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FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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TERRITORY OF COLORADO.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
September 9, 1861. }

At the First Regular Session of the First Legislative Assmby of the Territory of Colorado, the House met pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, and were called to order by Hon. Lewis Ledyard Weld, Secretary of the Territory.

The following gentlemen, having answered to their names and presented their certificates of election from his Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Secretary of the Territory, were admitted, and took their seats:

Charles F. Holly, E. S. Wilhite, Edwin Scudder, Wm. A. Rankin, J. R. Chaffee, J. H. Noteware, Daniel Witter; Geo. F. Crocker.

The oath of office was then administered to the members, by his Honor Chief Justice Hall.

On motion of Mr Rankin, Mr Chaffee was appointed Speaker *pro tem.*

On motion [of Mr Scudder, E. S. Wilhite was appointed Chief Clerk, *pro tem.*

On motion, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House met at two o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Chaffee in the chair.

Geo. M. Chilcott appeared, and on presentation of his credentials, the oath of office was administered to him by the Hon. the Secretary of the Territory.

Om motion of Mr Crocker, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
September 10, 1861. }

House met pursuant to adjournment,

Mr Chaffee in the chair.

Call of the House had:

Holly, Wilhite, Scudder, Rankin, Noteware, Witter, Crocker, Chillcott and Chairman, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr Crocker, the reporters of the different newspapers, were tendered seats within the Bar, until a permanent organization of the House.

Mr Crocker moved that N. J. Bond, who is contesting the seat of Daniel Witter, the sitting member from the Ninth District, and O. A. Whittemore, contestant for the seat of C. P. Hall, the sitting member from the Eighth District, have, and be entitled to, seats within the Bar of this House.

Carried.

The House then proceeded to ballot for Speaker.

Mr Holly moved that the first ballot for Speaker be an informal one.

Carried.

Informal ballot for Speaker stood as follows:

Wm. A. Rankin received one vote.

J. H. Noteware received three votes.

C. F. Holly received three votes.

G. M. Chillcott received two votes.

Whole number of votes cast, nine.

Necessary to a choice, five.

Whereupon, there being no choice had, the House proceeded to a First formal ballot for Speaker, which stood as follows:

Wm. A. Rankin received three votes.

J. H. Noteware received three votes.

C. F. Holly received two votes,

G. M. Chillcott received one vote.

Whole number of votes cast, nine.

Necessary to a choice, five.

There being no choice had, the House proceeded to a second ballot, which resulted as follows:

Wm. A. Rankin received three votes.

J. H. Noteware received two votes.

C. F. Holly received three votes.

J. B. Chaffee received one vote.

Whole number of votes cast—nine.

Necessary to a choice—five.

Whereupon there being no choice had, the House proceeded to a third ballot, as follows:

Wm. A. Rankin received two votes.

J. H. Noteware received two votes.

C. F. Holly received four votes.