Feb. 15, 1843

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Feb. 15, 1843, during the First Session of the 12th General Assembly.

This is still during the time when the Legislature has say over people’s divorces. In this case, the Missouri Senate Judiciary Committee was in charge of such decisions. This panel was referred a requested divorce from John George Wolf. Upon consideration, the committee opted *not* to grant the divorce.

Other business on this day included formation of a five-person joint committee — two Missouri senators and three members of the Missouri House of Representatives — be established to examine conditions at the new, at the time, Missouri State Penitentiary.

Senators also heard about a House bill that would authorize painting of woodwork on the outside of the Capitol.

Senator also learned of the House’s failure to pass a resolution that would have separated St. Louis City from St. Louis County.

After taking in more committee reports, senators went to the Missouri House for a joint session to vote on newly appointed curators to the University of Missouri. The final vote was 106-to-one, with 26 senators voting yes. Senators would then return to the upper chamber and later adjourn until 8:30 the next morning.

February 15, 1843, the date marking a fairly typical day for the First Session of the 12th General Assembly, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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