

remaining unpaid on May thirty-first one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine”.

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

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to,

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the title as amended?
It was agreed to.

And said bill as amended having been read at length the second time and agreed to.

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to order,

The rule requiring bills to be considered in Committee of the Whole being in this case dispensed with,

The Senate proceeded to the second reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 203, 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 second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

MOTION TO READ BILLS THE FIRST TIME

Mr. WALKER. 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. HEYBURN. Mr. President, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

BILL ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 23, entitled:

An Act to amend subsections (a) and (f) of section one thousand three, subsection (b) of section one thousand one hundred seven, subsection (h) of section one thousand one hundred ten, subsection (c) of section one thousand two hundred fifteen, and subsection (d) of section one thousand two hundred sixteen, and to further amend section one thousand two hundred twenty-three of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred 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 eliminating the right of electors to vote a straight party ballot by one mark or operation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. EALY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, February 24, 1941 at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 1:45 o'clock, p. m. until Monday, February 24, 1941, at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 1941.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

PRAYER

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

Our Heavenly Father, we, Thy children, pause to say "Thank You" for this, another opportunity to use our God given ability in a manner whereby we become useful men in the dispatch of the tasks that confront us this day.

We ask Thy guidance in all the departments of our government—the Legislative, of which we are a part, the Executive, and the Judicial. Grant that each may accept its individual responsibilities in such a way as to afford the greatest good to the greatest number within the Commonwealth.

Hear our prayer, we implore thee. 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. YOUNG, unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. LEISEY.

HOUSE BILL No. 467.

To amend subsection (f) of section six hundred twenty-eight 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," requiring the fingerprints and photograph of licensees on licenses to carry firearms.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. McFALL.

HOUSE BILL No. 468.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture for the payment of indemnities for animals appraised and destroyed to prevent the spread of Bang's disease.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. NAGEL.

HOUSE BILL No. 469.

To add section one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six (a) to article eighteen 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," making it a misdemeanor for election officers to knowingly permit or direct the deposit of ballots in ballot boxes without the removal of the numbered corner.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. HIRSCH.

HOUSE BILL No. 470.

Proposing an amendment to article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto section thirty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. HIRSCH.

HOUSE BILL No. 471.

Imposing liability for damages sustained by reason of coal mining operations.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. SARRAF.

HOUSE BILL No. 472.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Health for use in research work dealing with human nutrition for children.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FALKENSTEIN.

HOUSE BILL No. 473.

An Act to further amend clause (i) of section two of the act approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 252), entitled as amended "An act to regulate and restrain the traffic in malt and brewed beverages, as herein defined; providing for the licensing of the manufacture, transportation, sale and distribution of such beverages; imposing license and permit fees, and providing for collection and distribution thereof; restricting ownership and interest in licensed places; permitting municipalities and townships, by vote of the electors, to prevent the licensing therein of places where such beverages may be sold for consumption on the premises, and regulating elections for this purpose; imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, quarter sessions courts, district attorneys, the Department of Justice, proper authorities of political subdivisions of the State, and election officers; providing penalties; and repealing existing acts," by changing the definition of eating place.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. FALKENSTEIN.

HOUSE BILL No. 474.

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

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. BROWN.

HOUSE BILL No. 475.

An Act to further amend section seven of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (P. L. 212), entitled "An act to establish an intermediate court of appeal; regulating its

constitution, officers, jurisdiction, powers, practice and its relation to the Supreme Court and other courts; providing for the reports of its decisions, the compensation of the judges and other officers and the practice and costs on appeals from its judgments"; as amended, to extend the original jurisdiction of the Superior Court to include mandamus and prohibition in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. BRADLEY.

HOUSE BILL No. 476.

An act to further amend clause (i) of section two and clauses (II) and (IV) of section twenty-three of the act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 252), entitled as amended "An act to regulate and restrain the traffic in malt and brewed beverages, as herein defined; providing for the licensing of the manufacture, transportation, sale and distribution of such beverages; imposing license and permit fees, and providing for collection and distribution thereof; restricting ownership and interest in licensed places; permitting municipalities and townships, by vote of the electors, to prevent the licensing therein of places where such beverages may be sold for consumption on the premises, and regulating elections for this purpose; imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, quarter sessions courts, district attorneys, the Department of Justice, proper authorities of political subdivisions of the State, and election officers; providing penalties; and repealing existing acts," by abolishing the requirement relative to the sale of food by licensed retail dispensers of malt or brewed beverages; and by changing the times when malt or brewed beverages may be sold by such dispensers.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. BRADLEY.

HOUSE BILL No. 477.

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

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. BENTZEL.

HOUSE BILL No. 478.

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 defined as distributors on liquid fuels used or sold and delivered within the Commonwealth which are ordinarily practically and commercially usable in internal combustion engines for the generation of power providing for the collection and lien of the tax and the distribution and use

of the proceeds thereof requiring such distributors to secure permits to file corporate surety bonds and reports and to retain certain records imposing duties on retail dealers, common carriers, county commissioners and such distributors providing for rewards imposing certain costs on counties conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State officers and departments providing for refunds imposing penalties and making an appropriation" by providing for refunds of taxes paid on liquid fuels by political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RILEY, (By Request). HOUSE BILL No. 479.

An Act to further amend section two of the act, approved the fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (P. L. 828), entitled "An act to provide revenue by imposing a State tax upon sales or agreements to sell or memoranda of sales of stock, and upon deliveries or transfers of shares or certificates of stock in domestic and foreign corporations, copartnership associations, and joint-stock associations; providing the manner of collecting such tax and prescribing penalties," by further extending the exemptions from the tax imposed by the said act.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL No. 480.

An Act to amend sections eight hundred thirty-four and eight hundred thirty-six 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 making the crimes fraudulent conversion of property and cheating by fraudulent pretenses misdemeanors; and modifying penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Messrs. MOUL and WOODRING.
HOUSE BILL No. 481.

An Act to amend section eighteen of the act approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (P. L. 589), entitled "An act to safeguard human health and life by providing for the issuance of permits to, and regulations of persons and entities selling milk and milk products; conferring powers, and imposing duties on the Secretary of Health, the Advisory Health Board; and otherwise providing for the administration of the act; and imposing penalties," requiring local ordinances in certain cases to conform to this act and the regulations made thereunder.

Referred to the Committee on Dairy-Industries.

By Messrs. GOODWIN and HEATHERINGTON.
HOUSE BILL No. 482.

An Act providing a method of annexation of townships of the second class and parts thereof to cities and boroughs, and regulating the proceedings pertaining thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. POLASKI. HOUSE BILL No. 483.

An Act to amend section four thousand four hundred two of the act approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," prescribing the qualification of one of the members of certain civil service boards.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Third Class.

By Mr. BAKER. HOUSE BILL No. 484.

An Act requiring commissioners of counties of the second class to transact all insurance business of such counties with stock insurance companies.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Messrs. KNOBLE and O'NEILL.
HOUSE BILL No. 485.

An Act to amend section eight hundred one 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 further defining political parties and political bodies, excluding therefrom parties or bodies desiring to change the Government of the United States by means not provided for under the Constitution of the United States.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. WOODRING. HOUSE BILL No. 486.

An Act to facilitate vehicular traffic between the western and eastern sections of the Commonwealth, and afford transportation for defense purposes by providing for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a turnpike, from a point at Middlesex in Cumberland County to a point on the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey; 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.

By Mr. LEVY. HOUSE BILL No. 487.

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

for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," by eliminating requirement that the names of general assistance recipients be made public.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Messrs. POLEN and PETTIT. HOUSE BILL No. 488.

To further amend clause six of section one thousand two hundred and ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (P. L. 309), entitled, "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," requiring the Commonwealth to pay to certain school districts of the third class fifty per centum of the total minimum increments of salary provided for by law.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. KEENAN. HOUSE BILL No. 489.

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 for the maintenance of teaching facilities in hospitals for students in the School of Medicine.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BONEY. HOUSE BILL No. 490.

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

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Mr. REGAN. HOUSE BILL No. 492.

An Act licensing and regulating the business of mining anthracite coal; providing for the issuance and revocation of licenses by the Secretary of Mines; authorizing said Secretary to enter mines, to issue regulations governing the administration of this act, and to appoint mining engineers who are empowered to enter mines and inspect the same; requiring a corporate surety bond to accompany every application for a license; authorizing appeals to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

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. 145. (HOUSE BILL No. 491.)

An Act to amend further section fourteen of an act, approved the seventh day of August, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six (P. L. 106), entitled "An act relating to flood control; prescribing the powers and duties of the Water and Power Resources Board of the Department of Forests and Waters in relating to the creation of flood control districts, adoption of plans for flood control works, and improvements, carrying into effect of such plans, assistance, aid and cooperation with public and private agencies and the Federal Government in Federal flood control works and improvements, and entering into compacts and agreements with other states for flood control works and improvements; conferring the power of eminent domain; providing for the setting off of benefits; imposing certain charges upon the Commonwealth; providing for appeals; and conferring certain powers on municipalities, counties, and townships, and the Department of Highways," as re-enacted and amended, by conferring additional powers on the Department of Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. SARRAF and KEENAN, (Concurrent)
RESOLUTION No. 32.

In the House of Representatives, February 19, 1941.

Whereas, In the City of Pittsburgh and in the County of Allegheny the dissemination of smoke and other products of combustion into the atmosphere has long been unusually great, and

Whereas, The recent marked increase of industrial activity in said city and county has operated to raise considerably the smoke content of the atmosphere thereabouts, and

Whereas, The presence of such unusual amounts of smoke in the atmosphere results in the so called "smog" which has a recognizable ill-effect upon the general health of the residents of said city and county, and

Whereas, The chief cause of such smoke is incomplete combustion which it may prove possible to eliminate to a considerable degree, with material savings in operating costs to the various industries located in said city and county, and

Whereas, On the other hand any satisfactory and adequate method of eliminating smoke from the atmosphere of said city and county may be found to entail such prohibitive expense as to drive out important and necessary industries, with consequent unemployment, and

Whereas, Any effective program of smoke elimination might necessitate a decrease in the amount of bituminous coal consumed in said city and county, with a consequent depressing effect upon the bituminous mining industry which is so essential to the prosperity of that area, therefore be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That a committee of five members shall be appointed, three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two by the president pro tempore of the Senate for the purpose of investigating the smoke and the so called "smog" condition existing in the County of Allegheny and the City of Pittsburgh, and for the purpose of ascertaining whether such conditions can be effectively eliminated or relieved without unduly burdening or discouraging industrial and mining activities in that area.

The said committee shall make a report of the result of this investigation to the General Assembly now in session as speedily as possible in order that appropriate

legislation may be enacted if such be found feasible or necessary, and be it further

Resolved, That an appropriation of \$3500 be made available through the adoption of an appropriation act to cover the expenses of this committee.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. CHARLES H. BRUNNER, from the Committee on Welfare, reported as committed House Bill No. 103, entitled:

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

Mr. JEFFERSON, from the Committee on Municipal Corporations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 349, entitled:

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.

Mr. MELCHIORRE, from the Committee on Rules, reported as amended House Resolution No. 14.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 320, entitled:

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.

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. 402, entitled:

An Act providing for the organization, government, discipline, maintenance and regulation of an additional land force to be known as the Pennsylvania Reserve Defense Force, for the defense of the Commonwealth during any period of time in which the National Guard of Pennsylvania or any part thereof shall be in active service of the United States.

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. 366, entitled:

An Act to add clause seven to subsection (b), and to further amend subsection (c) of section one thousand two

of the act approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen; justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts;" making an appropriation and providing for refunds;" changing the provisions of said act relating to the speed of such vehicles while being operated on highways under the supervision and control of a Turnpike 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. 202, entitled:

An Act to amend the act approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act relating to memorial halls in counties of the second class, erected in memory of the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil War; and providing for the use, upkeep, and management and control of such halls," including Disabled American Veterans of the World War among the organizations named in the act.

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. 374, entitled:

An Act to add clause (e) to section four of the act approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (P. L. 540), entitled "An act defining the term 'fiduciary'; prescribing the nature and kind of investments which may be made by such fiduciaries; validating certain investments heretofore made by such fiduciaries; and repealing acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith," by permitting fiduciaries holding mortgages to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosures; and prescribing the effect thereof.

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. 51, entitled:

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

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. 183, entitled:

An Act to amend section seven hundred two and to further amend section nine hundred five 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," authorizing the establishment and maintenance of fire hydrants and fire hydrant water service and the levy of a special tax therefor with the assent of electors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26.

Mr. STINE. Mr. Speaker I desire to call up Resolution No. 26, Printer's No. 30.

The resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:

In the House of Representatives, February 12, 1941.

Whereas, Nationally organized poultry interests have announced the dates of March 6-12 inclusive and May 1-7 inclusive as Springtime Egg Festival and

Whereas, This event is designed to increase the consumption of eggs during the period of peak production and thereby lessen the egg surplus that depresses the egg market for the remainder of the year and

Whereas, Pennsylvania leads America in the dollar value of eggs produced annually and

Whereas, Poultry and Eggs are a \$67,000,000 annual industry in Pennsylvania with its 67 counties and

Whereas, There are 167,000 farmers owning flocks producing eggs in Pennsylvania in every one of the State's 67 counties and

Whereas, Merchants throughout the State have agreed to cooperate with the poultry raisers in the intensive promotion of Springtime Egg Festival

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania endorses Springtime Egg Festival and calls upon the consumers of the State to help Pennsylvania's 167,000 poultry raisers through materially increasing their use of eggs during Springtime Egg Festival

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. STINE. Mr. Speaker, organized poultry interests throughout the United States are interested in setting aside the two weeks referred to in the resolution, March 6 to March 12 inclusive, and from May 1 to May 7 of this year as the resolution sets out. The egg industry is one of the big farm interests of this Commonwealth, and leads the nation. There is annually, as the resolution sets out, sixty seven million dollars involved.

I call upon the Members of this House to vote for this resolution and thereby indicate their interest in promulgating and maintaining the egg industry as one of the foremost industries in this Commonwealth.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

It was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19.

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. Speaker, I desire to call up Resolution No. 19, Printer's No. 28.

The resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:

In the House of Representatives, February 10, 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, Spanish American War Veterans, and Veterans of the World War 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.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

It was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 25.

Mr. D'ORTONA. Mr. Speaker, I desire to call up Resolution No. 25, Printer's No. 29.

The resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:

In the House of Representatives, February 12, 1941.

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia and particularly the citizens of the twenty-sixth ward thereof recently experienced a horrible tragedy as a result of a series of gas explosions resulting in the death of at least five of its citizens and injuries to at least twenty-five others and

Whereas, A serious controversy regarding the cause of said explosions has resulted in a series of investigations being made by eight different city agencies and

Whereas, Said agencies are to make a report to the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia and

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia has an interest in the findings of said agencies in that the city may be responsible for the occurrence of the catastrophe and

Whereas, Said investigations may not properly enlighten the citizens of the City of Philadelphia as to the cause of the explosions and

Whereas It is deemed desirable to make a thorough investigation in order that the cause of the explosions be determined and a recurrence thereof prevented and

Whereas Legislation may be necessary to prevent a recurrence thereof therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee of thirteen members whose duty it shall be to make a careful thorough and impartial investigation of the causes and reasons for the explosions and that the said committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to this House as early as possible

Resolved, That the said committee shall have power to issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of its chairman requesting and commanding any person or persons to appear before them and to answer such questions touching matters properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce such books papers records and documents as the committee may deem necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Each member of said committee shall have

power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee. Any person who shall wilfully neglect to refuse to testify before said committee or to produce any books papers records or documents shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

It was adopted.

RESOLUTION

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Mr. LOVETT offered a resolution and asked and obtained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution was read, considered and adopted as follows:

In the House of Representatives, February 19, 1941.

Whereas, During the recess this week, we will observe the two hundred and ninth anniversary of the birth of him who not only led the patriots of his day through a successful revolution against tyranny and oppression, but triumphantly builded this Nation amid an angry conflict of passion and prejudice.

His genius in military affairs begat the Nation, but his greatest service to mankind was the holding together of the feeble life that marked its inauguration as an independent power among the governments of the world.

The same high degree of courage and perseverance that inspired the half-frozen patriots at Valley Forge to carry on in the face of starvation and death, met and conquered every political disease that threatened the life of this new child in the world's family of nations, and made its growth sure and its development certain.

The days that marked his military service to his Country were constantly fraught with danger for all, food was scarce, property was insecure, and death lurked every-

where; but the courage of this man dispelled fear, inspired a patriotism that laughed at disaster, gave birth to a faith that was unconquerable, and won for him the love and devotion of all his countrymen.

During the years of his presidency, his courage met a greater task than Valley Forge, but with that same perseverance and devotion to duty, he carried on against enemies who sought to drag him from the heights, and despoil the Nation for their personal gain.

Amidst the innumerable pages of history, we find none other whose courage and genius contributed as much to free our land from bondage and elevate it to the rank of an independent and sovereign power.

George Washington was the noblest figure that ever stood in the forefront of a Nation's life; therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives when it adjourns this week, does so out of respect to the memory of that patriotic and inspirational hero, George Washington, the Father of our Country.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

RESOLUTION NO. 25.

The SPEAKER: In accordance with the provision of House Resolution No. 25 Printer's No. 29 adopted Wednesday February 19th, the Chair appoints the following Select Committee.

Messrs. D'Ortona, Chairman, Skale, Corrigan, Voldow, Rosenfeld, DiGenova, Falkenstein, Melchiorre, Edwin Lee, Thomas Lee, Voorhees, O'Dare and Fletcher.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHWAB. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, February 24, 1941, at 9 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 12:30 p. m.) the House adjourned.