

A BILL

FOR AN ACT CONFIRMING THE INDENTURES OF APPRENTICES MADE BY THE NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM TO CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* Indentures for
2 the apprenticeship of any minor, heretofore or hereafter made and executed between the
3 New York Juvenile Asylum, a corporation created by act of the legislature of the state of
4 New York, passed June 30, 1851, and any citizen of this state, in substance and form as pro-
5 vided by its acts of incorporation, are hereby declared to be valid and binding: *provided,* that
6 in all such indentures hereafter made, the said corporation shall have inserted the covenants
7 for the benefit of the apprentice, which are required to be inserted in indentures of appren-
8 tices by the laws of this state.

House File 351

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Board of Public Charities have had under consideration house bill No. 351, and the majority of the committee direct me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

Z. T. FISHER, *Chairman.*

MINORITY REPORT.

Being unable to concur in the recommendation of the majority of the Committee on Board of Public Charities in the report on house bill No. 351, that it do pass, I beg leave to submit the following minority report:

I deem it wrong and unjust to the people of the state to encourage, by enabling acts, the colonization of the paupers and young criminals of other states, and especially of the large cities of other states, in this state, thereby increasing crime, vice and immorality among our people. And also subjecting them to the great expense of prosecuting offenders who will of necessity come from this class of persons, should they be once fastened upon us by means of the provisions of this bill, to say nothing of the number that would of necessity become a public charge and must be supported in our alms-houses, increasing the burdens of taxation without any corresponding benefit.

Our courts are now overburdened with criminal trials, to the exclusion of civil business, and our alms-houses are full of our own unfortunate poor, and I am of the opinion that it would be extremely unwise on the part of the legislature to impose upon the people of this state so much risk of detriment to public morals and certain heavy increase of public burdens.

I cannot obtain the consent of my mind to make the state of Iowa a penal colony for the reception of the vicious and criminal of other states, rendered so by the want of proper care and protection in their own states, and often by more questionable means.

I therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

If, however, the bill should pass, I would recommend that the following amendment be made to it, as an additional section:

SEC. 2. That in all indentures for the apprenticeship of any minors, heretofore made in
2 pursuance of the first section of this act, such indentures shall contain a covenant on the

3 part of the said New York Juvenile Asylum that in case any minor so apprenticed shall
4 prove unmanageable, or become a public charge upon any county in this state, the said New
5 York Juvenile Asylum will, upon notice of such fact, pay to such county all sums expended
6 by the county on account of such minor, and will forthwith remove such minor from the state.

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