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DEATH OF JUSTIN S. MORRILL.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

JANUARY 4, 1899.

Mr. ALLISON. Mr. President, in the absence of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. Proctor], it is my painful duty to announce to the Senate the death of the late senior Senator from Vermont, Mr. JUSTIN S. MORRILL, who died on the 28th ultimo at 1.30 o'clock in the morning.

Senator MORRILL was the oldest Senator in this body, and he served here for a longer period consecutively than any other Senator. Including his terms in the House of Representatives, his was a longer continuous service in the two bodies than that of any other person since the organization of the Government.

He came here at the opening of the present session of Congress and took part every day in our deliberations until the time of the taking of the holiday recess. Although enfeebled in body, his mind was clear, his mental vision undimmed, and his mental processes in full vigor and activity, which led us to believe that he would be spared for a while longer in the service of his country. But an inscrutable Providence, that guides the destinies of men and nations in their progress, development, and decay, had ordained otherwise. So he passed

from us suddenly, and his death naturally gave a shock to his associates here at the Capitol.

Suitable arrangements were made for his funeral in this Chamber, and in the charge of the officers of the Senate and a committee of the two Houses the casket containing his remains was borne during the vacation to his last resting place, where he was born eighty-nine years ago.

On some future occasion proper resolutions of respect for his memory and commemorative of his great services will be offered in this body. At this time I submit the resolutions which I send to the desk, and ask for their adoption.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa offers resolutions, which the Secretary will read.

The Secretary read the resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with deep and profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JUSTIN S. MORRILL, late a Senator from the State of Vermont.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

The resolutions were considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. ALLISON. I now offer the following resolution.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa offers a resolution, which will be read.

The Secretary read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to, and the Senate at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m. adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 5, 1899, at 12 o'clock meridian.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES.

FEBRUARY 22, 1899.

Mr. ROSS. Mr. President, in pursuance of the notice heretofore given, I submit resolutions relating to the death of the late Senator MORRILL, and ask for their present consideration.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolutions submitted by the Senator from Vermont will be read.

The Secretary read as follows:

Resolved, That it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate hears the announcement of the death of Hon. JUSTIN SMITH MORRILL, late a Senator from the State of Vermont.

Resolved, That the Senate extends to his family and to the people of the State of Vermont sincere condolence in their bereavement.

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the business of the Senate be now suspended to enable his associates to pay fitting tribute to his high character and distinguished services.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit to the family of the deceased and to the governor of the State of Vermont a copy of these resolutions, with the action of the Senate thereon.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That, as an additional mark of respect, at the conclusion of these exercises the Senate do adjourn.