Greenleaf, Hall L. R., Hall Liberty, Hemminway, Huntington, Johnson, Jones, Kellett, Keyser, Kitchell, Langley, Lindsay, Morse, Murdock, Nash, Pierce, Quinn, Rice, Rosenberger, Sanborn, Smith, Strong, Thompson James, Underwood, Weber, Wells, Weyhe, Wilkins, Wiswell, Whipple, Wyckoff and Mr. Speaker.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs, Adams C. F., Blair, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jackson, Larson, La Fond, McCracken, Matteson, Millard, Norsving, Osmandson, Platt. Richardson, Rockwell, Rogers, Rosendahl, Stanton, Shelby, Thompson John, Van Dyke, Waite, Wellman, Wilson P., Wilson W. and Whitney.

So the bill was passed and its title agreed to.

H. F. No. 423, A bill for an act to amend section two of an act entitled an act to provide for the Teachers' Institute,

Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.

The question being taken upon the passage of the bill, there were yeas 40, and navs 40, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams C. F., Barto, Barton, Buck, Burbank, Burchard, Capwell. Child, Clarke, Cooley, Corliss, Crevath, Dayton, Eyre, Foster, Gaskill A. H., Gaskill J. R. M., Greeley, Hall L. R., Hall Liberty, Jones, Kellett, Keyser, McCracken, Murdock, Osmandson, Platt, Pierce, Rice, Richardson, Rockwell, Rogers, Rosenberger, Stanton, Smith, VanDyke, Weber, Weyhe, Wiswell, Whipple, Wyckoff and Mr. Speaker.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Berkey, Berry, Blair, Boss, Bothum, Chamberlain, Corey, Davis, Demeules, Derham, Du Toit, Eggleston, Fenton, Finney, Fletcher, Gray, Greenleaf, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jackson, Johnson, Kitchell, Langley, Larson, La Fond, Matteson, Murphy, Norsving, Quinn, Rosendahl, Sanborn, Shelby, Strong, Thompson James, Thompson John, Wells, Wilkins, Wilson P., Wilson W. and Whitney.

So the bill was lost.

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor:

> STATE OF MINNESOTA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, St. Paul, Feb. 28th, 1872.

## Hon. A. R. Hall, Speuker of the House of Representatives:

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to return herewith to the House in which they originated.

H. F. No. 14, A bill for an act to appropriate money to aid the

county of Wright in building a bridge in said county,

And

H. F. No. 104, A bill for an act to appropriate money to aid the county of Olmsted in building a bridge across Zumbro river in the town of Oronoco,

The same not meeting my approval.

My objection to the bill first named is that though the comtemplat-

ed bridge is on the line of a road marked out by statute (a so-called state road) it is not on the line of a traveled road or highway, none

baving been opened or in use.

It would appear that if the wants of the traveling public would jusify the appropriation made by this act those wants would have manitested themselves in opening a road upon this line for use in winter, as the river would then offer no obstruction to travel, and that in the summer season did the necessities of the public justify this expenditure, it would seem that a ford or ferry would have been brought into requisition.

believe there is no precedent for the use of State moneys to construct a bridge where there is no travel—where the public claiming the aid has not incurred the expense, nor manifested interest enough the subject to cut a track through the woods, and where there is no

mail route or service.

Were there a provision of law by which the State could have the location of bridges (which are to be built with her money) examined in her interest by some competent and disinterested man who should determine the question of the necessity for them before the appropriations should be expended, and perhaps clothing such examiner with the power to prescribe the plan or character of the structure required so that the public might receive full consideration for the money disbursed, there would be less necessity for caution in approving an appropriation for this purpose, even though the necessity therefor should be vouched for by a single person, and possibly be an interested one, and passed upon his recommendation.

As to the bill in the second place mentioned, my only objection to it is that the fund from which the appropriation is made is yet small—amounting to but a tew thousand dollars annually—and in the absence of any general law distributing it equitably among all the counties or the people, on some just basis, should go in aid of the poorer and thinly peopled frontier counties which will for years be unable to bridge the large and more troublesome streams, in preference to its being expended in older and wealthier counties already having the facilities afforded by railroads and turnpikes and able to construct their

bridges without being oppressed by the burden.

Very respectfully,

HORACE AUSTIN, Governor.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn, the vote whereby

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And

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Were passed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, the bills were laid upon the table.

H. F. No. 324, A bill for an act to amend subdivision six of section fifteen of chapter ten of the general statutes, in relation to special town meetings,