Feb. 24, 1870

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Feb. 24, 1870, the day both the College of Agriculture and the School of Mines and Metallurgy were established by the Missouri General Assembly.

Now known as the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts saw huge enrollment during its early years. In 1970, Senate Bill 883 authored the first centennial report for the college.

Before receiving its current name of Missouri University of Science and Technology, the University of Missouri-Rolla was known as the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. This was the first school, west of the Mississippi, dedicated to technology, and a result of the Morrill Land-Grants Act of 1862, which allows the proceeds from federal land sales to go toward creating land-grant colleges.

Feb. 24, 1870, the date marking the Missouri Legislature’s establishment of both the College of Agriculture and the School of Mines and Metallurgy, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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