

Minn., Scandinavian Church Federation of St. Paul, Minn., J. F. Barnum, et al., of Mankato, Minn., and E. A. Erickson, et al., relative to H. F. No. 17, were referred to the Committee on Temperance Legislation; and petitions from Pelican Valley Congregation of Pelican Rapids, Minn., Ministerial Association of Crookston, Minn., St. Johns Congregation of McIntosh, Minn., United Norwegian Lutheran Church of Crookston, Minn., were referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Teigen, L. O., from the Committee on Election Contests, made the following report:

State of Minnesota,

In the House of Representatives.

Jas. R. Burnip, contestant, vs. Austin F. Teigen, contestee.

The Committee on Election Contests of the House of Representatives, State of Minnesota, to which was referred the contest proceedings above entitled, and which are herewith returned to the House, submits the following:

This contest proceeding is based entirely upon certain alleged violations of the so-called corrupt practices act.

At and prior to the last general election Jas. R. Burnip, contestant, and Austin F. Teigen, contestee, were non-partisan candidates for the office of Representative in Chippewa County, in the State of Minnesota. Upon the count and canvass of the votes by the proper officers, the contestee, Austin F. Teigen was duly declared elected Representative from the said County of Chippewa and on January 2, 1917, took his seat in this body.

Within due time the contestant instituted a contest for the said seat upon the grounds that the contestee had obtained his election by deliberate, serious and material violations of the law known as the corrupt practices act.

Your committee has at several meetings had the case under consideration, both parties concerned appearing in person, the contestant being represented by E. L. Dills and the contestee by Banj. Drake. After a thorough and careful review of all the evidence in the case, and after giving due consideration to the arguments presented, the members of the committee are of the opinion that although the said contestee was in a measure indiscreet in the issuing of a certain circular, immediately prior to the last general election, he did not deliberately and seriously violate any of the provisions of the aforesaid corrupt practices act.

Therefore the members of your committee hereby unanimously recommend that the said Austin F. Teigen be declared duly entitled to his seat in this body as Representative from Chippewa County, State of Minnesota.

Dated January 29, 1917.

Signed, L. O. TEIGEN, Chairman.

Mr. L. O. Teigen moved the adoption of the report of Committee on Election Contests.

The question being taken on the adoption of the report,

And the roll being called, there were yeas 83 and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Bendixen,	Dwyer,	Johnson,	Norwood,	Shipstead,
Bernard,	Erickson,	Knutson,	Odland,	Sliter,
Bessette,	Flickie,	Konzen,	Orr,	Solem,
Birkhofer,	Frisch,	Kuntz,	Papke,	Steen,
Bjorklund,	Frye,	Larson,	Pattison,	Stone,
Briggs,	Gill,	Lee,	Peterson, A.,	Sudheimer,
Brown,	Green, H. M.,	Leonard,	Peterson, A. M.,	Sutherland,
Burrows,	Greene, T. J.,	Levin,	Peterson, O. M.,	Swanson, S. J.,
Child,	Hale,	McLaughlin,	Pikop,	Swenson,
Christanson, A.,	Hammer,	Marschalk,	Pittenger,	Teigen, L. O.,
Crane,	Harrison, H. H.,	Mueller, A. W.,	Pratt,	Thornton,
Cumming,	Hinds,	Moen,	Praxel,	Tollefson,
Danielson,	Holmes,	Mossman,	Putnam,	Warner,
Dare,	Hompe,	Nett,	Reed,	Welch,
Davies, J.,	Howard,	Neuman,	Ryberg,	Winter,
Dealand,	Hulbert,	Nordgren,	Searls,	
Donovan,	Indrehus,	Nordlin,	Seebach,	

So the report was adopted.

Mr. Flowers, from the Committee on Taxes and Tax Laws, to which was referred—

H. F. No. 307, A bill for an act to provide the place and method of assessing the personal property of electric light and power companies.

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

Which was adopted.

Mr. Flowers, from the Committee on Taxes and Tax Laws, to which was referred—

H. F. No. 306, A bill for an act to amend Section 811 of the Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1905, providing for the assessment of real estate in the odd numbered years.

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

Which was adopted.