

The bill was read for information.

Senator Lambert moved that the rule be suspended, and that the reading just had be considered its third reading, which motion prevailed.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas were:

Senators Bleakly, Brooks, Courtright, Dowell, Dunham, Eckles, Elerick, Ericson, Gale, Garst, Gilliland, Hayward, Hopkins, Hughes, Jackson, Jones, Kinne, Lambert, Lewis, Lyons, Maytag, Molsberry, Newberry, Saunders, Smith of Des Moines, Smith of Mitchell, Spaulding, Stirton, Stookey, Stuckslager, Taylor, Warren, Whipple, Wilson of Fayette, Wilson of Clinton, Winne, Young of Calhoun, Young of Washington—38.

The nays were:

None.

Absent or not voting:

Senators Bruce, Crawford, Crossley, Harper, Hartshorn, Haselquist, Hogue, Jamison, Kimmel, Turner, Wade, Young of Lee—12.

So the bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and its title agreed to.

The President announced that he had signed in the presence of the Senate, House files Nos. 316, 248, 180, 245, 141, 335, 361, 362.

Senator Courtright, from the committee appointed to prepare resolutions in memory of the late Senator E. M. Sargent of Grundy county, submitted the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions in memory of the late Senator E. M. Sargent of Grundy county, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, Honorable Elbert Marion Sargent, a member of this body in both the regular and extra session of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, departed this life at his home in Grundy Center, Grundy county, Iowa, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1904; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has learned with sorrow and regret of the death of Senator Sargent, and that in his death the State has lost an able and high-minded citizen and legislator, who at all times was a staunch and untiring advocate of the interests of the people and of his fellow-citizens.

As a business man, Senator Sargent achieved success; his high ideals of honesty and his fair dealing gave him not only the absolute confidence of his people but of the business world generally. As a legislator, his fairness and comprehensive views of affairs gave him the respect and confidence of his associates.

Resolved, That the Senate joins with his neighbors and friends in sorrow at his loss and hereby tenders to his family its sincere sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and bereavement.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Senate and that a properly engrossed copy, authenticated by the President and the Secretary, be sent to the members of his family.

O. B. COURTRIGHT,
WARREN GARST,
THOS. LAMBERT,

Committee.

Senator Courtright in moving the adoption of the resolution spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—It may be well to preface my remarks by giving in a few words a short biographical sketch of Senator Sargent.

Elbert Marion Sargent was born in the town of Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, March 8, 1840. He was the second of seven children of William R. Sargent, a successful merchant. His grandparents were of English and Scotch descent, and crossing the Alleghany mountains in about the year 1800, settled in the Ohio valley.

With the exception of two years of his boyhood, which was spent upon a farm, Mr. Sargent's early life was spent in his native town. He attended the local school until he was fourteen years of age, at which time his inclination toward practical business affairs manifested itself and he quit school to go to work. For the next four or five years he worked in his father's mercantile establishment, and for others in various kinds of business, and thus acquiring a varied and thorough knowledge of business affairs.

When Fort Sumpter was fired upon he at once left his business and volunteered for the three months' service, and on April 23, 1861, his company was mustered in as company "I" of the 22nd Ohio Volunteers. At the expiration of his time he returned to Ohio and in a few days received a lieutenant's commission in the 89th Ohio. Before being mustered in with that regiment he was commissioned captain in the 59th Ohio. In this command he served to the end of the war, taking part in nearly all of the important engagements of the Army of the Cumberland.

Returning home Captain Sargent entered business life, engaging in the mercantile trade, and continuing in trade until 1874 when he engaged in the banking business, which he continued for about five years.