

Patient Department of The Jefferson Medical College Hospital Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for maintenance.

Which was committed to the Committee on Appropriations.

He also read in his place and presented to the Chair Senate Bill No. 101, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to The Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for medical education.

Which was committed to the Committee on Appropriations.

He also read in his place and presented to the Chair Senate Bill No. 102, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the hospital of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, February 3, 1941 at 4:00 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. TALLMAN. Mr. President, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 12:43 o'clock, P. M. until Monday, February 3, 1941 at 4:00 o'clock, P. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, January 28, 1941.

The House met at 1 p. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. Donald McFall offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, since we have been privileged to see the light of this new day, may we be mindful of all the opportunities for service that come to us, and may we be ready to recognize the fact, that we are our brother's keeper not only within our beloved State but in our great nation as well.

Bless the coming together of these servants of the State. Be with those detained because of illness. May it please Thee to grant to each one a renewed measure of health and strength so as to enable them to meet with their colleagues in this Assembly.

This we ask in thy Holy Name. Amen.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the Journal of yesterday.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday, when, on motion of Mr. GERARD the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 50.

An Act to repeal section four hundred eight of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine

hundred eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith."

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 51.

An Act to amend section one of the act approved the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 851), entitled "An act fixing the pay and mileage of jurors and witnesses," changing the pay of jurors and witnesses and the mileage of witnesses.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 52.

An Act to amend subsection (j) of section one thousand two hundred five of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended, further regulating the taking of appeals by professional employees from the actions of the board of school directors or board of public education.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 53.

An Act providing for the acquisition of the Admiral Peary Memorial Park, and for its management and development by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 54.

An Act to further amend section one thousand four hundred and fifteen of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," by further changing the provisions for compulsory attendance.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 55.

An Act to further amend subsection (b) of section four hundred twelve, of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1333), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," by changing the compensation

of judges, inspectors, clerks, and machine inspectors at primaries and elections.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 56.

An Act to reenact subsection twenty as amended, and to reenact and amend subsection twenty-five of section one thousand two hundred and ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," by changing the amount of payments by the Commonwealth for the minimum salaries of members of the teaching and supervisory staffs of elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 57.

An Act to add section one hundred fifty and one-tenth to the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 1278), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," empowering the county treasurer to appoint a solicitor and fix his salary, and defining his duties and qualifications.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 58.

An Act making an appropriation to aid certain school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 59.

An Act to amend subsection six and seven of section one thousand two hundred and ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended, changing the minimum annual compensation of the members of the teaching and supervisory staff in school districts of the third and fourth classes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 60.

An Act validating compromise agreements and private sales made by the county commissioners of real estate purchased by them at county treasurers' sales, whether or not such agreements and sales were made in compliance with the acts of assembly relating thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 61.

An Act making appropriation to the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company for the protection of State property.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FINNERTY.

HOUSE BILL No. 62.

An Act requiring cities of the first class to allot the sum of fifty dollars to all uniformed officers and men employed in the police department, fire department and park guard for the purchase of their prescribed uniforms.

Referred to the Committee on Cities First Class.

By Mr. VAN ALLSBURG HOUSE BILL No. 63.

An Act to further amend section four, and to amend section seventeen of the act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 149), entitled "An act imposing a State tax, payable by those herein defined as distributors, on liquid fuels used or sold and delivered within the Commonwealth, which are ordinarily, practically, and commercially usable in internal combustion engines for the generation of power; providing for the collection and lien of the tax, and the distribution and use of the proceeds thereof; requiring such distributors to secure permits, to file corporate surety bonds and reports, and to retain certain records; imposing duties on retail dealers, common carriers, county commissioners, and such distributors; providing for rewards; imposing certain costs on counties; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State officers and departments; providing for refunds; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation," by providing for refunds of taxes paid on liquid fuels consumed for purposes other than the operation of motor vehicles on the public highways of this Commonwealth, and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WILKINSON and Mr. BOIES.

HOUSE BILL No. 64.

Imposing regulations and restrictions upon persons, associations, partnerships and corporations owning, leasing or having control over electric light or power lines, conduits, telephone and telegraph wires located near certain public highways or near flying fields.

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

By Messrs. REGAN and WILKINSON.

HOUSE BILL No. 65.

To amend clause (g) as added to section one thousand one hundred and ten of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon the counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," as amended, by extending the time limit within which all electrically operated traffic signals shall be made to conform with provisions of said act and the regulations of the Secretary of Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. HOLLAND.

HOUSE BILL No. 66.

Making an appropriation out of the Motor License Fund to the Department of Highways for allocation to and expenditure in the cities of the Commonwealth for the maintenance of certain streets and roads; and providing for certification of mileage of public roads and streets by municipal authorities to the Department of Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HOLLAND.

HOUSE BILL No. 67.

To amend section two hundred and one of the act, approved the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 853), entitled "An act relating to taxation; designating the subjects, property and persons subject to and exempt from taxation for all local purposes; providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation of persons, property and subjects of taxation for county purposes, and for the use of those municipal and quasi municipal corporations which levy their taxes on county assessments and valuations; amending, revising and consolidating the law relating thereto; and repealing existing laws," making the real estate of public service companies subject to taxation, and providing certain exceptions.

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

By Mr. HOLLAND.

HOUSE BILL No. 68.

Providing for payment by the Commonwealth, out of moneys derived from liquid fuels taxes, of the cost to cities, boroughs, towns and townships, of traffic regulation and safety, and other service attributable to automobile and motor truck usage of municipal and township streets and highways; prohibiting the payment of such costs out of taxes on real property; imposing duties on such municipalities and townships, and on the Department of Revenue, and the Pennsylvania Motor Police; and appropriating moneys in the Motor License Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BOORSE.

HOUSE BILL No. 69.

Authorizing county commissioners to prepare and issue to justices of the peace and aldermen at the cost of the county, forms used in criminal proceedings before them.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. RONALD L. THOMPSON. HOUSE BILL No. 70.

To amend section seven hundred three of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by providing for the compensation paid to township commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Townships.

By Mr. HOLLAND.

HOUSE BILL No. 71.

To further amend section two and clause (b) of section four of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2051), entitled "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board. Boards of Trustees of the Mother's Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to

Mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," limiting relief to cash payments.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Mr. HOLLAND.

HOUSE BILL No. 72.

Directing certain payments to cities out of the Motor License Fund for highway purposes; limiting the use thereof and requiring accounting therefor; imposing duties on the Department of Highways; and making appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. POWERS.

HOUSE BILL No. 73.

To further amend clause seven of subsection (B) and the penalty clause of section eight hundred and twenty-eight of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and Legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," changing the color scheme of school buses; prohibiting other vehicles from using the same; authorizing certain payments by school districts and providing a penalty.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. POWERS.

House Bill No. 74.

Requiring county commissioners to ascertain and forward to the Department of Military Affairs information concerning the location of abandoned coal-mines, tunnels, and other places which may offer shelter during an air raid, and land suitable for emergency landing fields; and imposing duties upon the Department of Military Affairs.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Messrs. COCHRAN and MORAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 75.

To promote the safety of travelers and employees upon railroads by compelling common carriers by railroad to properly man their trains.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and Railways.

By Messrs. HIRSCH and McGRATH.

HOUSE BILL No. 76.

An Act to amend the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 566), entitled "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for occupational disease contracted by an employee arising out of and in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, the Workmen's Compensation Board, Workmen's Compensation Referees, and deans of medical schools; creating a medical board to determine controverted medical issues; establishing an Occupational Disease Fund

in custody of the State Workmen's Insurance Board; imposing upon the Commonwealth a part of the compensation payable for certain occupational diseases; making an appropriation; and prescribing penalties," by making the provisions of said act mandatory, and abolishing actions at common law for damages resulting from occupational disease.

Referred to the Committee on Workmens Compensation.

By MESSRS. McCLANAGHAN and HERSCH.
HOUSE BILL No. 77.

An Act requiring the Department of Welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to allow all employees of state penal and correctional institutions twenty-four consecutive hours of rest each week; authorizing the Department of Welfare to provide additional employees.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. MIHM and WILKINSON.
HOUSE BILL No. 78.

An Act to add subsection (c) to section four of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2045), entitled "An act relating to the support of indigent persons publicly cared for or assisted; providing for the support of such persons by certain relatives, and for the recovery of public moneys expended for care and assistance from the property and estates of such persons; providing for guardians of the person and property of such persons; providing for the arrest and seizure and sale of the property of deserters; and providing procedure," prohibiting any public body or public agency from accepting a bond or judgment from an indigent person for expenses of his support, maintenance, assistance or burial, before such expenses are incurred.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Mr. REUBEN E. COHEN. HOUSE BILL No. 79.

An Act prohibiting the recording of any broadcast performance or rendition without the permission and consent of the person or persons whose performance or rendition is so recorded, and the offering for sale, selling, leasing, licensing or possession of such unlawful recording; and providing penalties therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. SNYDER. HOUSE BILL No. 80.

An Act to further amend section two thousand six hundred and twenty-five of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith, by avoiding the necessity for filing with the Department of Public Instruction more than one copy of the report of auditors of school districts of the fourth class.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. BREATHERICK. HOUSE BILL No. 81.

An Act to amend section four hundred and twenty A of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L. 682), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the

State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," by authorizing minors of the age of eighteen years and upwards to contract for policies of life insurance and annuities and giving them full rights, powers and privileges with regard thereto, whether heretofore or hereafter applied for or issued to them, with the same force and effect as if they were of age.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. WINNER. HOUSE BILL No. 82.

An Act to amend section one thousand one hundred four of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (P. L. 343), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State Government; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or, other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes, or to apply license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," amplifying the provisions of said act relating to appeals to court.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. WINNER. HOUSE BILL No. 83.

To further amend section five hundred and three of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 343), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth; and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resttlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the state; and certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," by allowing interest on refunds due from the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. POWERS. HOUSE BILL No. 84.

To amend the second paragraph of section one thousand four hundred four, and section one thousand four hundred nine of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one

thousand nine hundred eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An Act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," enlarging the provisions for transportation of pupils; and providing for the payment of the cost thereof by other districts in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. TAYLOR. HOUSE BILL No. 85.

An Act to amend the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (P. L. 600), entitled "An act providing that appointive officers and employees, employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in its civil service, or by any department, bureau, commission, or office thereof, or by any county, municipality, township, or school district, shall not be deemed or held to have resigned or abandoned their offices or employments by reason of enlistment, enrollment, or draft in the military or naval service of the United States or any branch or unit thereof, in time of war or contemplated war; prohibiting the removal from their offices or employments of such officers and employees during the period of their service in the Army or Navy; directing that one-half of the salaries or wages of such officers or employees as have dependent wives, children, or parents, and not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum, be paid during the term of their service in the Army or Navy to such dependents; authorizing the employment during said term of substitutes to perform the duties theretofore performed by such officers or employees, respectively, and providing for the compensation of such substitutes," by providing for payment of salaries to such officers and employees as do not have dependents.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLOR. HOUSE BILL No. 86.

An Act authorizing the Armory Board of the State of Pennsylvania to construct and erect in the County of Dauphin, a memorial or monument in memory of the residents of Dauphin County who served in the forces of the United States during the World War, and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TAYLOR. HOUSE BILL No. 87.

An Act providing for the erection, construction and equipment of new buildings at the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home; conferring powers and imposing duties upon certain departments, and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TAYLOR. HOUSE BILL No. 88.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Pennsylvania, American Legion, for education and training the youths of the Commonwealth in conducting the ordinary function of government.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TAYLOR. HOUSE BILL No. 89.

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to allocate, or provide, rooms for State Headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans of the World War; and providing that expenses for heat, light, water, and janitor services, shall be borne by the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLOR.

HOUSE BILL No. 90.

Providing for the correction of the designation and title of all organizations of veterans of the Spanish American War in all present legislation affecting veterans by designating such organizations as United Spanish War Veterans, Inc.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLOR.

HOUSE BILL No. 91.

Making an appropriation to the State Veterans' Commission for expenses of the commission and for the assistance of needy Pennsylvania veterans of any war and their dependents, and of needy widows and orphans of deceased war veterans.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 92.

Requiring every person registering a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth to furnish proof of financial responsibility with respect to liability for personal injury or death arising from the ownership, operation or use of such motor vehicle on the ways of the Commonwealth by the registrant or by any other person with his express or implied consent; providing the nature of public liability policy which may be used as such proof; providing for the regulation of the risk, classifications, underwriting rules, premiums, rates and schedule or merit rating plans of insurance companies issuing such policies; providing penalties and repealing all inconsistent acts and parts of acts.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. CHARLES H. BRUNNER. HOUSE BILL No. 93.

To amend subsection two of section one thousand seven hundred and nine of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by extending the taxing power of the township; and providing for the disposition of certain tax moneys.

Referred to the Committee on Townships.

By Mr. AUKER.

HOUSE BILL No. 94.

To amend section fifteen hundred and nine of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions by which it shall be administered and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same and the method of collecting such revenue and repealing all laws, general, special or local or any parts thereof that are or may be inconsistent therewith," by providing that the board of directors of any school district may appropriate funds to pay for medical examinations for tuberculosis for pupils, teachers, janitors, or other employees.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. WEINGARTNER.

HOUSE BILL No. 95.

Requiring all public officers, tax collectors, and other persons charged with the collection of taxes for any County, City, Borough, Poor District, Township, and other municipal subdivision, to furnish upon demand to any person applying therefor a certified itemized statement of the kind and amount of all taxes recorded in his office or in his hands for collection; fixing the fee therefor and providing that payment thereof shall be a full and complete discharge; and repealing inconsistent legislation.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. WEINGARTNER.

HOUSE BILL No. 96.

An Act to provide methods whereby any living person, who was born in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to the date of his or her birth, may have a record of his or her birth made in the office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, in all cases where, for any reason whatsoever, no record thereof exists in said office; providing for the issuing of certificates thereof and the effect and value of such certificates as evidence; providing for fees and penalties.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. WILLIAMS and BURNS.

HOUSE BILL No. 97.

An Act requiring railroad companies to provide a flagman on all engines running without cars providing for the enforcement of the act by the Public Utility Commission fixing penalties and providing for the collection thereof by the attorney General.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and Railways.

By Messrs. PETTIT and WILLIAMS.

HOUSE BILL No. 98.

An Act to further amend section four of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (P. L. 1024), entitled "An act to protect the public health and welfare, by regulating the employment of females in certain establishments, with respect to their hours of labor and the conditions of their employment; by establishing certain sanitary regulations in the establishments in which they work, by requiring certain abstracts and notices to be posted; by providing for the enforcement of this act by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and others; by prescribing penalties for violations thereof; by defining the procedure in prosecutions; and by repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions thereof," by further regulating the employment of females in certain establishments with respect to their hours of labor.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Messrs. WILLIAMS and BAKER.

HOUSE BILL No. 99.

An Act to amend section two of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (P. L. 806), entitled "An act limiting the number of licenses for the retail sale of liquor, malt or brewed beverages, or malt and brewed beverages, to be issued by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; defining hotels, and prescribing the accommodations required of hotels in certain municipalities," by exempting clubs from such limitation.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Messrs. WILLIAMS and TARR.

HOUSE BILL No. 100.

An Act granting to representatives for collective bargaining designated by employees of anthracite or bituminous mines or collieries, the right to accompany mine inspectors on all tours of inspection of such mines.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. WILLIAMS.

HOUSE BILL No. 101.

An Act to add rule ten A to article eleven, section one of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 756), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal-mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," requiring that cars or wagons used for transporting persons in or about mines and hauled by electric locomotives operated from trolley wires shall have

bodies constructed of wood or other non-conducting material.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. WILLIAMS.

HOUSE BILL No. 102.

An Act to add general rule twenty A to article twenty-five of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 756), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal-mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," requiring mine operators to furnish gas masks or to construct safety chambers in gaseous portions of bituminous mines.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 103.

An Act to repeal the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 1184), entitled "An act requiring all employable persons receiving public assistance, with certain exceptions, to perform certain work, or be refused further assistance; conferring powers and imposing duties on county boards of assistance, and on certain State and local officers and employees, and on charitable institutions, persons, partnerships, associations, corporations, and State and Federal employment officers; and requiring payments to the Commonwealth on account of certain work performed."

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Mr. TAYLOR.

HOUSE BILL No. 104.

To further amend section seven of the act, approved the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four (P. L. 223, 1933-34), entitled "An act providing compensation to certain persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, the war between the United States and Spain, the China Relief Expedition, or in the Philippines or Guam; providing the method of making payment to representatives or persons who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; making an appropriation; and repealing inconsistent legislation; and providing penalties," extending the time during which application may be filed for veterans' compensation.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLOR.

HOUSE BILL No. 105.

To further amend section four hundred and twenty-six of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 1278), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," by providing that supporting rods of metal grave markers shall be of the same metal and composition as markers.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 106.

Prohibiting State banks, trust companies, bank and trust companies, and private banks, from charging or collecting service charges in connection with the maintenance and use of accounts in, and other business transacted with, such banking institutions, and imposing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Banking.

By Messrs. NAGEL and PRESLEY N. JONES.

HOUSE BILL No. 107.

An Act to amend section eleven of the act, approved the twenty-seven (P. L. 395), entitled "An act empowering the Department of Highways to acquire certain toll bridges within the Commonwealth; providing the procedure there-

for; providing for the reimbursement of the Commonwealth from tolls and charges; and making an appropriation," as amended, by providing that such toll bridges heretofore or hereafter acquired by the Department of Highways shall be free bridges from the effective date of this act or from the date they are so acquired.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

By Mr. DIX.

HOUSE BILL No. 108.

An Act to amend subsection seven of section one thousand two hundred ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended, changing the salary of and providing annual increments for teachers in districts of the fourth class.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. PRESLEY N. JONES. HOUSE BILL No. 109.

An Act to promote the safety of the traveling public and employees on steam or electric railroads by regulating the construction of caboose cars and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and Railways.

By Mr. GRYSKEWICZ.

HOUSE BILL No. 110.

An Act to promote the safety of travelers and employees upon railroads by prohibiting carriers by railroad hauling trains excessive in length providing penalties and providing for enforcement by the Public Utility Commission or any other agency empowered to enforce the law.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and Railways.

By Mr. MARKS.

HOUSE BILL No. 111.

An Act to further amend clause thirty-four of section two thousand four hundred three of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," by providing that appropriations shall be made in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Cities-Third Class.

By Messrs. NAGEL and McLANAHAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 112.

An Act to amend the act approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (P. L. 1278), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," authorizing counties of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes to acquire by lease, purchase or condemnation, land within the county for the purpose of establishing and maintaining airdromes and aviation landing fields; authorizing the leasing of such facilities and the joint operation by said county of such facilities with other political subdivisions; and authorizing appropriations for such purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. KRISE.

HOUSE BILL No. 113.

An Act to amend sections eighteen and twenty-two of the act approved the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, (P. L. 487), entitled "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration

of electors in boroughs, towns, and townships as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors; requiring the county commissioners of the various counties to act as a registration commission therefor; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, political bodies, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commissions, county election boards, election officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars of vital statistics, certain public utility corporations, real estate brokers, rental agents, and boards of school directors; and imposing penalties," permitting registrations before notaries public and justices of the peace.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. KRISE.

HOUSE BILL No. 114

An Act to require persons holding judicial sales to obtain a list of the judgment creditors and mortgagees together with their addresses of the persons whose property is to be sold; and to require notice by registered mail to be given such persons; and to require the prothonotary and recorder of deeds to furnish the names of judgment creditors and mortgagees upon request by the person holding the judicial sale.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. KRISE.

HOUSE BILL No. 115.

An Act to further amend clause (b) of section nine of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2051), entitled "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of Assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund; and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," prohibiting requiring aged persons to give bond for repayment of assistance; and discharging such bonds theretofore given.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Mr. KRISE.

HOUSE BILL No. 116.

An Act to add section nine and one-tenth to the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 280) entitled "An act relating to delinquent taxes on seated lands, and prescribing interest charges on nonpayment thereof; requiring the receivers and collectors of county, city, borough, town, township, school district and poor district taxes to make a return to the county commissioners of such unpaid taxes, and providing for the lien thereof; authorizing the county treasurers to collect such taxes, and to sell seated lands at public sale for taxes heretofore or hereafter returned as unpaid; and authorizing the county commissioners to purchase such lands and resell the same under certain circumstances," providing for the renting of real estate purchased by the county during the period of redemption and the redemption thereof out of rents.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. LONGO.

HOUSE BILL No. 117.

To further amend the act approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," by providing for different classes of operators' licenses and learners' permits; prescribing the circumstances under which they shall be issued; requiring proof of financial responsibility in certain cases; denying operating privileges under certain circumstances and providing additional penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. POWERS.

HOUSE BILL No. 118.

Permitting, licensing, regulating and controlling dog racing and betting and wagering on such races in this Commonwealth; creating a State Racing Commission with jurisdiction over the same; defining its powers and duties; imposing certain license fees and state taxes; imposing certain duties on the Department of Revenue; and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Law and Order.

By Mr. O'CONNOR.

HOUSE BILL No. 119.

To regulate nominations and elections for all offices of judge of a court of record; providing for non-partisan nominations and elections for said offices; abolishing certain existing methods of nomination in such cases and the use of party or political names or appellations at elections with respect to said offices; imposing certain duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, county commissioners and election officers and clerks; and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions thereof and the punishment of certain offenses.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. O'CONNOR.

HOUSE BILL No. 120.

To restrain and regulate the sale of vinous and spirituous malt or brewed liquors or any admixture thereof; restricting ownership in licensed places; imposing duties upon the Supreme Court, county treasurers, clerks of courts, quarter sessions courts, district attorneys and proper authorities of the counties of the State; providing penalties, rights of appeal; and repealing inconsistent acts.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Messrs. HOLLAND and TURNER.

HOUSE BILL No. 121.

Approving, ratifying and enacting into law the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Compact for the prevention, abatement and control of pollution of the rivers, streams and waters in the Ohio River drainage basin and making the State of Pennsylvania a party thereto, creating the

"Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission," providing for the members of such commission from the State of Pennsylvania and providing for the carrying out of said compact.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. HIRSCH.

HOUSE BILL No. 122.

Imposing a state emergency tax payable by those herein defined as distributors on fuel oil, used or sold, and delivered within the Commonwealth; providing for the collection and lien of the tax, and the distribution and use of the proceeds thereof; requiring such distributors to secure permits, to give security to file reports, and to retain certain records; imposing duties on retail dealers, common carriers and such distributors; providing for rewards; imposing certain costs on counties; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain state officers and departments; providing for refunds; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Messrs. SKALE and HIRSCH. HOUSE BILL No. 123.

An Act to further reenact and amend the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (P. L. 736), entitled, as amended "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employee in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and prescribing penalties," changing maximum and minimum rates, periods, total amounts and aggregate of compensation; changing the system of computation of wages for compensation purposes; changing the classes of dependents entitled to compensation in case of death; increasing the amounts of compensation to be paid; reducing powers and duties of the board; reducing penalties; and generally amending, clarifying and changing the provisions of said act.

Referred to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation.

By Mr. HABERLEN.

HOUSE BILL No. 124.

An Act to reenact and amend the title and the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 417), entitled "An act relating to milk and the products thereof; creating a Milk Control Commission; establishing its jurisdiction, powers and duties; regulating the production, transportation, manufacturing, processing, storage, distribution, delivery and sale of milk and certain products thereof; providing for the licensing of milk dealers and the payment of fees therefor; requiring milk dealers to file bonds to secure payment for milk to producers and certain milk dealers; authorizing the holding of hearings and the issuance of subpoenas by the commission; conferring jurisdiction upon courts to punish contempts and to prohibit violations of this act and of rules, regulations and orders of the commission; authorizing the commission to adopt rules, regulations and orders, and to enter into interstate and Federal compacts; requiring persons who weigh, measure, sample or test milk to procure permits or certificates, to take examinations, to pay fees therefor, to furnish certain notices, records and statements, and to use certain methods of weighing, measuring, sampling and testing; authorizing the commission to examine the business, papers and premises of milk dealers and procedures, requiring the keeping of records and the filing of reports by milk dealers, and permitting, with limitations, the use of information obtained thereby; authorizing the commission to fix prices for milk and certain milk products subject to the approval of the Governor, and conferring certain powers upon the Governor with respect thereto; providing for appeals to the courts from decisions of the commission, and for the burden of proof upon such appeals; prescribing penalties, fines and imprisonment for violations of this act and rules, regulations and orders of the commission; defining perjury; defining remedies; repealing legislation supplied and superseded by this act, and saving rights,

duties and proceeding thereunder; and making appropriations," by substituting the term "handler" for the term "milk dealer"; defining the term "handle" and "handler"; extending the provisions of the act to those who handle milk by bailment, brokerage, consignment or purchase and by giving certain additional rights to producers' and farmers' unions or organizations producing milk.

Referred to the Committee on Dairy-Industries.

By Messrs. MIHM and Shaffer. HOUSE BILL No. 125.

An Act to fix the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of the State; and to apportion the State into representative districts, as provided by the Constitution.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Apportionment.

By Mr. HARKINS. HOUSE BILL No. 126.

An Act to further reenact and amend the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (P. L. 736) entitled as amended "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employee in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and prescribing penalties, "changing maximum and minimum rates, periods, total amounts and aggregate of compensation; changing the system of computation of wages for compensation purposes; changing the classes of dependents entitled to compensation in case of death; increasing the amounts of compensation to be paid; reducing powers and duties of the board; reducing penalties; and generally amending, clarifying and changing the provisions of said act.

Referred to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation.

By Mr. POWERS. HOUSE BILL No. 127.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to article eight of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto section eighteen.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. HOLLAND. HOUSE BILL No. 128.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section eighteen, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. PETROSKY, LOVETT and LESKO.
RESOLUTION No. 1.

In the House of Representatives, January 27, 1941.

Whereas, In the mining industry many thousands of lives have been needlessly lost because of inadequate safety controls and these deaths might have been prevented by the passage of a law providing for the federal inspection of mines; and

Whereas, A federal mine inspection bill has been passed by the Senate of the United States but blocked in the House Committee of Mines and Mining; and

Whereas, During the time this measure has been blocked there have been some 1,530 miners killed in mine disasters, leaving behind them their widows and orphans; and

Whereas, In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the time this measure has been blocked a number of mine disasters have occurred which are directly attributable to lack of adequate mine inspection; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to approve the Federal Mine Inspection bill; be it also

Resolved, That one copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the following:

The President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vice President, Henry A. Wallace, President of the United States Senate.

Speaker Rayburn, House of Representatives.

Senator Joseph Guffey.

Senator James P. Davis.

All members of the House delegation from Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. CORDIER. RESOLUTION No. 2.

In the House of Representatives, January 27, 1941.

Whereas, The Department of Public Assistance, by virtue of the general power given to it under the Public Assistance Law to make rules and regulations, requires applicants for assistance, before receiving the same, to give a bond to the Commonwealth conditioned for the repayment to the Commonwealth of all amounts received as public assistance; and

Whereas, The giving of such bond has become greatly unpopular, and has caused considerable confusion in the minds of persons whose circumstances make it necessary for them to avail themselves of the benefits of public assistance, whether the same results through a lack of understanding of the ultimate effect of such bonds or because of a feeling on the part of those who own property that they are being unjustly discriminated against; and

Whereas, There is some question as to whether these bonds have in measure justified themselves during past experience, or whether the practice is worth continuing; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee of five members to make a careful and thorough investigation of the practical operation of the bond requirement system established by the Department of Public Assistance, with special reference to the number of such bonds on which judgments have been entered, the total cost of entering them and enforcing collections thereon, and the total amount recovered. The committee shall proceed with such dispatch as to enable them to report to the House their findings and recommendations thereon not later than the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. FINNERTY. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 3.

In the House of Representatives, January 27, 1941.

Whereas, In the past two years considerable confusion has been caused by uncertainties of the people of the Commonwealth relative to the date the Governor would proclaim for the observance of Thanksgiving; and

Whereas, The business men of the Commonwealth are extremely desirous of eliminating such uncertainty; and

Whereas, These men of affairs are desirous of observing the holiday on the date proclaimed by the President of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, (if the Senate concur), That the Governor be directed to proclaim such date for the observance of Thanksgiving in this Commonwealth as the President of the United States may set for observance by executive proclamation.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

PETITION

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following petition:

SCHOOL CODE

Members of the Amish Menonite Church of the county of Somerset advocating modification of the Act of Assembly of 1937 "so that compulsory school attendance be not required beyond one hundred sixty days" and certain exemptions.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent leave of absence was granted as follows:

Mr. Habbyshaw for Mr. TAYLOR for today's session.

QUESTION OF PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker I rise to a question of Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his question of Parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, are we under the order of business of reports from committees?

The SPEAKER. We are under that order of business.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker and members of the House, the Joint State Government Commission has been working through a subcommittee since the summer of 1939 on that great question of relief which has plagued not only this State but the whole nation since 1931. There have been a great many different committees and commissions that have studied the question of relief but the Joint State Government Commission felt that we should continue the study and that we should ascertain as far as possible the basic facts, not only which reference to the administration of relief but also as to the cost of relief in Pennsylvania and in other states of the United States, as well as the laws pertaining to relief in this state and the nation. Through the sub-committee of which the gentleman from Erie Mr. Van Allsburg is the chairman, an intensive study has been carried on. I do not believe there has been a week since the summer of 1939 that either the whole committee or a part of the committee, which was termed the Sub-Committee on Data, was not at work.

The report is now ready for presentation to the House. It is comprehensive, it is quite extensive and, Mr. Speaker, I really believe it will form a text book for the members of the House, that it will provide them with a tremendous amount of information, and that the suggestions made by the Commission are constructive. During the 1939 session the chairman of the Committee on Welfare in this House was the gentleman from Erie Mr. Van Allsburg, and he was the natural Chairman for the Committee under the Joint State Government Commission on this question of relief.

He has given a tremendous amount of time and effort in the preparation and working out of this report, and I would like to yield to the gentleman from Erie Mr. Van Allsburg and ask that he be given the privilege of making a statement and submitting the report.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Mr. Van Allsburg.

Mr. VAN ALLSBURG. Mr. Speaker and members of the house, the occasion of presenting the report of the sub-Committee on relief today is a source of great pleasure to this Committee because it is the last act in the performance of a long, arduous and very responsible task. It is also a pleasure to anticipate hopefully the good this study may accomplish in promoting a more intelligent and comprehensive understanding of the whole relief problem.

Public relief during the past decade has been the most perplexing problem the Legislature has had to face and although the present upswing in employment has somewhat eased the situation, nevertheless relief is still Pennsylvania's "Problem Number one."

The sole aim of the Committee from beginning to end has been to learn the facts about the present system of relief, its organization, its policies, and its methods, and to evalu-

ate them in terms of efficiency to administer relief to those who through no fault of their own are in need and at a minimum cost to those who pay the bill, and last but not least to this in such a spirit and in such a manner as will not destroy the moral fiber of relief recipients, but rather will promote self-reliance, good character, and good Citizenship.

The report of the Committee as has been said by the previous speaker, is voluminous. This can be readily understood when one considers the magnitude and many aspects of the subject. This is due in part to the appendix which contains a wealth of information in the form of charts and tables which the members will find exceedingly helpful, and without which the text of the report can not be fully comprehended. The arrangement of its contents, however, is simple. A table of the contents appears among the very first pages of the report, and may I point out specifically that the recommendations to the Legislature appear on page one of the report.

As Chairman of the sub-Committee on Relief of the Joint State Government Commission, for their untiring efforts, diligence and spirit of cooperation, I wish to thank the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Turner, the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Woodside, and the gentleman from Monroe, Mr. Achterman, on the part of the house; also Senators Geltz, Homsher and Woodward on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I now formally offer the report of the Committee on Relief as prepared for the General Assembly by the Joint State Government Commission.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the report of the Committee on Relief.

The report was read by the Clerk.

(For report see Appendix)

POINT OF INQUIRY

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker I rise to a point of inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Delaware will state his point of inquiry.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, may the Page boys now distribute the reports which are here ready for distribution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair will direct the page boys to distribute the Reports at once.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Sergeant-at-Arms being introduced, presented extracts from the Journal of the Senate which were laid upon the table.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. TURNER asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. Speaker, the page boys are distributing the report just offered by Mr. Van Allsburg. Some members are getting more than one copy and they are being laid on vacant desks. We have only two hundred and eight copies of the report and if more than one copy is taken by a member there will not be enough to supply all the members. Will the members, therefore, who have more than one copy of the report please surrender them to other Members of the House or to the Page boys.

RESOLUTION

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Mr. READINGER offered a resolution and asked and ob-

tained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:

In the House of Representatives, January 28, 1941.

Resolved, That the following changes are hereby made in the Standing Committees of the House of Representatives:

AGRICULTURE

Add—Joseph H. Vogt.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

Add—Woodring, V. Chairman.

CITIES—FIRST CLASS

Add—Modell, V. Chairman.

CONGRESSIONAL AND JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT

Strike out—Modell.

Add—Monks.

FISHERIES

Strike out—Komorofski.

Add—Lewis Harris.

FORESTRY

Add—Nunemacher, Komorofski.

GAME

Strike out—Charles R. Reagan.

Add—Haines.

JUDICIARY GENERAL

Add—Modell.

JUDICIARY SPECIAL

Add—Petrosky, Rosenfeld.

LABOR

Add—Mooney, Melchiorre, McFall, Harmuth, Shepard.

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

Strike out—Monks.

Add—Cullen, Mihm.

LIQUOR CONTROL

Strike out—Levy, Falkenstein.

Add—D'Ortona, Shaw, Reuben E. Cohen.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Strike out—Kenehan, Mihm.

Add—Reynolds.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Strike out—Mihm.

Add—O'Brien, Knoble.

RAILROADS AND RAILWAYS

Strike out—Reuben E. Cohen.

Add—Falkenstein.

WELFARE

Strike out—Haines.

Add—Charles R. Reagan.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Add—Boney, Finestone, Petrosky.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

It was adopted.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. TURNER asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. Speaker, of the report of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation we did not have a sufficient number to take care of all of the Members of the House last night as the Printer only sent down a limited number of copies.

We now have additional copies and if the Members will come to this corner of the room they can get their copies.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

Messrs. O'NEILL and REAGAN offered the following privileged resolution which was twice read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, January 28, 1941.

The angel of death has removed from our immediate surroundings Paul Coleman, brother of Honorable Edward J. Coleman, Senator from Lackawanna County.

To the citizens of Scranton his passing leaves a profound sense of sorrow, for his place in the community life cannot be filled; to his fellow workers on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western comes the great shock of learning their friend and co-worker will no longer be with them.

Paul Coleman was not a great statesman or outstanding local leader, but his was the greatest of all gifts, a congenial, happy nature and the gift of friendship with all the people he knew. He was a devoted husband, a splendid and sympathetic father and a true friend.

Since we who knew him can now only offer inadequate words as our last tribute; therefore be it

Resolved, That with this resolution we command Paul Coleman to the memory of his fellow men; and be it further

Resolved, The Chief Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:

Banking today at 2 p. m. in Room 329.

Cities-First Class today at 2 p. m. in Room 330.

Dairy Industries today at 2 p. m. in Room 331.

Education today at 2 p. m. in Room 326.

Game today at 2 p. m. in Room 346.

State Government today at 2 p. m. in Room 521.

Ways and Means today at 2 p. m. in House Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, February 3, 1941, at 9 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 1:42 p. m.) the House adjourned.