

war argument, who should do the job, whether capital or labor. We have been playing politics, but now a more serious situation has arisen. London and other British cities have been bombarded by thousands of Nazi planes. Thousands of British citizens have been killed, hundreds of British ships have been sunk, most of Britain's mobile equipment was lost in the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Clever as we are, Britain has equipped an army of four millions. The British had to help the Greeks, Britain had to transport her armies from Australia and her far-flung colonies and with this she has destroyed the Italian forces in North Africa. Britain is opposed by the biggest and the mightiest army ever conceived by man, an army that has all continental Europe at her back, and still we trifle. Still we procrastinate. It is not a question with us of money or raw materials, but when it comes to getting action Great Britain is doing more in a day than we have done in a month. True, Britain is fighting for its very life. We are not yet, but may be soon. We continue to procrastinate, by thinking in terms of politics and personalities, when the job should be turned over to men who can get production; but we cannot get this as long as we are bossed by men whose ability to produce is largely influenced by votes.

#### BILL INTRODUCED

Messrs. BARR and WALKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill at this time.

The PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.

Messrs. BARR and WALKER read in place and presented to the Chair Senate Bill No. 169, entitled:

An Act to amend the act approved the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 814), entitled "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the second class 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; 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," abolishing the existing registration commission for cities of the second class and providing that the county commissioners of each county in which any such city is located shall act as a registration commission therefor, providing for the consolidation of the second class city general register with the general register of cities of the third class and boroughs, towns and townships of the county, providing for the transfer of the registration of electors upon change of residence from a third class city, borough, town or township in the same county, changing the period during which changes of enrollment of political party may be made, eliminating preparation and distribution of preliminary street lists, and permitting the destruction of certain records.

Which was committed to the Committee on Elections.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do

now adjourn until Tuesday, February 11, 1941, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 5:00 o'clock, p. m., until Tuesday, February 11, 1941, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MONDAY, February 10, 1941.

The House met at 9 p. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

#### PRAYER

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

Great God, Our Father, thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee for Thy watch and care over us since last we met within this place. We implore Thy guidance for the days of activity that lie ahead.

Bless these men who represent the people of our state. May they be led aright in all their deliberations. Help us as a people within this great state, to pledge with these, our Representatives, our every effort in solving the problems confronting us as a state and as a nation.

Grant us God speed in all that we do. In Thy name we pray. Amen.

#### JOURNAL APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the Journal of Tuesday, February 4, 1941.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Tuesday, February 4, 1941, when, on motion of Mr. READINGER, unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. FALKENSTEIN. HOUSE BILL No. 246.

Abolishing capital punishment and providing for the substitution of a life sentence in lieu thereof; repealing inconsistent legislation; and providing that this act shall not apply to any case in which it shall appear that the said crime was committed prior to the date of the approval of this act.

Referred to the Committee on Law and Order.

By Mr. MATTHEW J. WELSH. HOUSE BILL No. 247.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section one, article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Messrs. CORDIER and REGAN. HOUSE BILL No. 248.

An Act authorizing taxpayers in cities of the second class A to inspect the books and records of such cities at any reasonable time.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Second Class.

By Mr. CULLEN. HOUSE BILL No. 249.

An Act to amend section two of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (P. L. 114), entitled "An act regulating the time of

payment of wages and earnings, and providing a penalty for violation thereof," by adding a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding thirty days for violations of said act.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Messrs. ROSENFELD and O'BRIEN.

HOUSE BILL No. 250.

An Act requiring the approval by the General Assembly of all rules and regulations prescribed or adopted by the Department of Public Assistance.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Messrs. O'NEILL and MUNLEY.

HOUSE BILL No. 251.

An Act to amend section eleven of the act approved the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2532), entitled "An act to establish funds to provide security for the payment of benefits in event of the insolvency of an insurance carrier authorized to write workmen's compensation insurance in this Commonwealth; and to provide for the administration thereof," by providing that payment of an award from the funds established by said act shall not provide any right of recovery against the employer; and that the employer may pay the award in advance of payment from the fund and shall thereupon be subrogated to the rights of the employee or any other party in interest against the fund.

Referred to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation.

By Mr. LEYDIC.

HOUSE BILL No. 252.

An Act to further amend clause nine of section eight of the act approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 858), entitled "An act establishing a State employees' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing State employees; defining the uses and purposes thereof and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon the heads of departments in which State employees serve; excepting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," permitting employees to change from the one one-hundred-sixtieth to the one one-hundredth class of contributors to the State Employees' Retirement Fund within a certain time.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. STOCKHAM and YEAKEL.

HOUSE BILL No. 253.

An Act giving volunteer firemen appointed as special police officers certain police powers at fires attended by their fire companies in any city, borough, town and township.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. TURNER.

HOUSE BILL No. 254.

An Act to amend section three hundred and sixteen 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 any stock or mutual insurance com-

pany to grant allowances or pensions to employes and officers.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. TURNER.

HOUSE BILL No. 255.

An Act making an appropriation to The Glen Mills Schools situate in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. MORAN and GOODWIN.

HOUSE BILL No. 256.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section three, article four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Messrs. CORDIER and KENEHAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 257.

An Act providing for the adoption of an annual financial program in cities of the second class A.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Second Class.

By Messrs. MORAN and PRESLEY N. JONES.

HOUSE BILL No. 258.

An Act relating to local taxation; establishing a system in counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes for the collection of county, borough, town, township, school, and poor taxes, with certain exceptions through the county treasurers as county tax collectors, and city tax collectors in cities of the second class A and third class; providing for a referendum to ascertain the will of the electors in each county (except counties of the first class) as to the acceptance of this act; providing that the act shall apply to all the aforesaid counties in the event the referendum provisions are held unconstitutional; defining the rights, powers, and duties of the collectors of county, borough, town, township, school, and poor district taxes, in certain counties; defining the rights, powers, and duties of such taxing units; regulating the date of making and certifying of tax levies; abolishing the office of county, borough, town, township, school, and poor district tax collectors, except county treasurers and certain tax collectors in cities, upon the expiration of existing terms and in cases of vacancies; imposing certain duties upon the Department of Internal Affairs; defining certain criminal offenses; imposing penalties and creating liens; and repealing existing laws.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. KENEHAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 259.

An Act to further amend sections four hundred eleven, and six hundred ten of the act approved the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 15—1933-34), entitled, as amended, "An act to regulate and restrain the sale, manufacture, possession, transportation, importation, traffic in, and use of alcohol, and alcoholic and malt or brewed beverages; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and its agents, the Department of Public Instruction, other officers of the State government, courts, and district attorneys; authorizing the establishment and operation of State stores for the sale of such beverages not for consumption on the premises, and the granting of licenses, subject to local option, to sell such beverages for consumption on and off the premises; forbidding importation or bringing of such beverages into the State except as herein provided; prohibiting certain sales or practices in connection with, and transactions in such beverages by licensees and others; providing for the forfeiture of certain property; making disposition of the receipts from State stores and of fees; and imposing penalties," by further fixing the hours

during which liquor, malt or brewed beverages may be sold; and imposing further penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Messrs. MORAN and SHAFFER.

HOUSE BILL No. 260.

Proposing an amendment to section one, article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Messrs. MORAN and HEATHERINGTON.

HOUSE BILL No. 261.

To exempt certain homesteads from taxation.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

#### RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. MOUL.

RESOLUTION No. 15.

In the House of Representatives, February 10, 1941.

Whereas, The mountains and hillsides of Pennsylvania feed the headwaters of important drainage areas of the Nation; and

Whereas, The wealth of topsoil has eroded from the hillsides of Pennsylvania with accelerated speed as the forest resources have been depleted and exploited and as the natural barriers of erosion have been broken by reckless and profligate methods of tillage and wastage; and

Whereas, The Democratic Administration of George H. Earle enacted the Soil Conservation Districts Law of 1937 and created the Soil Conservation Board to cooperate with the Federal Government in a National program of conservation and erosion control; and

Whereas, The Democratic Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt has provided funds to eventually control erosion on the hillsides of Pennsylvania and other headwaters states so that appropriations may be diminished for the dredging of harbours and waterways and the soil may be saved for future generations of farmers; and

Whereas, Said Federal funds have been accepted very generally by farmers of other headwaters states, while Pennsylvania has instituted only four soil conservation districts; and

Whereas, The inaptitude of the present administration has brought the General Assembly face to face with a major fiscal crisis with many funds raided and many appropriations hampered; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three from the House of Representatives to investigate into the operation and procedure of the Soil Conservation Board and the Extension Service of Pennsylvania State College so that the finding of said investigating committee may be made available to the House of Representatives before any appropriation is approved for said board and college.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Messrs. McINTOSH and BAUGHER.

RESOLUTION No. 16.

In the House of Representatives, February 10, 1941.

Whereas, The farmers of Cumberland County boldly emulated the "farmers of Lexington" in resisting the dictatorial aggressions of predatory powers in a bold attempt to perpetuate a system of financial exploitation; and

Whereas, Said farmers have shown unusual courage, resourcefulness and solidarity of purpose in their night-long vigil and concerted action against the aggressions of power interests by filling holes for light poles as fast as said power concern dug them; and

Whereas, Said farmers have been refused and denied the benefits of electric power and light at reasonable rates for many years; and

Whereas, The Democratic Administration of George H. Earle gave to the farmers of Pennsylvania the Model Rural Electrification Act of 1937, and the Democratic Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt gave to the farmers of the Nation the Rural Electrification Administration for the purpose of financing at low interest, rates, the farmers cooperatives validated by the said Act of 1937; and

Whereas, The power interests habitually circulate phobias of delay, insufficiency of money, personal financial liability of members, and equally untrue and misleading propaganda; therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives this day assembled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, hereby renews its pledge of cooperation with farmers for more liberal legislation in the field of rural electrification; and be it further

Resolved, That if said House of Representatives is thwarted by the present administration from the accomplishment of this end of a more liberal program, then the House of Representatives hereby pledges to defeat any attempt by the power interests or the present administration to destroy or minimize the benefits of the Act of 1937.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### COMMUNICATION

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication which was read by the Clerk:

Mrs. Frank J. Atkins is deeply grateful to the members of the House of Representatives for the kind expression of sympathy.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Speaker laid before the House the following communications and petitions.

##### TEACHER'S SALARY

A petition from the West Mead Salary Committee, Cochran, "urging and recommending respectful salary for licensed professional teachers."

Referred to the Committee on Education.

##### TAX ABATEMENT

A communication from West Branch Bank and Trust Company, Williamsport, favoring passage of House Bill No. 155 abating taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

##### SAUSAGE LAW

A communication from John J. Felin & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, protesting passage of House Bill No. 7.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation.

##### WORK RELIEF

A communication from R. B. Mateer, Philadelphia, protesting repeal or modification of Pierson Bill.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

##### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A communication from Andrew Vogler, Media, requesting amendment to Old Age Assistance Act.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

##### MOTHERS ASSISTANCE

A communication from Mrs. Edith Kennedy, Philadelphia, requesting consideration of an amendment to Mothers Assistance Act.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

##### BUDGET UNIT RULE

A communication from the Legal Aid Society of Philadel-

phia, requesting hearings and urging amendment of "Budget Unit Rule."

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

#### ELECTIONS

Communications from citizens of Philadelphia, urging defeat of Senate Bill No. 78.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

#### REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA SAVING FUND SOCIETY

The SPEAKER laid before the House the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Annual Statement of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society.

(For report see Appendix)

#### DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK

The SPEAKER laid before the House the One Hundred Seventy-first Semi-annual Report of The Dollar Savings Bank, Pittsburgh and the list of depositors as of January 31, 1941 who have not made a deposit within two years and whose dividends have not been entered upon their pass books.

(For report and list see Appendix)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. On next Tuesday evening February 18th at 8:30 P. M., the biennial reception given by the Governor to the Members of the General Assembly and their wives will be held. The Chair wishes to remind the Members to bring their wives with them next week.

The House History for this week contains a list of the Standing Committees and the rooms in which they will hold their meetings.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent leave of absence was granted as follows:

Mr. HALL for himself after tonight's session for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Woodside for Mr. ECKELS for the week on account of illness.

Mr. Woodside for Mr. HABBYSHAW for the week.

Mr. Nagel for Mr. McLANAHAN for the week on account of illness.

Mr. Falkenstein for Mr. SAMUEL ROSE on account of illness.

Mr. Falkenstein for Mr. FINNERTY for the remainder of the week on account of illness.

#### RESOLUTION RE-REFERRED

Mr. ACHTERMAN returned from the Committee on Rules with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary General House Resolution No. 9.

The SPEAKER. The resolution is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

Mr. GALLAGHER from the committee on Mines and Mining reported as committed House Resolution No. 1.

#### SENATE MESSAGE

#### TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk of the Senate being introduced presented an extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 10, 1941.

Resolved, (if the House of Representatives concur), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, February 17, 1941, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., and when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, February 17, 1941, at 9:00 o'clock p. m.

Ordered, That the Clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

It was unanimously concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. WOODSIDE. HOUSE BILL No. 262.

An Act making a deficiency appropriation to the Department of Public Assistance for the purpose of carrying out the Public Assistance Law, for the two fiscal years ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WOODSIDE. HOUSE BILL No. 263.

An Act transferring money from the Motor License Fund to the General Fund; and providing for the subsequent return from the General Fund of the transferred money.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced: Building & Loan, Monday, immediately after recess in Room 330.

Military Affairs, immediately after recess in the Conference Room at the rear of the Hall of the House.

Public Utilities, immediately after recess in Room 324.

Ways & Means, immediately after recess in Room 326.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER. If there is no objection the Chair is about to declare a recess for the purpose of holding Committee meetings. The Chair hears none, and declares a recess for forty-five minutes.

#### AFTER RECESS

The SPEAKER. The time of recess having expired the House will be in order.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. HABERLEN, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 228, entitled:

An Act to reenact and amend the title and the act, approved the fourteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (P. L. 349), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide revenue by imposing a State tax upon

sales of cigarettes by dealers as herein defined; requiring persons engaged in the sale of cigarettes at wholesale and retail to secure permits; prescribing the method and manner of collecting such tax; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Revenue, and persons, as herein defined, engaged in the sale of cigarettes at retail or wholesale; and providing penalties," as previously reenacted and amended, by extending the provisions of the act for a further limited period of time.

Mr. O'CONNOR, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 229, entitled:

To further amend section four of the act, approved the twenty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred 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 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 imposing and continuing the additional emergency tax on liquid fuels for a further limited period of time.

Mr. BURNS, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 230, entitled:

An Act to reenact and amend the title and the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (P. L. 414), entitled "An act to provide revenue for State purposes; imposing taxes upon certain classes of personal property; providing for the assessment, collection, and lien of the same, and the distribution of the proceeds thereof; imposing duties on executors, administrators, registers of wills, recorders of deeds, prothonotaries, and court clerks, and on persons, copartnerships, associations, banks, national banks, trust companies, and other corporations receiving deposits of money, and on certain corporations and limited partnerships; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State officers and departments; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation," as previously reenacted and amended, by continuing the State personal property tax and the emergency rate of tax on scrip bonds, certificates and evidence of indebtedness, assumed or on which interest is paid by corporations, for further limited period of time.

Mr. GATES, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 231, entitled:

An Act to reenact and amend the title and the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (P. L. 208), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide revenue for State purposes by imposing an excise tax, for a limited period of time, on the net incomes of certain corporations, joint stock associations, and limited partnerships; providing for the assessment, collection, settlement and resettlement of taxes, and reviews and appeal therefrom; conferring powers, and imposing duties on certain persons, corporations, joint-stock associations, limited partnerships, State and county officers, boards, and departments; making an appropriation; and providing penalties," as previously reenacted and amended, by extending the provisions of the act for a further limited period of time.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 232, entitled:

An Act to further amend the act, approved the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred eighty-nine (P. L. 420), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to provide revenue by taxation,' approved the seventh day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine," by increasing for a further limited period of time the rate of tax imposed by the act upon the gross receipts of certain companies, limited partnerships, associations, joint-stock associations, copartnerships and persons.

Mr. SCHWAB, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 233, entitled:

An Act to further amend section one of the act, approved the thirteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred seven (P. L. 640), entitled "An act to provide revenue by levying a tax upon the shares of stock of companies incorporated under the provisions of section twenty-nine of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations,' approved April twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and the supplements thereto; for the insurance of owners of real estate, mortgages, and others interested in real estate, from loss by reason of defective titles, liens, and encumbrances; and of companies entitled to the benefits of, and of companies having any of the powers of, companies entitled to the benefits of an act, entitled 'An act conferring upon certain fidelity, insurance, safety deposit, trust, and savings companies the powers and privileges of companies incorporated under the provisions of section twenty-nine of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations,' approved April twenty-ninth, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and of the supplements thereto,' approved June twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, commonly known as title insurance or trust companies," by continuing the increased rate of tax for a further limited period of time, and reducing the rate of tax after such limited period of time.

Mr. COOPER, from the Committee on Ways and Means reported as Committed, House Bill No. 234, entitled:

An Act to further amend section one of the act, approved the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred ninety-seven (P. L. 292), entitled "An act to provide revenue by taxation," by increasing the rate of tax for a further limited period of time.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Ways and Means reported as Committed, House Bill No. 235, entitled:

An Act to reenact and amend the title and the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six (Special Session of one thousand nine hundred thirty-six P. L. 13), entitled "An act imposing an emergency State tax for a limited period of time on liquor, as herein defined, sold by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the collection and payment of such tax; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board," as previously reenacted and amended, by extending the provisions thereof for a further limited period of time.

Mr. MARKS, from the Committee on Public Utilities reported as Committed, House Bill No. 203, entitled:

An Act to amend section two, and to further amend sections three, four, nine and eleven of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (P. L. 463), entitled as amended "An act providing for the incorporation, as bodies corporate and politic, of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties, and townships; defining the same; prescribing the rights, powers, and duties of such Authorities; authorizing such

Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and for other purposes," by defining the term "commission"; by changing the method by which notice of the formation of a municipal authority shall be made public; and by limiting the power of an authority to engage in the acquisition or operation of a public utility, by requiring approval of the Public Utility Commission.

Mr. FINESTONE, from the Committee on Public Utilities, reported as Committed, House Bill No. 222, entitled:

An Act to reenact and further amend the title and the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1053), entitled, "An act relating to the regulation of public utilities; defining as public utilities certain corporations, companies, associations, and persons; providing for the regulation of public utilities, including, to a limited extent, municipalities engaging in public utility business, by prescribing, defining, and limiting their duties, powers, and liabilities, and regulating the exercise, surrender or abandonment of their powers, privileges, and franchises; defining and regulating contract carriers by motor vehicle and brokers in order to regulate effectively common carriers by motor vehicle; conferring upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the power and duty of supervising and regulating persons, associations, companies, and corporations, including, to a limited extent, municipal corporations subject to this act, and administering the provisions of this act; authorizing the commission to fix temporary rates; placing the burden of proof on public utilities to sustain their rates and certain other matters; authorizing a permissive or mandatory sliding scale method of regulating rates; providing for the supervision of financial and contractual relations between public utilities and affiliated interests, and supervision and regulation of accounts and securities or obligations issued, or kept by persons, associations, companies, corporations or municipal corporations subject to this act; conferring upon the commission power to vary, reform, or revise certain contracts; conferring upon the commission the exclusive power to regulate or order the construction, alteration, relocation, protection, or abolition of crossings of facilities of public utilities, and of such facilities by or over public highways, to appropriate property for the construction or improvement of such crossings, and to award or apportion resultant costs and damages; authorizing owners of such property to sue the Commonwealth for such damages; providing for ejectment proceedings in connection with the appropriation of property for crossings; conferring upon the commission power to control and regulate budgets of public utilities; imposing upon persons, associations, companies, and corporations (except municipal corporations) subject to regulation, the cost of administering this act; prescribing and regulating practice and procedure before the commission and procedure for review by the courts of commission action; giving the court of common pleas of Dauphin County exclusive original jurisdiction over certain proceedings; prescribing penalties, fines, and imprisonment for violations of the provisions of

this act and regulations and orders for the commission, and the procedure for enforcing such fines and penalties; and repealing legislation supplied and superseded by or inconsistent with this act" by changing the definition of corporation to include municipal authorities engaged in rendering a public utility service, and regulating such municipal authorities.

### RESOLUTION

#### EXTENDING THANKS TO SECRETARY OF PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

Mr. TURNER offered a privileged resolution which was read, considered and adopted as follows:

In the House of Representatives, February 10, 1941.

Whereas, By reason of the growing demand for office space, the administrative and fiscal offices had over a period of time encroached upon much of the space in the main Capitol building originally intended for and assigned to the legislative departments of the State government; and upon completion of the new Finance Building, these quarters were restored to much needed legislative use; and

Whereas, At the last session of the General Assembly, an appropriation was made to the Department of Property and Supplies for the cost of alterations, furnishings and necessary improvements on this space in the main Capitol building, which alterations, furnishings and improvements have now been completed in a most satisfactory and commendable manner through the tireless efforts of the Secretary of Property and Supplies and the able assistants in his department; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby extends sincerest thanks to Captain Roger W. Rowland and the deputies and attaches of the Department of Property and Supplies for their wholehearted cooperation in remodeling, decorating and furnishing the House caucus room, the offices of the Speaker and the Chief Clerk, and the various committee rooms for the use of House committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Captain Rowland.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:

Agriculture, Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10:30 a. m. in Room 329.  
Counties, Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 11:30 a. m. in Room 521.  
Judiciary General, Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10 a. m. in Room 246.

Labor, Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10 a. m. in Room 522.

Railroads & Railways, Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 11 a. m. in Room 522.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, February 11, 1941, at 1 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 10.25 p. m.) the House adjourned.