November 20, 1838

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

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In his second biennial message to the Missouri General Assembly, Gov. Lilburn Boggs informed lawmakers of many of the events of the previous 12 months, and his vision for the coming year.

During this period in state history, Missouri’s fiscal year started on Oct. 1. Today, it begins on July 1.

Missouri senators learned the Show-Me State actually turned a profit of $6,825, where revenues were $147,209 and expenses were $140,384.

It would be the wish of the executive branch to add to the amount of state prison space. In Gov. Boggs’ own words: *“The report of the warden of the penitentiary will show the condition of that institution. The number of convicts at present confined within its walls is 46, and exceeds the number of cells prepared for their solitary confinement. And, as the mode of punishment prescribed by law is solitary confinement with labor, you will at once see the necessity of providing for the erection of additional cells, or of changing the mode of punishment.”*

November 20, 1838, the date marking the governor’s message to lawmakers, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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