

Which they report back with the recommendation that the bills be indefinitely postponed.

H. F. 121, County surveyor.

H. F. No. 129, Preservation of game.

Which they report back with amendments with the recommendation that the bills do pass as amended.

Mr. Child J. E. asked to have

H. F. No. 60,

Excepted from the report of the committee of the whole.

The report of the committee of the whole except as to

H. F. No. 60,

Was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Child J. E.

H. F. No. 60, was laid upon the table.

The following communication was received from the Merchants Exchange of St. Louis:

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE OF ST. LOUIS,

St. Louis, February 9. 1883.

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the board of directors held to day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the importance to the whole country of continuing the work of the improvement of the Mississippi river, in the interest of cheap transportation, is a matter of national interest; therefore be it

Resolved, that the general assembly of the State of Missouri be, and is hereby requested to adopt a joint resolution, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to sustain the plans of the Mississippi River Commission, and to further request them to use their best endeavors to secure the appropriations necessary to carry out the recommendations of the commission for the next fiscal year.

Resolved, That the president and secretary of this exchange be, and are hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the governors and presiding officers of the legislatures of all the States throughout the Mississippi Valley, and to the boards of trade and similar organizations interested in the successful improvement of our western water ways, and invite their co-operation in such action as will unite the influence and power of the States in the valley, in support of the river commission, as the best means whereby cheap transportation by water can be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. EWALD, President.

Attest: GEO. H. MORGAN, Secretary.

Which was read and referred to the committee on commerce.

Mr. Buck arose and informed the House of the death of the Hon. Thos. A. Richardson, member of the House from the fifteenth district, and moved the appointment of a committee of seven to attend his funeral, and to perform any other duties to the memory of said deceased which it may be proper for them to perform, and that as soon as such committee shall have been appointed, as a mark of respect to the memory of said deceased the House do adjourn.

The Speaker announced the appointment of said committee as follows:

Messrs. Buck, Jacklin, Grimshaw, Capser, Frahm, Morse and Baumgarten.

And the House adjourned.

JOHN R. HOWARD,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.