

Fabel,	Hulbert,	Lightner,	Norton,	Snyder, J. P.,
Farmer,	Johnson, G. W.,	Lodin,	Olson,	Spelbrink,
Finstuen,	Johnson, H. A.,	Long,	Paige,	Spindler,
Fredriksen,	Johnson, H. J.,	Lord,	Payne,	Starkey,
Glende,	Jordahl,	Lundeen,	Peick,	Therrien,
Graham,	Keeler,	Masek,	Peterson,	Thorkelson,
Green,	Kern,	Melby,	Pratt,	Undlin,
Hanson,	Knudsen,	Merritt,	Quinlivan,	Veigel,
Hart,	Kolshorn,	Morton,	Renick,	Wilson, D. W.,
Hazel,	Kozlak,	Moser,	Rohne,	Wilson, L. W.,
Hill,	Kramer,	Munn,	Salmonson,	Wright,
Hofstad,	Lagerstedt,	Nellermoe,	Schneider, W.,	Youngdahl,
Holm,	Lewer,	Nelson, J. M.,	Scribner,	Zimmerman,
Hompe,	Lieb,	Nordine,	Smith,	Mr. Speaker.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
St. Paul, April 8, 1927.

Hon. John A. Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am returning herewith without my approval H. F. No. 331, "An Act to amend Section 837, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 146, General Laws 1925, relating to the salary and clerk hire in the office of County Auditors in certain counties."

My objections to said House File are as follows:

1. It increases the salaries of county auditors at a time when economic conditions have reduced the income of almost everybody else. I do not believe that this is the appropriate time to increase the salaries of public officials, except in cases where considerations of public interest imperatively demand it.

2. There is no reason to believe that the salaries now provided by law are inadequate. The fact that each of the persons who would be benefited by this measure voluntarily became a candidate for office only a few months ago, knowing what salary the law provided, would bar any claim that the compensation now provided by law is insufficient.

3. The proposed act, although providing that salaries might be raised during the term of any incumbent by reason of an increase in the taxable valuation of his county, specifically provides that it "shall not reduce the salary or clerk hire in the office of county auditors during the term for which he or she was elected." The mere fact that there is precedent for this discrimination would not seem to justify it.

4. The bill provides, in effect, that it shall not apply to nor affect Nobles County. Inasmuch as the bill, if it became a law, would be a substitute for Section 837, General Statutes 1923, by which the salary of the county auditor of Nobles County is fixed, it would seem that there would be no law fixing the salary of the auditor of that county, other than that embraced in the present bill. Hence the legislative effort to exempt Nobles County would be wholly ineffective.

Respectfully,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Dillely moved that Mr. Lord be excused for the rest of the day. Which motion prevailed.