

In moving the adoption of the report of the committee, Mr. Barkley said:

MR. SPEAKER—Adoniram J. Holmes was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 2, 1843. He remained there with his parents until he was twelve years old, when he accompanied them to Palmyra, Wisconsin, where they made a permanent settlement. In 1863 he entered the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin infantry, as a private soldier, but was soon mustered out to accept a commission in the Thirty-seventh Wisconsin infantry. He endured "hardships as a good soldier" and participated in many severe battles. At the battle of Stone river he was severely wounded. At Petersburg, Va., he was captured at the blowing up of the mine under the fortifications, and was confined for eight months in southern prisons.

After he was mustered out he returned to Wisconsin, where he attended Milton college. Later he took a law course in the state university at Ann Arbor, where he graduated and was admitted to the bar in 1867. In that year he removed to Boone, Iowa, where he entered on the practice of his profession. His business was very successful for several years. He then drifted into politics. He served one term as mayor of Boone. In 1881 he was chosen a member of this body, serving in the session of 1882. Although in the legislature but a single term, he acquired a reputation as an active, useful and energetic legislator, and his record was one of which his friends may always be proud.

He was nominated and elected to the Forty-eighth congress from the old Tenth district, and was returned to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth congresses. After his service in congress, he was unanimously elected sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives at Washington. Upon retiring to private life, he resumed the practice of his profession, and was honored by being twice elected as county attorney.

Major Holmes was a brave soldier, a useful and public-spirited citizen, a man of honor and a gentleman in every respect. He passed away as he had lived, with the hearty esteem of all who knew him. He died at Clarinda, Iowa, January 21, 1902.

Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the report of the committee.

Report adopted by a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Hilsinger of Jackson, House file No. 301, a bill for an act to amend chapter 15, title 12 of the code, repealing sections 2540, 2542, 2544, 2551, 2552, 2554, 2556 of the code, and enacting substitutes therefor; amending section 2561, making further provisions additional to said chapter 15, relating to the care and propagation of fish and the protection of birds and game.

Read first and second time and referred to committee on Fish and Game.