

H. F. No. 189, A bill for an act to legalize and confirm certain co-operative associations and the records and articles of incorporation thereof.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hitchcock, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred—

H. F. No. 111, A bill for an act to amend Section 4, Chapter 328, Laws of Minnesota 1921, relating to the compensation and expense of the chairman and treasurer of county boards of education for unorganized territory of the county where such territory is situated.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hitchcock, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred—

H. F. No. 96, A bill for an act to repeal Chapter 236, Laws of Minnesota 1919, relating to annexation of additional territory to school districts.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hitchcock, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred—

H. F. No. 112, A bill for an act to amend Section 13, Chapter 492, Laws of Minnesota, 1921, relating to the salary to the Superintendent of Schools of counties of this state now or hereafter having a population of 150,000 and an area 5,000 square miles or more and repealing all inconsistent acts.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hitchcock, from the Committee on Education, recommends—


That 600 copies of the Report to the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Insurance and Retirement Fund, submitted under and pursuant to Chapter 510, Section 11, Item 18, Laws of 1921, be published in pamphlet form, but that the subject matter of the report remain with the committee.

Which was adopted.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS.

H. F. Nos. 96, 111, 189, 202, 38, 112, 10, 105 and 140 were read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Messrs. Johnson, J. A., Dahle and McNelly introduced the following Resolution regarding Honorable Ralph J. Parker: 

Whereas, Death has called a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, who also presided as Speaker of the House, Honorable Ralph J. Parker, and

Whereas, A life filled with a fullness of working spirit and faithful service, from early childhood to the full time of allotment, marks the path from cradle to the grave in the life of Ralph J. Parker, whose

passing from mortality to immortality occurred on December the twenty-seventh, 1922, at a hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, and

Whereas, In his death the state has lost a faithful servant, and those who knew him a sincere and earnest friend, his whole life being marked by genial friendships, kindly human relations, whole-hearted regard for the principles in which he believed, and an unswerving devotion to the best interests of the state as he saw them. Ralph J. Parker was born in the township of Frankford, Mower County, Minnesota, on December 17th, 1867. He attended the schools of Spring Valley, when a boy, and later went to Minneapolis, where he entered the University of Minnesota, studied law and was graduated in the class of 1890. After completing his education, Mr. Parker returned to Spring Valley and in 1892 began to practice his profession. In 1903 he was elected County Attorney and served in this capacity until 1909. In 1914, he was elected to the House of Representatives from the Houston-Fillmore District, which position he filled with great credit to himself and his constituents. He was re-elected in 1916 and when the 40th Session of the Minnesota Legislature convened, he was the unanimous choice for Speaker. In this capacity, Mr. Parker made for himself a friend of every member of the House. He was fair and impartial in all his rulings. In 1918 and 1920, he was again re-elected to represent his district. It was during these two sessions that the entire State of Minnesota looked up to Ralph J. Parker as one of the most able men of this body. Last spring when it became known that there would be a vacancy on the District bench, the Bar Association of the Tenth Judicial District gave Mr. Parker its unanimous endorsement for the position and he was elected in November by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Parker took the oath and qualified for the office December 22nd, 1922, while on the sick bed.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby officially declares its sense of loss in his untimely death; expresses its deep appreciation of his many sturdy and virtuous qualities; and that it extends to his bereaved family its sympathy; and that 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 and the same sent to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Johnson, J. A., moved the adoption of the resolution.

The Speaker called to the Chair Mr. Johnson, J. A., who presided during the memorial service.

Messrs. Nolan, Christianson, Dahle, Hompe and Girling spoke in eulogy of the life and public services of the late Ralph J. Parker.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote of the House.

Mr. Hompe, at 3 o'clock P. M., moved that the House, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Ralph J. Parker, now adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M., Friday.

OSCAR ARNESON,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.