolutionary change from its ancient and time honored policy.

Respectfully,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to announce the passage by the Senate of the following House File, herewith returned, as amended by the Senate, in which amendment the concurrence of the House is respectfully requested:

H. F. No. 414, A bill for an act relating to the reimbursement to counties for moneys expended by them in permanently improving roads described in Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

GEO. W. PEACHEY,
Secretary of the Senate.

Returned April 18, 1927.