

legal holidays and providing for appropriate exercises on such days.

Which was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Public Domain introduced—

H. F. No. 658, A bill for an act codifying, revising and supplementing the laws relating to forestry and to forest and prairie fires; prescribing liabilities and penalties both civil and criminal; and repealing inconsistent acts.

Which was read the first time and laid over for one day.

The Committee on Public Domain introduced—

H. F. No. 659, A bill for an act relating to state timber and state lands, defining and prohibiting trespass thereon, providing and prescribing regulations for and the terms and conditions upon which the state timber and forest products may be sold, prescribing penalties for violation of this act, fixing rules for interpretation thereof, and repealing inconsistent acts but saving all existing rights thereunder.

Which was read the first time and laid over for one day.

Mr. Hitchcock, for the Committee on Appropriations, introduced—

H. F. No. 660, A bill for an act to appropriate money for the current expenses, buildings and improvements at State institutions and for other purposes.

Which was read the first time and laid over for one day.

Mr. Hitchcock, for the Committee on Appropriations, introduced—

H. F. No. 661, A bill for an act to appropriate money to the State Board of Control for the purpose of making repairs on the institution buildings comprising the state prison at Stillwater.

Which was read the first time and laid over for one day.

The Committee on Taxes and Tax Laws introduced—

H. F. No. 662, A bill for an act to amend General Laws 1921, Chapter 223, Sections 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9, relating to a tax upon persons, copartnerships, companies, joint stock companies, corporations and associations however organized engaged in the business of mining or producing iron ore and other ores, for enforcing and collecting the same and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

Which was read the first time and laid over for one day.

Mrs. Kempfer and Mr. Herreid introduced—

H. F. No. 663, A joint resolution memorializing the governor to close the season for trapping of muskrats.

Which was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Game and Fish.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Adams offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Whereas*, the Minnesota House of Representatives has heard of the


untimely death of the Honorable Judge John F. McGee, which occurred February 16, 1925, and

*Whereas*, Judge McGee has served the state and nation honorably and creditably in private practice as a lawyer, local prosecuting attorney, judge of the district court, as a member of the Minnesota Public Safety Commission, in charge as Federal fuel commissioner in Minnesota during the war, and was finally honored by the President of the United States by being appointed Federal judge of this district, and

*Whereas*, in all these capacities he gave himself without stint to the duties entailed by these positions he held; he never spared himself and in his last public position he became one of the most fearless and impartial judges on the Federal bench.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, by the Minnesota House of Representatives that we mourn his sudden departure, and present to the members of the family our heartfelt sympathy.

*Be It Further Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the daily journal of the House, and an engrossed copy thereof be forwarded by the Chief Clerk to the members of the deceased's family.

Which was adopted by a rising vote. 

Messrs. Dutton, Stevens and Hulbert, offered the following resolution:

*Whereas*, on January 15, 1924, death called Thomas H. Girling across the Great Divide and closed a life of active service for his community and the State of Minnesota, both in and out of public office, and

*Whereas*, his constituency had sent him to represent them in this House for the Sessions of 1903 and 1915 and thereafter in each session until his untimely death. He was born in Nottingham, England, December 11, 1865, coming to the United States with his parents in 1872. Starting as a lad of thirteen in a newspaper, he devoted most of his life to publishing and newspaper trades. He was active in politics and served as the Hennepin County Chairman of his party in 1904 and subsequent years. Aside from seven years of his youth spent in England and two years spent in Oregon, he had lived in this state. He was one of the early mayors of Robbinsdale, Minnesota, where he resided at the time of his death. He left a widow and three daughters surviving him, and

*Whereas*, in his death the state and his district has suffered the loss of a courageous, conscientious, competent servant, one whose fellowship and loyalty had endeared him to all who worked with him.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that the House of Representatives do hereby officially declare its sense of loss in his untimely death and extend its deepest sympathy to his bereaved family, and that a copy of this resolution, as adopted be sent to his family in token of our action and as a mark of our esteem and affection for our departed friend and brother, and

*Be It Further Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk be and is hereby authorized to have an engrossed copy of this resolution sent to the family of the deceased.