Nov. 11, 1863

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Nov. 11, 1863, second day of the Adjourned Session of the 22nd General Assembly.

Technically, you could consider this the *first* day of the Adjourned Session, since senators were unable to reach a quorum the previous day. The same would happen to start the second day, with 15 senators present and 18 absent, at which point the sergeant-at-arms was sent to find absent senators. He would return with four senators, and the day could proceed.

Before senators heard the message from the governor, which traditionally starts regular business for an Adjourned — now known as an Extra — Session, other legislation was read and referred to committee.

Once the two-person Senate-House committee was given the governor’s letter, it was then read at the dais. This Adjourned Session was largely related to the Civil War. Railroads were also a concern for the executive branch, as they were a major issue for the Legislature for a number of years here in Missouri.

A resolution was prepared for a senator who had died since the most recent regular session, which was then adopted.

Senators then moved to adjourn until 10 the next morning.

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