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**Veto Message: Governor Ormsbee
1886 (S.56)**

An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield for the year 1886.

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., November 19, 1886

The president laid before the senate the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor:

To His Honor, Levi K. Fuller, President of the Senate:

SIR:— I have the honor to return to the senate, where it originated, senate bill No. 56, entitled an act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield for the year 1886, without the executive approval.

This proposed enactment belongs to that class of which it is often said, "It will do no harm and may do good." I have sought by enquiry and such examination of the subject as I have been able to make, for some good and sufficient reason for the approval of the bill in question, but have failed to discern any such reason. From such information as I am able to get, it would appear that the listers of said town made an illegal assessment as to one or more tax-payers of the town--illegal in matters of substance rather than of form — and that this proposed legislation is asked for the purpose of making such assessment valid. Passing the question of doubt whether the act in question, if approved, would be of any avail as against the legal rights of a tax-payer, I respectfully submit that the proposed legislation is unwise, to say the least. I can only conclude that I am either misinformed in the matter, or that the bill passed both branches of the legislature without a full understanding of it. Therefore I return it without my approval.

EBENEZER J. ORMSBEE,
Governor

Governor's Veto Sustained
S.56, 1886

The Governor's veto was sustained in the House by unanimous vote in the negative.

Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, November 19, 1886 (pages 240-241)