

pator stands forth as one who fully sensed the service commanded alike by the laws of man and God—his greatness revealed in the practice of justice—of patriotism—of mercy—in the utter forgetfulness of self and gloriously pictured to us in those memorable words “with malice toward none, with charity for all.” What a contrast between the sublime character of the Emancipator and the Dictator who imposes his iron will on millions of people today. He makes slaves in the hope that they will build for him an economic and a physical empire. The two philosophies are, of course, absolutely incompatible. The contrast can be carried on, but you will have to do so yourselves. We revere the memory today of an American Patriot in his complete devotion to his Government and its Constitution, his greatness of soul rose above patriotism and acknowledged the right of every human being made in God’s image to his personal act of kindness and mercy not as an act of grace from a mighty ruler but as a service to God and Humanity. Men with the spirit of Lincoln will keep us humble and strong.

I shall conclude by reciting the following poem by Dr. Spencer M. Free of DuBois and Clearfield County, who passed on last year.

#### LINCOLN

He now is a part of the ages  
Who once was a mortal like you,  
With joys and with sorrows and duties  
And often his skies were not blue.  
But ever through all of life’s trials  
His faith in his God was supreme;  
No matter how black were the storm-clouds,  
He held to his beautiful dream.  
That doing one’s best every moment  
And leaving the outcome with God,  
Our lives would be truly worthwhile now  
And after we’re put ’neath the sod.  
And today he looks down upon earth’s folks,  
No longer his countenance sad;  
And, seeing us walk in his footsteps,  
His soul will forever be glad.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Mr. Reed.

Mr. REED. Mr. President and members of the Senate, the private life and training of Abraham Lincoln, I believe, is considered by everyone today as very unique, as we compare those times with these streamlined times we live in today.

Here was a man, Mr. President, born in a log cabin, trained in the open by hard and vigorous toil, with few opportunities, and yet during his whole course he traveled upward. As has already been stated, he had little school training, he had no high school training, he had no college training, he had no university training, but he was taught by a good mother the simple and old-fashioned American principles that governed life at that time. He early learned to absorb the old-fashioned American philosophy of the father, devotion to God and the practice of virtue among men. It made no difference how high and lofty was his ascent thereafter, he never departed from this course. He became a lawyer and loved the work, and if we had time, we could discuss this phase of his life with interest at great length. He loved to speak before juries where he used very simple and yet convincing arguments. He loved politics and he ran and was elected to the United States Congress. Later he ran against the Little Giant, Stephen A. Douglas, for the United States Senate and while he was

defeated, he laid the foundation which later made him president.

In the west, Mr. President, he was well known at that time, because he loved to mingle with the people, and finally as is always the case, his power began to spread toward the centers of population in the east and he was invited to make a speech before the educated people of New York, and that famous address made at Cooper’s Institute will go down in history as one of the great speeches made by American orators.

Then, Mr. President, we come to that part of his life where the selection of a President came uppermost in the minds of the American people, and the politicians of that day did not want Abraham Lincoln, because at that time politics was organized just as it is today, and because of his independence, because of his lofty thoughts, because of his welfare for the American people, the politicians of his party opposed him, but the urge of the people was so strong that no one could prevent his nomination. He was elected President, as the Senator on the other side has stated, at a time when the country was in great difficulty, and yet by the same course, by the course of devotion to God and the practice of virtue among men, he steered this Republic back into the course fixed by the Father.

Mr. President, and members of the Senate, he was a man who loved the people from the top of society down to the bottom, with malice toward no one, and with love and charity towards all. He is dead. He died on the altar of sacrifice for his country, as did thousands of others of his time, but his name will live forever in the hearts of the American people.

Mr. President, we honor him in words today. Let us go a little further. Let us take inspiration from the simple and noble life of Abraham Lincoln, and at this critical period in our national life, firmly resolve to unselfishly dedicate our service to our deserving country. Let us say individually with one of our outstanding American poets:

“Build thee more stately mansions, O, my soul.  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave Thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell  
By life’s unresting sea!”

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

Mr. KEPHART. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make report from committee at this time.

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

Mr. KEPHART, from the Committee on Judiciary General reported as amended, Senate Bill No. 40, entitled:

An Act to further amend paragraph (e), of section five hundred and three 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 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 petitioners for refunds to appeal from decisions of the Board of Finance and Revenue to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County.

with the understanding that it be recommitted to the same committee after second reading.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. WALKER. Mr. President, I wish to make an announcement.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Allegheny may proceed.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. President, for the information of my colleagues in the Senate I would like to announce that action on the resolution introduced last Tuesday, February fourth, by Senator Jaspan has been deferred or postponed, at the request of the sponsor of the resolution, until next week.

#### MOTION TO READ BILLS THE FIRST TIME

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to the first reading of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's session.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. President, I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 9, entitled:

An Act concerning the permanent recordation of certain births, birth certificates, the issuance of copies of such certificates, and prescribing the procedure therefor; enlarging the powers and duties of the Department of Health and the Bureau of Vital Statistics; and increasing the duties of certain county officials.

And said bill having been read at length the first time, Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 40, entitled:

An Act to further amend paragraph (e), of section fi hundred and three 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 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 petitioners for refunds to appeal from decisions of the Board of Finance and Revenue to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County.

And said bill having been read at length the first time, Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, February 17, 1941, at 4:00 o'clock, p. m.

Mr. FARRELL. Mr. President, I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4:58 o'clock, p. m., until Monday, February 17, 1941, at 4:00 o'clock, p. m.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, February 11, 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:

Gracious God, help us to do good as we have opportunity. May we be alive and alert to the duties and privileges of today. As we come to realize that we pass this way but once, may we seek to do good to all men, regardless of race or creed or color.

Give us grace to fulfill the desires of Thy great will. Help us to make the most of this one passing day. Keep us ever in Thy favor, we ask in Thy 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. MARKS, unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. PETTIT and POLEN. HOUSE BILL No. 264.

An Act making all fines, imposed by justices of the peace having jurisdiction for violations of the Game Law, the Fish Law, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Act, and the laws relating to dogs payable to the county treasurer of the county where the prosecution was had, for the use of such county.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. NORMAN WOOD. HOUSE BILL No. 265.

An Act making appropriations for aid to free public non-sectarian county libraries, and for the purchase and transportation of books.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RUSH. HOUSE BILL No. 266.

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

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. DOLON. HOUSE BILL No. 267.

An Act making an appropriation to aid certain school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BOORSE. HOUSE BILL No. 268.

An Act making an appropriation from the State Stores Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board, to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employees receiving compensation from the State Stores Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. CADWALADER. HOUSE BILL No. 269.

An Act making an appropriation from the Banking Department Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employees receiving compensation from the Banking Department Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. PETTIT and POLEN. HOUSE BILL No. 270.

An Act to amend section five of the act, approved the twenty-second day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four (3 Sm. L. 177), entitled "An act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation," by further defining gaming, and revising penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. DALYRYMPLE. HOUSE BILL No. 271.

An Act to further amend section two thousand five hundred sixty-three of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto" changing the penalties and interest imposed for the non-payment of taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Third Class.

By Mr. WINNER. HOUSE BILL No. 272.

An Act to further amend paragraph (e) of section five hundred and three of the act approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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; effecting 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 petitioners for refunds to appeal from decisions of the Board of Finance and Revenue to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEYDIC. HOUSE BILL No. 273.

An Act to further amend section fourteen of article four of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws 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," permitting shot-firers to carry head lamps of an approved type.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. LEYDIC. HOUSE BILL No. 274.

An Act to further amend section three of article 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," permitting fire hoses to carry electric head lamps under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. HOLLAND. HOUSE BILL No. 275.

An Act to repeal the act, approved the fourteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 710) entitled "An act allowing and regulating boxing, sparring, and wrestling matches and exhibitions; establishing a State Athletic Commission; making an appropriation therefor; and appropriating moneys received for monument and memorial purposes; and prescribing penalties," and its amendments in so far as they apply to wrestling matches and exhibitions.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. HAINES. HOUSE BILL No. 276.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies, for the payment of rates, rentals, and other charges that may become due on leases and other contracts executed by The Pennsylvania State College with The General State Authority for the use and occupancy by such college of the various projects, structures, buildings, and facilities of the Authority or for the services rendered by the Authority or its projects.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. POLEN and PETTIT. HOUSE BILL No. 277.

An Act to further amend subsection seven of section one thousand two hundred ten 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," by increasing the minimum salaries of teachers in fourth class school districts, and requiring the Commonwealth to make certain payments on account of such salaries.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. FISS. HOUSE BILL No. 278.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Highways out of the Motor License Fund for the purpose of rebuilding county bridges carried away or destroyed by fire, flood or other casualty, and of carrying out the provisions of existing laws relating thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HARMUTH. HOUSE BILL No. 279.

An Act requiring school districts to progressively reduce their tax rate on real estate; and providing that the Commonwealth shall pay to the school districts the amount of such annual loss in revenue.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. BROWN and SHEPARD.  
HOUSE BILL No. 280.

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of the College of Lincoln University, Chester County.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BOIES. HOUSE BILL No. 281.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Labor and Industry, for the rehabilitation of the deaf and hard of hearing and for the purpose of matching additional federal funds.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. PETTIT and POLEN. HOUSE BILL No. 282.

Extending the jurisdiction of alderman and justices of the peace in certain times.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Messrs. PETTIT and POLEN. HOUSE BILL No. 283.

To amend section one thousand eight hundred forty-six 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 redefining libel by anonymous publication, and removing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. STANK. HOUSE BILL No. 284.

Making an appropriation, from the Motor License Fund, to the Department of Property and Supplies for the payment of the costs incurred by that Department in acting as purchasing agent for the Department of Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. COOPER. HOUSE BILL No. 285.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies for printing, binding, and distributing the

annual proceedings of the encampments and conventions of certain war veteran organizations.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PETTIT and WILLIAMS HOUSE BILL NO. 286.

An Act to amend subdivision (b) of article three 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," authorizing prothonotaries and clerks of courts to organize themselves into a State association; and to provide for the payment of certain expenses incident thereto by their respective counties.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. FLETCHER. HOUSE BILL No. 287.

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

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. O'DARE. HOUSE BILL No. 288.

An Act making an appropriation to the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. CORDIER. HOUSE BILL No. 289.

An Act making a deficiency appropriation to aid certain school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. NUNEMACHER. HOUSE BILL No. 290.

An Act making an appropriation of moneys in the Motor License Fund to the board of Finance and Revenue for the payment of the Loan and Transfer Agent of the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WOLF. HOUSE BILL No. 291.

An Act making appropriations for aid to free public non-sectarian county libraries, and for the purchase and transportation of books.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PRESLEY N. JONES. HOUSE BILL No. 292.

An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers by railroad to furnish employees with certain signal devices.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and Railways.

By Messrs. MORAN and GATES. HOUSE BILL No. 293.

An Act abolishing taxes on real estate for school purposes, except such as may be necessary for funded debt purposes, and for maintenance of school buildings and grounds.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. CORDIER. HOUSE BILL No. 294.

An Act making an appropriation to aid certain school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RAUSCH.

HOUSE BILL No. 295.

An Act to abolish occupation taxes, prohibiting the imposition of such taxes by the political subdivisions of this Commonwealth, and repealing general, local and special laws inconsistent herewith.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN. HOUSE BILL No. 296.

An Act making an appropriation to the Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School, Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TURNER. HOUSE BILL No. 297.

An Act making an appropriation to the General State Authority, to defray the costs and expenses of said Authority in connection with the organization, administration, and operation thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. JAMES. HOUSE BILL NO. 298.

Making an appropriation to Sleighton Farm School for Girls, situate in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. McINTOSH. HOUSE BILL NO. 299.

Making an appropriation to the several fire companies of the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. POLASKI. HOUSE BILL NO. 300.

Making an appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the public roads and improving and replacing bridges thereon, through the Cornplanter Indian Reservation, in Elk Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RUSH. HOUSE BILL NO. 301.

Making an appropriation to Sleighton Farm School for Girls, situate in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL NO. 302

To add section two hundred thirteen to the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by making it a crime to refuse to require school children to salute the flag of the United States.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. HIRSCH. HOUSE BILL NO. 303.

Establishing as State highways all existing township roads in townships of the first and second class which have not heretofore been established as State highways; authorizing their construction, maintenance and improvement under certain conditions and restrictions; and authorizing the Secretary of Highways under certain conditions to petition the court of quarter sessions to vacate certain of said roads.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

By Mr. McFALL. HOUSE BILL NO. 304.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Welfare to pay for the care, treatment, removal, and maintenance

of the indigent insane in county and institutional district hospitals.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RUSH. HOUSE BILL NO. 305.

Making an appropriation to the Elwyn Training School, at Elwyn, in the County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and prescribing certain conditions upon which the appropriation will be available to the school.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. VAN ALLSBURG. HOUSE BILL NO. 306.

To add clause (f) to section one thousand and 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," requiring operators of vehicles to stop and to proceed slowly and with caution when overtaking a school bus stopped to load or discharge pupils; and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. MORAN. HOUSE BILL NO. 307.

To prohibit the possession and use of certain gases and weapons for the suppression of riots and tumults, or in connection with labor disputes, providing penalties, and providing for certain exemptions.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL NO. 308.

To further amend the first paragraph of subsection (a) 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," terminating the contracts of all professional employes who refuse to require pupils to salute the flag of the United States.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. LLOYD H. WOOD. HOUSE BILL NO. 309.

Making an appropriation from the State Workmen's Insurance Fund to the State Employee's Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employee's Retirement System with respect to State employes receiving compensation from the State Workmen's Insurance Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BAUGHER.

HOUSE BILL NO. 310.

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

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MORAN.

HOUSE BILL NO. 311.

An Act to further amend section five hundred and forty-seven of the act approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," extending the period in which auditors shall complete their audit.

Referred to the Committee on Townships.

By Mr. HIRSCH.

HOUSE BILL NO. 312.

An act to amend clause (e) of section five of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (P. L. 1045), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a Bureau of Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Industry, and conferring upon the Commissioner of Labor and Industry the power to supervise and direct the rendering of certain physically handicapped persons fit to engage in remunerative occupations; providing for the appointment of a chief of the bureau, subordinate officers, and employes, and furnishing suitable accommodations; and making an appropriation," by providing for furnishing artificial limbs to children over ten years of age.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. THOMAS H. LEE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 313.

An Act making an appropriation to the Moore Institute of Art, Science and Industry, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MARKS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 314.

An act to repeal certain local laws relating to The Berks County Prison and relating to the Board of Prison Inspectors and Prison Inspectors of said prison.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. POWERS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 315.

An Act regulating the storage of abandoned or junked automobiles and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

By Mr. JAMES.

HOUSE BILL No. 316.

An Act authorizing certain officers on active duty with the armed forces of the United States to act as notaries public; and requiring certification of their authority.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. TAYLOR and DAVID P. REESE.

HOUSE BILL No. 317.

An Act making an appropriation to the several fire companies of the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. POWERS.

HOUSE BILL No. 318.

An Act creating licensing zones for the sale of liquor and malt or brewed beverages; regulating the hours thereof; and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. LLOYD H. WOOD.

HOUSE BILL No. 319.

An Act to further amend section one of the act, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (P. L. 275), entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of county and city inspectors of weights and measures providing for their compensation and expenses; prescribing their duties; prohibiting vendors from giving false or insufficient weights and fixing the penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof," allowing inspectors their expenses in attending State conventions of sealers of weights and measures.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. BROWN.

HOUSE BILL No. 320.

An Act to amend section one of the act approved the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine (P. L. 387), entitled "An act to authorize execution of process in certain cases in equity, concerning property within the jurisdiction of the court, and on defendants not resident or found therein," authorizing execution of process in certain cases for the perpetuation of testimony.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. POWERS.

HOUSE BILL No. 321.

An Act to amend section six hundred and seven 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," providing for the issuing of operators' licenses in different colors according to operating records.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. BRETH.

HOUSE BILL No. 322.

An Act making an appropriation from the Game Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employes receiving compensation from the Game Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. GEORGE E. JONES and AUKER.

HOUSE BILL No. 323.

An Act to further amend section three hundred one 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 alcoholic and alcoholic and malt or brewed beverage, 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 the 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," prohibiting State Liquor Stores in municipalities having voted against the granting of liquor licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. TARR. HOUSE BILL No. 324.

An act providing for special vocational, trade, industrial, and commercial schools and classes and occupational adjustment offices through public school districts, and in cooperation with employment and reemployment offices for the training, retaining, instruction, and adjustment of unemployed persons over forty years of age in order to enable them to enter or reenter employment, giving preference to war veterans; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GEORGE E. JONES. HOUSE BILL No. 325.

An Act authorizing boards of school directors to permit the use of vehicles used for transportation of pupils, for educational trips and other school activities.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Messrs. MOUL and NORMAN WOOD.  
HOUSE BILL No. 326.

To amend section four as amended, and 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 and 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 exempting from such tax liquid fuels used for the operation of motor boats and aircraft, and the operation of tractors used exclusively for agricultural purposes, and providing refunds of taxes paid on such liquid fuel.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. BURNS. HOUSE BILL No. 327.

Authorizing and directing the Department of Military Affairs to compile, edit, publish and distribute books, listing the names of the veterans of the wars and expeditions in which the United States has engaged; authorizing said department to procure and accept a Federal Works Progress Administration grant; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Messrs. GEORGE E. JONES and AUKER.  
HOUSE BILL No. 328.

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies

to acquire on behalf of the Commonwealth certain land upon which the historic Fort Roberdeau once stood in Blair County, as a memorial; providing for the control, management, supervision, restoration and maintenance thereof; authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical Commission to make and enforce rules and regulations for the preservation and visitation thereof, and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. GEORGE E. JONES and COOK.  
HOUSE BILL No. 329.

To further amend the definition of "Restaurant" in section two, and section four hundred eleven of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred 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," eliminating some of the requirements heretofore imposed upon restaurant licensees, and giving certain political subdivisions the power to fix the hours when liquor and malt and brewed beverages may be lawfully sold within their boundaries.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. WILLIAMS. HOUSE BILL No. 330.

To add subsection twenty-eight to section one thousand two hundred ten of article twelve 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 violations thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collection of such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," requiring the Commonwealth to set aside and pay to school districts of the first, second and third classes, fifty per centum of the total minimum increments of salary required by law to be paid the respective professional employees in such districts.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL No. 331.

Abating certain tax penalties, interests and costs on county, city, borough, town, township, school district, poor district, and institution district taxes; prohibiting the sale of real property for the nonpayment of any such taxes for a certain period; and preserving certain tax liens, and providing for the extension thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL No. 332.

An Act to amend the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by providing that embezzlement or cheating by fraudulent pretense, as

defined in this act, of any property in the amount of one hundred dollars or less shall be a misdemeanor; and imposing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. TARR. HOUSE BILL No. 333.

An Act making an appropriation from the Fish Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employes receiving compensation from the Fish Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN. HOUSE BILL No. 334.

An Act to further amend sections four hundred three, four hundred four, four hundred nine and four 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," further regulating and amending the issuing of new licenses, renewal licenses and transfers and the suspension and revocation thereof, hearings and appeals thereon; providing for temporary licenses and for appeals to the Superior Court, and providing that an application for a liquor license by the holder of a retail dispensers' malt beverage license shall be deemed a transfer of an existing license.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. HIRSCH. HOUSE BILL No. 335.

To safeguard life, health and property; defining, regulating and licensing contractors and journeymen engaged in the business of painting, paperhanging and decorating; fixing license fees; providing for the revocation of such licenses and appeals therefrom; creating the Painting and Paperhanging Licensing Board as a departmental administrative board in the Department of Labor and Industry, and conferring powers and imposing duties thereon; providing penalties and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. AUKER. HOUSE BILL No. 336.

To amend the title and the act approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and forty (Act No. 11), entitled "An act to facilitate vehicular traffic between the eastern and western sections of the Commonwealth by providing for the construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a point at or near Middlesex in Cumberland County to a point at the City of Philadelphia and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such turnpike; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the turnpike; making such turnpike bonds exempt from taxation;

constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; requiring suits against the commission to be brought in Dauphin County; prescribing conditions upon which such turnpike shall become free; providing for grade separations, grades changes and relocation and restoration of public roads and State highways affected by the turnpike; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; and authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding bonds," further prescribing the purposes for which tolls shall be collected and authorizing the Public Utility Commission to give certain assistance relative thereto; providing for the collection of tolls by the Department of Highways after the turnpike becomes part of the State highway system; making the said bonds issued by the commission subject to taxation; and further regulating the manner of bringing suit against the commission.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. YEAKEL and STOCKHAM.  
HOUSE BILL No. 337.

An Act providing for the creation, maintenance and operation of a county employes retirement system in counties of the fifth class; and imposing certain charges on counties.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. AUKER. HOUSE BILL No. 338.

An Act to amend the title and act approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousands nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 774), entitled "An act to facilitate vehicular traffic between the eastern and western sections of the Commonwealth by providing for the construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a point at or near Middlesex in Cumberland County to a point at or near Irwin in Westmoreland County; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and conferring powers and imposing duties on said commission; authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds on the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to apply the cost of such turnpike; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the turnpike; making such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such turnpike shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; and authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding bonds," further prescribing the purposes for which tolls shall be collected, authorizing the Public Utility Commission to give certain assistance relative thereto; and providing for the collection of toll by the Department of Highways, after the said turnpike become part of the State highway system.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 339.

An Act relating to and authorizing compromise settlements of delinquent taxes by the various political subdivisions, for sums less than the amount due and in certain cases, private sales of real property purchased by them at tax sales.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. VOORHEES. HOUSE BILL No. 340.

An Act to repeal section twenty-nine, to amend section thirty-one, and to repeal section thirty-two of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 207), entitled "An act providing when, how, upon what property, and to what extent, liens shall be allowed for taxes and for municipal im-



provements, for the removal of nuisances, and for water rents or rates, sewer rates, and lighting rates; for the procedure upon claims filed therefor; the methods for preserving such liens and enforcing payment of such claims; the effect of judicial sales of the properties liened; the distribution of the proceeds of such sales, and the redemption of the property therefrom; for the lien and collection of certain taxes heretofore assessed, and of claims for municipal improvements made and nuisances removed, within six months before the passage of this act; and for the procedure on tax and municipal claims filed under other and prior acts of Assembly," further regulating the sale of real property for the nonpayment of tax and municipal claims; providing for the discharge of all liens, mortgages and claims against such property by such sale, and eliminating the right of redemption after such sales.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. EDWIN A. LEE. HOUSE BILL No. 341.

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of Temple University, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. IMBRIE. HOUSE BILL No. 342.

An Act making an appropriation from the Fish Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employes receiving compensation from the Fish Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. EDWIN A. LEE. HOUSE BILL No. 343.

An Act making an appropriation to the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, located at East Falls, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. IMBRIE. HOUSE BILL No. 344.

An Act making an appropriation from the Game Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employes receiving compensation from the Game Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. EDWIN A. LEE. HOUSE BILL No. 345.

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RONALD L. THOMPSON. HOUSE BILL No. 346.

An Act creating a State Advisory Council consisting of members elected by organizations of professions, business, industry, trades, labor and civic organizations; providing for its organization; prescribing its powers and duties; and imposing duties on the Joint State Government Commission and on the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. PRESLEY N. JONES. HOUSE BILL No. 347.

An Act making an appropriation from the Banking Department Fund to the State Employees' Retirement Board to meet the obligations of the Commonwealth to the State Employees' Retirement System with respect to State employes receiving compensation from the Banking Department Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GERARD.

HOUSE BILL No. 348.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Welfare, to pay for the care, treatment, removal, and maintenance of the indigent insane in The Dixmont Hospital, at Dixmont, Allegheny County.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GERARD.

HOUSE BILL No. 349.

An Act to authorize cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, and school districts to file suggestions of non-payment and averments of default, or to sue out writs of scire facias on certain tax or municipal claims, and to revive judgments where the lien of such claims or the judgments thereon have been lost; and providing for the reinstatement of the liens of such claims and judgments.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. LEYDIC.

HOUSE BILL No. 350.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Welfare, to pay for the care, treatment, removal, and maintenance of the indigent insane in the Dixmont Hospital, at Dixmont, Allegheny County.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. KENEHAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 351.

Making an appropriation to the Johnson Industrial School of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WALTER E. ROSE (By request).

HOUSE BILL No. 352.

To further amend clause 111 of section seven hundred and two of the act approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, (P. L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by clarifying the provisions of said clause and further providing that such townships may acquire a water supply system and pay for and maintain the same by tax levy.

Referred to the Committee on Townships.

By Mr. MATTHEW J. WELSH. HOUSE BILL No. 353.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Military Affairs, for the maintenance and education of children of soldiers, sailors, marines, female field clerks, yeomen (female) and nurses who were killed in action or died during the World War; and conferring certain duties upon the State Veterans' Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. COOPER.

HOUSE BILL No. 354.

Making an appropriation to the Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh, for the general maintenance of and the purchase of apparatus and equipment for the University of Pittsburgh, and the maintenance of teaching facilities in hospitals for students in the school of medicine.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. MIHM and COOPER. HOUSE BILL No. 355.

To provide for the change of object of the corporate existence of beneficial and relief associations as herein defined; and authorizing and providing a mode for the dissolution and surrender of the charter of such associations.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Messrs. COOK and Dalrymple.

HOUSE BILL No. 357.

To facilitate vehicular traffic between the eastern section of the Commonwealth and the ports on Lake Erie, by providing for the construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a point at or near Irwin in Westmoreland County to a point at or near the City of Erie and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such turnpike; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the turnpike; making such turnpike bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; requiring suits against the commission to be brought in Dauphin County; prescribing conditions upon which such turnpike shall become free; providing for grade separations, grade changes and relocation and restoration of public roads and State highways affected by the turnpike; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; and authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

SENATE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the Senate being introduced, presented for concurrence bill numbered and entitled as follows:

SENATE BILL No. 4. (HOUSE BILL No. 356).

An Act to amend and reenact section five hundred and twenty-four of an 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, by limiting to eleven and three-quarter mills the total annual school tax for any one year in school districts of the first class; and prescribing the method of fixing the levy of school taxes in such districts.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. HOLLAND. RESOLUTION No. 17.

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Whereas, The United States is now engaged in building our National Defense to the end that our democratic institutions and ideals may be preserved against the threats of totalitarian powers, and

Whereas, This effort demands the complete cooperation of all groups—government, industry, agriculture and labor—for its successful and speedy execution, and

Whereas, There is definite evidence that the execution of this program of National Defense is lagging because of a lack of proper cooperation and coordination of effort, and

Whereas, There has been presented to the President of the United States and officials of the National Defense Commission a practical plan to effect the highest type of efficiency in production, through the establishment of Industry Councils, and

Whereas, This proposal has come from an important branch of the house of organized labor, the Congress of

Industrial Organizations, through its president, Phillip Murray, and

Whereas, The proposal not only would speed production in the present emergency but would be a vital factor in our economy when this nation must adjust itself to a postwar boom, and

Whereas, Industrial Councils would consist of equal representation of management and organized labor with a government official as chairman—all charged with the duty of coordinating the defense efforts of each industry; and a Defense Board made up of similar representatives whose duty it shall be to coordinate the production facilities of all industry, and

Whereas, This proposal brings into action the collective brains and energies of the nation—all directed toward the common end of speedy and efficient production of national defense materials; be it therefore

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to the end that this plan for Industrial Councils be made an integral part of our National Defense effort, and be it

Further Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and each member of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Congress of the United States.

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Messrs. WEISS and MAXWELL.

RESOLUTION No. 18.

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Whereas, The Governor of the Commonwealth has repeatedly expressed the desire of his administration to provided work for the unemployed; and

Whereas, There are at the present time many unemployed miners in the Herminie Coal District in Westmoreland County; and

Whereas, Such unemployment is due to the fact that the mines in and about the Herminie Coal District are unable to operate, due to the flooded condition of said mines; and

Whereas, In addition thereto, this condition creates a hazard to the miners working in adjacent mines; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth has in the past aided similarly distressed coal districts by pumping water out of the flooded mines in such districts; and

Whereas, The mining of coal constitutes almost the entire industry of the Herminie Coal District, and the operators of such mines are anxious to reopen them when the water has been pumped from said mines; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the proper authorities of this Commonwealth take immediate steps to pump, or to arrange for the pumping of, water from the distressed coal mines in the Herminie Mine District, and to pay for the cost of such work, for the express purpose of providing employment for the coal miners of said district; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health and the Department of Mines of this Commonwealth by the Chief Clerk of this House.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Messrs. HOLLAND and TAYLOR.

(Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 19.

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Whereas, December 15, 1941 will be the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights embodied in the Constitution of the United States as its first ten amendments, and

Whereas, This date, which is ordinarily significant, assumes unusual importance at this particular period in the history of our Nation and of the world, when those fundamental rights are threatened by totalitarian forces abroad and their sympathizers at home, and

Whereas, The American Legion and other veterans' and patriotic organizations and citizens have petitioned this General Assembly to urge suitable action to encourage the promotion of widespread observance of the anniversary, therefore be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur) That the General Assembly memorialize the Congress of the United States to designate December 15, 1941 as a national holiday and authorize the appointment of a Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Commission to sponsor appropriate ceremonies and celebrations upon that day, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House to the President of the United States, each of the presiding officers of the two branches in Congress and to each United States senator and member from this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 20.

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Whereas, A controversy has arisen among some of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and the County Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, relative to the amount of cases disposed of by the County Court of Allegheny County; and

Whereas, It has been suggested by a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas as well as by many of the attorneys practicing before said Court in the County of Allegheny, that to increase the number of Judges in the Court of Common Pleas is the only remedy whereby said Court can take care of the large number of cases coming before it; and

Whereas, It has been suggested that certain legislation be presented to the General Assembly, the intent of which will be to modernize the Court of Common Pleas; and more clearly define the function of the Allegheny County Court; and

Whereas, In order for the General Assembly to ascertain correctly the facts concerning the controversy now existing between certain Judges of the Courts herein mentioned, it is necessary that an impartial investigation of said allegations be made; therefore be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That this General Assembly authorizes the appointment of a joint legislative committee composed of two members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and one member appointed by the President of the Allegheny County Bar Association to make investigation of the allegations concerning the increase in the number of Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to ascertain whether or not the County Court should be abolished or the number of Judges decreased; and to ascertain such other facts bearing on whether or not legislation is needed in order that the said Courts may function more efficiently. The said joint committee shall have the power to hold such hearings in Allegheny County as are necessary, and shall report its findings to this Session of the General Assembly.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. McINTOSH and BAUGHER.

RESOLUTION No. 21.

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Whereas, The farmers of Adams County, Cumberland County and York County have asserted their right to resist unwarranted attempts to deprive them of low electric rates; and

Whereas, Said farmers have shown unusual courage, resourcefulness and solidarity of purpose in a long night vigil and by concerted action have resisted the attempt of the power interests to deprive them of an agency which would afford them low electric light rates; 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 Governor George H. Earle gave to the farmers of Pennsylvania the model Rural Electrification Act of 1937; and

Whereas, The Democratic Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt gave to the farmers of the nation the rural electrification administration for the purpose of establishing a method of securing electric light and power at low rates; now therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives this day assembled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, hereby renews its pledge of cooperation with the farmers of the State of Pennsylvania in an effort to secure for them an extension of rural electrification; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby pledges to resist and to defeat any attempt to destroy or minimize the benefits of the Rural Electrification Act of the 1937 Session.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CORDIER.

RESOLUTION No. 22.

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Whereas, It is recognized that the right of any individual, under the Constitution of the United States, to exercise freedom of thought and of expression shall not be abridged so long as that right does not transcend upon the right of any other individual, and that no minority, regardless how small, shall suffer discrimination politically or economically; and

Whereas, It is likewise recognized that it is not within the intent or the purpose of the "Bill of Rights" to shelter any individual or group of individuals whose determination it is to subvert or sabotage the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, Any moneys paid out of the public funds as salaries, compensation, or relief, should be construed as aiding and abetting the purpose of such individual, so engaged while receiving such funds; therefore be it

Resolved, That such legislation be enacted as will make it mandatory to remove from the payroll of this Commonwealth, or any subdivision thereof, and to prohibit the payment of any public funds, to any individual who shall have been indisputably proven to be an agent of subversive propaganda, and/or does subscribe to any doctrine inimicable to that form of government which it is now our privilege to enjoy under the Constitution of the United States, and/or which doctrine proposes the change of that form of government by any means not provided for under the Constitution (to wit: violence or sabotage), or who does participate in, or is a party to any movement sponsored by, financed in whole or in part, or is in any sense directed by any government other than our own, or any agent of such foreign government.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

#### BILL RE-REFERRED

Mr. SHAW returned from the Committee on Welfare with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special House Bill No. 132, entitled:

An Act to amend section seven hundred twenty-seven of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872) entitled "An act to consolidate amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by providing that a child may not be required to institute a prosecution for abandonment or non-support against its parent or other person charged with its care.

The SPEAKER. The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

Mr. READINGER, from the Committee on Judiciary General, reported as committed, House Bill No. 152, entitled:

An Act to amend section one of the act, approved the thirteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (P. L. 984), entitled "An act relating to transactions between a person acting on his own behalf and the same person acting jointly with others, and to make uniform the law relating thereto," by authorizing conveyances from either husband or wife to husband and wife as tenants by the entireties.

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 and thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred forty-one), 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 229, entitled:

An Act to further amend section four of the act approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-nine), 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 imposing and continuing the additional emergency tax on liquid fuels for a further limited period of time.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred fourteen), 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, na-

tional 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 evidences of indebtedness, assumed or on which interest is paid by corporations, for a further limited period of time.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred eight), 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 232, entitled:

To further amend the act, approved the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred eighty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred twenty), 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 233, entitled:

To further amend section one of the act, approved the thirteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred seven (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred forty), 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred ninety-two), entitled 'An act to provide revenue by taxation,' by increasing the rate of tax for a further limited period of time.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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, Pamphlet Laws thirteen), 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 (Pamphlet Laws four hundred sixty-three), 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, construction, 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 (Pamphlet Laws one thousand fifty-three), 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 the 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 superceded 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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rules Committee immediately after recess.

Agriculture immediately after recess.

Appropriations 1:45 p. m. in Room 327.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER. If there is no objection the Chair is about to declare a recess until 2 p. m. for the purpose of holding Committee meetings. The Chair hears none and declares a recess until 2 p. m.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House reconvened at 2 p. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The SPEAKER laid before the House from the Secretary of Public Assistance a "Report of the property liability provision of the support law and methods of obtaining reimbursement of assistance granted to property owners" in accordance with House Resolution No. 2, adopted February 4, 1941.

The report will be noted in the Journals of the House and printed in the Appendix to the Legislative Journal; also a copy of the report will be delivered to the Committee on Welfare.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. NORMAN WOOD, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 262, entitled:

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.

Mr. NORMAN WOOD, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 263, entitled:

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.

Mr. BURRIS, from the Committee on Agriculture reported as committed House Resolution No. 21.

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

Mr. NORMAN WOOD asked and obtained unanimous consent for the following bills to be read the first time.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 262, entitled:

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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 263, entitled:

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.

And said bill having been read at length the first time,  
Ordered, To be laid aside for second reading.

## RESOLUTION No. 1

Mr. PETROSKY. Mr. Speaker, I desire to call up at this time Resolution No. 1, Printer's No. 2.

The resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:

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.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

## QUESTION OF INQUIRY

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his question.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, is this a joint resolution?

The SPEAKER. This is not a concurrent resolution.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

It was adopted.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to advise that forms for calling Committee meetings have been furnished to Committee Chairmen. Please use them in sending Committee announcements to the desk.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:

Cities-Third Class, Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 11 a. m. in Room 325.

There will be an important caucus of the Rural Democratic Members immediately after adjournment today in Room 326.

## INTERROGATION

Mr. MORAN. I would like to inquire what are rural members?

The SPEAKER. The Chair suggests that the gentleman from Allegheny interrogate a rural member to find out.

Mr. MORAN. I figure I am a rural member myself. But anyone that comes from Philadelphia or Allegheny County regardless of whether they are members or not, are not considered rural members, so I do not know whether I should attend this meeting or not.

The SPEAKER. Let the gentleman's conscience be his guide.

Mr. JAMES. Inasmuch as the gentleman from Allegheny Mr. Moran has professed to be a rural Member, I would like to interrogate him.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Harkins.

Mr. HARKINS. Mr. Speaker, I will yield to the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Moran, if he wants to be interrogated. However, I would like to make an announcement prior to adjournment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Harkins.

#### LINCOLN DAY

Mr. HARKINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the Members of the House to the fact that the Committee which has been appointed to arrange for the Lincoln Day celebration has arranged a very fine program for tomorrow. The program will commence promptly at twelve o'clock noon when the House meets.

Your committee has arranged to have Judge Musmanno from the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County address the House. Judge Musmanno is a former member of the House and a very able lawyer. In addition to that we have the Lincoln University Glee Club which will render several selections. I think the program will be a very fine one, and we would like all of the Members to be present promptly at twelve o'clock noon tomorrow.

#### INTERROGATION

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I am still very much interested in this proposed meeting of rural members.

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise again to say that I would like to interrogate the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Moran.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Moran, permit himself to be interrogated?

Mr. MORAN. I shall, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I should like to know from the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Moran, since he has acknowledged that he is a rural Member, what are the requirements and the qualifications of a rural Member.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, well, I do not know. You do not have to be a Democrat to be a rural Member.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Moran, if you do not have to be a Democrat to be a rural Member, whether or not a Republican can be a rural Member.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, in reply to the interrogation of the gentleman from Delaware County, I would say if the Republican wants to be a rural Member he probably could.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the gentleman from Allegheny whether or not the Republican rural Members will be welcome to this meeting which is proposed.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, not having control of this meeting that is to be convened, not knowing who the personnel of this committee is, nor what a rural Member is, since nobody has defined it to me as yet, I am unable to answer the question of the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. James.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, as a member of this House and entitled to participate in all proper proceedings, and not knowing in this instance whether I am qualified to attend the meeting which has been announced from the forum, I ask you, sir, to make the matter plain. Am I, as a member of this House from Delaware County, entitled to attend this meeting of rural Members?

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I believe that Mr. James would be eligible to attend that meeting if he would change his registration from Republican to Democratic.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. HABERLEN, asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. Speaker of the House, as the gentlemen from Allegheny and Delaware Counties seem to be at odds as to what constitutes a rural member, and seem not to be able to agree, and as I happen to be a farmer myself, I would say, if either one of the gentlemen can produce two and one-half or three gallons of milk from some good cow, I would say he would be a rural Member.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, this question as to what is a rural Member seems to have taxed the intelligence of the House. Mr. Moran said what he did not have to be, that is, he did not have to be a Democrat. The gentleman from Westmoreland said if he could produce milk he was a rural Member, but I know quite a lot of the members who have been here during the past sixteen years, since I have been a member, who could produce milk.

Mr. NAGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct an error.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, will the Chair exclude the gentleman from the floor?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Beaver is out of order. The gentleman from Delaware has the floor.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, and members of the House, there isn't anything down in Beaver County except a few institutions. I have seen Members of this House, who were not from rural sections, you might say, whom you might call "city slickers," who could produce more milk than any of the farmers that I have ever seen. As a rural Member, a truly rural Member, as a dirty farmer who has a couple of acres that are not in production, and I could not get any checks out of the Government, although I have orchards that produced a few scrubby apples and some nuts which the squirrels eat mostly in the Fall, and the best crop of weeds you ever saw, I feel I am qualified to speak about rural Members.

I have been here for sixteen years and I have been the biennial crop known as the "rural bloc" which has had some strange memberships, some very suspicious looking people who called themselves rural Members. My definition after sixteen years of experience and my interpretation of what constitutes this animal known as a rural Member is this, and I want you to remember when I say this that I am a truly rural Member myself. If you do not believe it, come down with me and eat some sausage and scrapple, which will not be diluted with milk either. A rural Member is this: he is one who in the first place is suspicious of the "city slickers" from Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties, that they are going to take all of the money away from the Commonwealth. The rural Members do not believe in any taxation upon rural districts; they believe that all of the taxes should be placed upon Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties and all of the money spent in the rural districts, and therefore, he combines and forms a cooperative movement to see that all of the taxes are loaded on urban districts and that all of the money is spent in the rural districts. If you find a person that comes under that category, or one with that psychology, who comes to the Legislature, then you know who belongs to the rural bloc.

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to inquire of the gentleman from Delaware whether he used the expression, "dirty" farmer or "dirt" farmer.

Mr. TURNER. The gentleman leaves it to the interpretation of the Chair.

The SPEAKER. The record will stand.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, I still feel that it is my duty to correct a statement made by my good friend, the gentleman from Delaware. Now, whether this error is a technical error, a rhetorical error or a grammatical error, perhaps I, being a dirt farmer, am not able to determine, but you will recall that when the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Haberland, made his statement defining what a rural Member is, he said that a rural Member would be one who could produce two or three gallons of milk, if I recall correctly, from a cow, and in that event, he would be eligible to call himself a rural Member. But my good friend from

Delaware said or intimated that a rural Member is one who could produce two or three gallons of milk, but did not include the words, "from a cow." Now then, if the Republican Members are such creatures surely we have added a new species to our fauna.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, I accept the indictment of the gentleman from Beaver. It was no misstatement because he should know from his past association in this House that the Republican Members on this side are filled with the milk of kindness.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HUNTLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 12, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 2:32 p. m.) the House adjourned.