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**THIS WEEK:** From the House Journal January 30, 1909

**BACKGROUND** Edward B. Fulliam was born March 10, 1857. He graduated in 1879 from the Chicago Eclectic Medical College. Fulliam was a physician and a surgeon. He served one term in the Iowa House of Representatives during the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly in 1909. Representative Fulliam was from Muscatine County. He also served as president and general manager of the Muscatine Electric Railway, Light and Power Company. Additionally, he filled the position of both city and county physician. Fulliam was U.S. Pension Examiner under President Grover Cleveland, and he served four terms as mayor of Muscatine.

Note: Fulliam is the correct surname spelling. It is spelled incorrectly in the historical House Journal excerpt. It is the custom of *Pieces of Iowa's Past* to retain actual spelling, punctuation, and grammar from historical sources as noted in the disclaimer above.

By Fullum of Muscatine, House File No. 137, a bill for an act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner a staff of two assistants and defining the powers and duties thereof authorizing the State Highway Department to co-operate with the several counties and townships in the improvement of the public highways and the maintenance of improved highways providing for the application of counties and townships for state aid in highway improvement and maintenance, providing for the payment of the cost of highway improvements made under the provision of this act by the state, the counties and the townships and making an appropriation for the purpose and providing a penalty for maliciously destroying improved roads.

Read first and second time and referred to Committee on Roads and Highways.