

STATE CAPITOL

GOVERNOR FERRIS SENDS LETTER TO LEGISLATORS ASKING THEM TO RETURN MAY 20.

SIGNS SOME MORE NEW LAWS

A Mistake in Senate Bill No. 98 Making Appropriation for State Highway Department Must Be Corrected.

(By Gurd M. Hayes.)

Lansing—Governor Ferris has sent out 131 letters urging the members of the Legislature to return to Lansing May 19, the day before the final adjournment of the 1915 legislature and amend the bill making an appropriation for the state highway department so that the money will be available this year.

The letter sent the individual members of the legislature is as follows: "I call your attention to a mistake which occurs in senate bill number 98 the number 98 entitles it 'A bill making an appropriation for the state highway department for the payment of the additional state reward on trunk line highways, the building or repairing of bridges, etc., by the state, when necessary repairs on such highways, and paying the salaries and expenses incurred under the provisions of act number 324 of the public acts of 1914, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and to provide a tax thereon.'"

"In section two of this act it is provided: 'The auditor general shall incorporate in the state tax for the year 1916 the sum of \$350,000 for the year 1917 the sum of \$550,000 which amounts when collected shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.' These amounts should have been 1915 and 1916, respectively. The appropriation will fall for want of funds under this mistake is corrected.

"I therefore most respectfully urge you to return at the date to which you are adjourned, at 2 o'clock p. m. in order that this mistake may be corrected."

This is the first time in years that the governor has written the legislature to return and transact business after the formal suspension of business. If the members return they will have to pay the tax on the bills as they have already received all the mileage that is coming to them for the present session.

When the proposition of asking the lawmakers to return and rectify their error was first suggested to him, Governor Ferris was of the opinion that it was a scheme to pass the bills over his veto. While it is not possible that this may be done, it is not at all likely. Fifty one representatives will return in order to have a majority, while two thirds of the members elect would have to vote as a unit in order to pass a bill over the veto of the chief executive.

In addition to the large number of bills signed by the governor immediately following adjournment of the legislature, he has since signed the following:

HOUSE BILLS.

By Representative Person—A bill making a deficiency appropriation of \$127,480 for the Michigan School for the blind.

By Representative Whitley—A bill making an appropriation for the public domain commission and to provide for the appointment of a bookkeeper for the commission.

By Representative Wood—A bill amending the law regulating the sale of horses and mules and for other acts to prohibit the trading of the same.

By Representative Reed—A bill to provide for the payment of the costs of bonds furnished by township officers.

By Representative Emson—A bill to provide for more definite descriptions of real property assigned for taxation.

By Representative Person—A bill authorizing the employment of county prisoners upon county farms or in other institutions.

By Representative Person—A bill providing for the employment of interpreters in criminal cases.

By Representative Reed—A bill providing for the inspection of commercial feeding stuffs under the state board of agriculture.

By Representative Oakley—A bill to provide for the licensing of adjusters of companies carrying workmen's compensation insurance.

By Representative Person—A bill to amend the general tax law so as to require statements by corporations to the state tax commission concerning the value of property owned, and the taking possession of their use in determining cash value.

By Representative Culver—A bill making various amendments to the law governing the national guard, and providing for the annual appropriation.

By Representative O'Brien—A bill authorizing villages to issue bonds for repairing, rebuilding and extending water works systems.

By Representative Lamphere—A bill to provide for stenographic reports.

According to Attorney General Grant Fellows, the covert bill which settles officers and more in full paid fire departments to a leave of absence for one day in every four and a fourth of twenty days each year, is constitutional.

Fellows says that the question as to its constitutionality was raised when the bill was before the legislature, and that the fact that it contains no penalty clause.

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STATE QUOTATIONS

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DETROIT. Hogs. Receipts 1,000, market steady; best heavy 12.00; best heavy 11.75; best heavy 11.50; best heavy 11.25; best heavy 11.00; best heavy 10.75; best heavy 10.50; best heavy 10.25; best heavy 10.00; best heavy 9.75; best heavy 9.50; best heavy 9.25; best heavy 9.00; best heavy 8.75; best heavy 8.50; best heavy 8.25; best heavy 8.00; best heavy 7.75; best heavy 7.50; best heavy 7.25; best heavy 7.00; best heavy 6.75; best heavy 6.50; best heavy 6.25; best heavy 6.00; best heavy 5.75; best heavy 5.50; best heavy 5.25; best heavy 5.00; best heavy 4.75; best heavy 4.50; best heavy 4.25; best heavy 4.00; best heavy 3.75; best heavy 3.50; best heavy 3.25; best heavy 3.00; best heavy 2.75; best heavy 2.50; best heavy 2.25; best heavy 2.00; best heavy 1.75; best heavy 1.50; best heavy 1.25; best heavy 1.00; best heavy .75; best heavy .50; best heavy .25; best heavy .00.

DETROIT. Sheep. Receipts 1,000, market steady; best heavy 10.00; best heavy 9.75; best heavy 9.50; best heavy 9.25; best heavy 9.00; best heavy 8.75; best heavy 8.50; best heavy 8.25; best heavy 8.00; best heavy 7.75; best heavy 7.50; best heavy 7.25; best heavy 7.00; best heavy 6.75; best heavy 6.50; best heavy 6.25; best heavy 6.00; best heavy 5.75; best heavy 5.50; best heavy 5.25; best heavy 5.00; best heavy 4.75; best heavy 4.50; best heavy 4.25; best heavy 4.00; best heavy 3.75; best heavy 3.50; best heavy 3.25; best heavy 3.00; best heavy 2.75; best heavy 2.50; best heavy 2.25; best heavy 2.00; best heavy 1.75; best heavy 1.50; best heavy 1.25; best heavy 1.00; best heavy .75; best heavy .50; best heavy .25; best heavy .00.

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DETROIT. Cheese. Receipts 1,000, market steady; best heavy 1.00; best heavy .95; best heavy .90; best heavy .85; best heavy .80; best heavy .75; best heavy .70; best heavy .65; best heavy .60; best heavy .55; best heavy .50; best heavy .45; best heavy .40; best heavy .35; best heavy .30; best heavy .25; best heavy .20; best heavy .15; best heavy .10; best heavy .05; best heavy .00.

DETROIT. Lard. Receipts 1,000, market steady; best heavy 1.00; best heavy .95; best heavy .90; best heavy .85; best heavy .80; best heavy .75; best heavy .70; best heavy .65; best heavy .60; best heavy .55; best heavy .50; best heavy .45; best heavy .40; best heavy .35; best heavy .30; best heavy .25; best heavy .20; best heavy .15; best heavy .10; best heavy .05; best heavy .00.

DETROIT. Tallow. Receipts 1,000, market steady; best heavy 1.00; best heavy .95; best heavy .90; best heavy .85; best heavy .80; best heavy .75; best heavy .70; best heavy .65; best heavy .60; best heavy .55; best heavy .50; best heavy .45; best heavy .40; best heavy .35; best heavy .30; best heavy .25; best heavy .20; best heavy .15; best heavy .10; best heavy .05; best heavy .00.

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