

Senate File No. 369.
BY ANDERSON.

Public lands.
March 11, 1919.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Authorizing the governor of the state of Iowa to issue patent conveying to Joseph B. Hill, the following described lands situated and lying in Greene county, state of Iowa, to-wit: The southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17), township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30) west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian and containing forty (40) acres, more or less, according to the government survey.

Whereas, the said southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30) west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian, being a part of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30) was granted to the state of Iowa under act of congress May 15th, 1856 and approved to the state of Iowa April 20th, 1869; that on the 14th day of September, 1874, a patent was issued by the state of Iowa to the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad Company; that through oversight and mistake the said southeast one-fourth (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest one-fourth (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30), was not included in said patent, and

Whereas, the said Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad Company, acting upon supposition that the said southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17), township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30), was included in aforesaid patent and grant, deeded all of said northwest one-fourth (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30) to the Iowa Railroad Land Company, and

Whereas, the Iowa Railroad Land Company on October 24th, 1883, deeded the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30), and based upon said deed said southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-

five (85) north range thirty (30), has been deeded many times until the first day of March, 1918, when the said southeast (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) quarter of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) was deeded to one Joseph B. Hill, and

Whereas, during all the time since the attempted transfer of said land by the state of Iowa in 1874 to the first day of March, 1919, taxes have been paid regularly upon said land as assessed, and

Whereas, the said land, when attempted to be transferred from the state of Iowa to the Cedar Rapids & Missouri River Railroad Company, was wild, unbroken and unproductive prairie land and of little value, and

Whereas since the attempted grant, patent or deed in 1874 the said southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range thirty (30), has been held in open, notorious and adverse possession under claim of right by the said Cedar Rapids & Missouri River Railroad Company and its grantees down to and including the present holder of said record title, to-wit, Joseph B. Hill, and

Whereas, the said land has been sold and re-sold and by successive conveyance in an unbroken line the title to said tract is now vested in Joseph B. Hill, Therefore

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. That the governor of the state of Iowa be,
2 and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute
3 and deliver to Joseph B. Hill a patent to the southeast
4 quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section
5 seventeen (17) township eighty-five (85) north range
6 thirty (30) west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian
7 in Greene county, Iowa.

1 Sec. 2 This act, being deemed of immediate

2 importance, shall take effect and be in force from and
3 after its publication in the Des Moines Capital, a
4 newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the
5 Jefferson Bee, a newspaper published at Jefferson, Iowa,
6 without expense to the state of Iowa.