By Mr. Kimball, House file No. 83, a bill for an act to legalize the proceeding of mayor and council of the incorporated town of St. Anthony, Marshall county, Iowa.

Read first and second time and referred to committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Carr, House file No. 34, a bill for an act to pay over money belonging to the estate of William Parks uninherited and escheated to and now in the treasury of the state of Iowa.

Read first and second time and referred to committee on Claims.

By Mr. Clark of Hamilton, House file No. 85, a bill for an act to provide for the finishing and furnishing of the historical building for the support of said department.

Read first and second time and referred to committee on Public Libraries.

By Mr. Hawk, joint resolution No. 2, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Iowa, providing for the use of voting machines.

Read first and second time and referred to committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Hawk, joint resolution No. 8, instructing senators and representatives in congress to propose an amendment to the federal constitution, providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Read first and second time and referred to the committee on on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Roome offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, An all wise providence has removed from his labors on earth, Hon. Benjamin Ratcliff, of Allamakee county, an honorable member of the Seventeenth General Assembly,

Therefore, Be it remembered that we, the members of this House, extend to the family and friends our heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad bereavement.

> D. H. BOWEN, J. S. ROOME, E. E. OVERFIELD, Committee.

Adopted.

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