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When act to
take effect.

Approved April 24, 1889.

CHAPTER 53.

[S. F. No. 379.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND A MEETING AT ST. LOUIS, TO CONSIDER THE INTERESTS OF STOCK GROWING AND INSPECTION.

WHEREAS, In the minds of the stock growers of the state of Minnesota there exists a great distrust as to the intent, purpose and action of an alleged "beef and pork combine" or "trust" so-called; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is publicly asserted and generally believed that such alleged "combine" or "trust" is directly responsible for the present low price of the beef product; and

WHEREAS, It is claimed that such alleged "combine" or "trust" has exerted a powerful influence towards centralizing the market in Kansas City and Chicago, thereby bringing the beef and pork product of the United States under their absolute control; and

WHEREAS, The prices now offered for beef, cattle and hogs allow to the producer little if any profit, the cost of production equalling the prices allowed and paid by said alleged "combine" or "trust," thereby injuring and destroying one of the greatest industries of the west; and

WHEREAS, It is urged and desired that the operations, intent and purpose of such alleged "combine" or "trust" should be fully investigated, and such legislation enacted as will tend to protect the stockgrower and farmer against the manipulations of such alleged "trusts," or if the allegations and charges above set forth are unfounded and do not exist in fact, then that the public through such investigation of the matter may be fully advised and informed in the premises; and

WHEREAS, The governor of the state of Kansas has requested the governors of interested states, with a view to securing joint action of such states in matters of legislation affecting such alleged "beef and pork combine," or "trust," so-called, to take such steps as will secure a convention of members of the legislature of the several states interested with a view to securing and perfecting of uniform legislation concerning such "trust" or "combine;" and

WHEREAS, The governor of this state has communicated to this legislature as follows:

Letter of
governor.

In the communication of Governor Humphrey, above alluded to, I am advised that the legislature of Kansas has designated St. Louis, Missouri, as the place where the convention referred to shall be held, and March twelfth (12th), proximo, as the date.

I am further informed that in addition to Kansas, the states of Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois have thus far arranged for representation at such convention, through their respective legislatures, and that a number of other states and territories, including the state of Iowa, will take favorable action in regard to the matter.

The interests involved, and which it is proposed this convention shall consider, are sufficiently important to our state, in my opinion, to justify our legislature in taking such action as shall result in Minnesota being officially represented in manner suggested by the legislature of Kansas.

Very respectfully,

W. R. MERRIAM,

Governor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

Committee.

SECTION 1. That the governor of the state of Minnesota be and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of three (3) members of the senate and five (5) members of the house of representatives as a legislative committee to act in compliance with the recommendations above referred to, and to report thereon before adjournment of this legislature.

Expenses.

Provided, that the actual mileage and expenses of the members of said committee be paid by the treasurer of the state upon vouchers presented and approved by the governor.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. The sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby appropriated for the expenses of said committee, and the purposes of this act.

When act to
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SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1889.