

Mr. Reed moved to amend by referring to Committee on Ways and Means.

The motion did not prevail.

The motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee prevailed.

Mr. Blakely introduced House File No. 43, a bill for an act to change the time of electing superintendents of common schools.

Read a first and second time, and referred to Committee on Schools.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to keep a record in the journal of the House of members excused by the House; and that they be so recorded in the record of the yeas and nays as excused.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Rohlf's for the day.

Leave of absence was also granted to Messrs. Steadman, Blakely, and Williams.

Also, leave of absence to Mr. Skillen till next Wednesday.

Mr. O'Donnell offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Intelligence has been received by this House of the death of the Hon. Martin E. Kaier, Representative elect from the Forty-ninth District; therefore

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That with deep and unfeigned sorrow we sincerely deplore the sad and chastening dispensation of Providence that has taken from this General Assembly, in the person of our deceased brother, an honest and efficient citizen, an able, earnest, and upright representative.

Resolved, That to the widow and family so deeply bereft, we extend our warmest sympathies, and hope they may find the balm of consolation by looking to Him who is, indeed, the God of the widow and the fatherless.

Resolved, That these proceedings be ordered spread upon the journal and that the clerk be instructed to forward an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the relict of the deceased.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to the Senate, and as further indicating our esteem for the deceased that this House do now adjourn.

After the reading of which, Mr. O'Donnell spoke as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: Melancholy indeed is the duty devolved upon me to-day, to add a few words to the resolutions already offered; but while the event that occasions these ceremonies is so deeply afflicting, yet, how eminently fitting; how lasting in its impression for good; how clearly and beautifully evidencing an exalted christian civilization, that we, while engaged in the labors of the day, should cease, for a while, and in our expressions of regret for the departed verify the poetic truth that "Man was made to mourn."

There is no higher type of moral sublimity; no more certain