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EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

State of Minnesota,
Executive Department.
St. Paul, April 20, 1927.

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

Sir: I return herewith without approval S. F. No. 837, "A bill for an act to provide an additional judge for the district court of the sixteenth judicial district of the State of Minnesota."

I am convinced that it will be possible by assigning outside judges to hold court in the Sixteenth Judicial District to clear the calendar in the various counties thereof, and postpone, for at least another two years, the necessity of creating another judicial position. A proper re-districting of the state to insure a better distribution of judges would obviate the conditions which this bill is designed to remedy. The legislature at its next session should set itself to the task of effecting such re-districting.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Christianson,
Governor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Mangan moved that S. F. No. 837, with the veto message from His Excellency, the Governor, accompanying it, be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 837 and the veto message
Were laid on the table.

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

Sir: I return herewith without approval S. F. No. 110, "A bill for an act amending Section 6048, General Statutes 1923, relative to taxes on property held by the Department of Rural Credits."

I do not believe that the State should ever recognize the right of local units of government to tax its property. The early exponents of our constitutional system, declaring that "the power to tax is the power to destroy", inhibited any taxation of State property by the Federal government and of Federal property by the States. It is true that the relation between the State and its local units is different from that between the State and the Nation. Nevertheless, if the State ever rec-