

to determine whether or not there can be a three platoon system in the Fire Department. Mr. President, this matter is for the electors of the city of Pittsburgh to decide and the City Council of the city of Pittsburgh, although they believe in home rule, cannot submit the matter under the election code to the voters of the city of Pittsburgh.

Mr. President, this bill is to give City Council of the City of Pittsburgh the opportunity of offering to the electors of the city of Pittsburgh a decision this question and I think the firemen as well as the City Council have a right to have this opportunity for this expression of our firm and fundamental belief in the principles of home rule.

Mr. MALLERY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill at this time.

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

Mr. MALLERY, read in place and presented to the Chair Senate Bill No. 254, entitled:

An Act authorizing municipalities to file liens against real estate beyond the municipal limits for certain municipal rates; validating liens heretofore filed; and providing for the procedure thereon.

Which was committed to the Committee on Municipal Government.

Mr. HALUSKA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill at this time.

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

Mr. HALUSKA, read in place and presented to the Chair Senate Bill No. 255, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the sale, transfer, purchase, ownership, possession and use of tear and noxious gas and tear gas guns; providing certain exemptions and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on Judiciary General.

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. CHAPMAN. 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. 5, entitled:

An Act providing for the payment by the State Treasurer of the tax on certain premiums paid by foreign casualty insurance companies to the treasurers of the several cities, boroughs, towns and townships, and for the payment thereof into their police pension funds, and, in certain cases, into the State Employes' Retirement Fund for the benefit of the Pennsylvania Motor Police.

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. 34, entitled:

An Act to amend section twelve of the act approved the eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and

eleven (P. L. 705), entitled "An act creating the office of Fire Marshal, to be attached to the Department of Public Safety in cities of the first class; prescribing his duties and powers; and providing penalties for violations of the provisions of the act; and providing for the method of appointment, compensation, and for the maintenance of his office," by imposing additional duties on the Fire Marshal.

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. 176, entitled:

An Act for the judicial notice of the ordinance of cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class, and for proof thereof; and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

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. 198, entitled:

An Act to validate and quiet the title to real estate in this Commonwealth held by a foreign corporation unauthorized to hold the same, and heretofore conveyed to a citizen of the United States or a corporation authorized to hold such real estate.

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 Wednesday, February 25, 1941 at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

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

The Senate adjourned at 5:24 o'clock, p. m. until Wednesday, February 25, 1941, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, February 25, 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:

We thank Thee, Our God, that we can call upon Thee and that Thou dost hear our humble petitions. Teach us, this day, how to open our natures unto Thee. Help us ever to be obedient to Thy will, joyous in our allegiance, and cooperative in all Thy plans. Disturb us, Our Heavenly Father, when we go astray; cause us to be disciplined when we are willful; encourage us when we are discouraged; and strengthen us when we are perplexed. In all the experiences of our lives may we ever be mindful to walk as the lowly Galilean. This, O God, we ask, not that we are worthy, but in Thy Precious 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. McDERMOTT unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. GATES AND HELM. HOUSE BILL No. 513.

An Act to further amend section twelve of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (P. L. 1043), entitled "An act establishing a public school employees' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes; defining the uses and purposes thereof, and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," granting certain retirement rights to persons who have withdrawn from and returned to school service.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. READINGER. HOUSE BILL No. 514.

An Act to amend section one of the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 566), entitled "A supplement to the act approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred thirty-six), entitled as amended 'An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employe in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and prescribing penalties,' as reenacted and amended, providing for the payment of compensation to volunteer firemen or their dependents," by further extending the circumstances under which volunteer firemen and their dependents are entitled to compensation.

Referred to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation.

By Mr. EDWIN A. LEE. HOUSE BILL No. 515.

An Act making an appropriation for the maintenance repair, and improvement of the Port of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HIRSCH. HOUSE BILL No. 516.

An Act to provide the assessment of certain lands in boroughs and townships by lots, and imposing certain duties on the owners thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. BURRIS. HOUSE BILL No. 517.

To amend section seven hundred and 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," limiting fees in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. ECKELS. HOUSE BILL No. 518.

Giving courts of record the power to order a condensed and partial description of real property to be published in certain actions and proceedings where the law relative thereto requires the publication of a description of such real property.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. WEINGARTNER. HOUSE BILL No. 519.

To further amend section one of the act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred nine (P. L. 424), entitled "An act providing that in all counties having more than five hundred thousand inhabitants, advertisement and notices required by law or rules of court to be published in newspapers of general circulation, unless dispensed with by special order of the court, shall be published in the legal newspaper, issued at least weekly, of the proper county, designated by rules of court for the publication of court or other legal notices," extending the provisions of said act to counties of the sixth class.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. WEINGARTNER. HOUSE BILL No. 520.

An Act to validate and quiet the title to real estate in this Commonwealth held by a foreign corporation unauthorized to hold the same, and heretofore conveyed to a citizen of the United States or a corporation to hold such real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. WEINGARTNER. HOUSE BILL No. 521.

An Act authorizing the return of certain taxes to the county commissioners after the time limit fixed by law for making such returns has expired; validating, ratifying and confirming the lien of such taxes; and authorizing the sale of real property for the nonpayment thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN. HOUSE BILL No. 522.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture to advance the tobacco interest of this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Messrs. HEATHERINGTON and HELM.
HOUSE BILL No. 523.

An Act to protect the public against fraud and deception to prevent unfair competition and unfair trade practices; regulating the business of selling gasoline by requiring persons engaged therein to post the price thereof to public view and requiring sale at the price posted; and prescribing certain penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Messrs. CULLEN and BRETH. HOUSE BILL No. 524.

An Act to further amend section two hundred and ten of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (P. L. 448), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," prohibiting the sale of striped bass or rock fish under eighteen inches in length.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

By Messrs. O'CONNOR and BREATHERICK.

HOUSE BILL No. 525.

An Act amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating to the borrowing of money by certain political subdivisions, the authorization, issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, as herein defined, of bonds imposing no general obligation of debt, and of bonds not deemed to constitute a debt for certain purposes, and to the funding of debt and the refunding of bonds; regulating the keeping and use of sinking funds; imposing powers and duties upon the Department of Internal Affairs and upon corporate bodies and officers of political subdivisions; imposing penalties; and repealing existing laws.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. BAUGHER and HARE. HOUSE BILL No. 526.

An Act to amend section one hundred thirty-six as amended, and section one hundred thirty-seven, 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;" providing for the establishment of the office of controller in certain counties and for the abolition of the office of county auditor; and for the audit of accounts of the county and its officers for the preceding year in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. BAUGHER and HARE. HOUSE BILL No. 527.

An Act fixing the salary of the controller in counties of the seventh and eighth classes; and providing for a salary board to fix the number and salary or compensation of any deputies and clerks to assist the controller.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. BAUGHER and GATES.

HOUSE BILL No. 528.

An Act to amend section 1081 of the act approved May fourth, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (P. L. 519), entitled, "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs, "as amended, by changing the conditions of the tax collectors bond and fixing the time when the same shall be entered into.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. BAUGHER and GATES.

HOUSE BILL No. 529.

An Act to further amend section 571 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 providing that the tax collector shall give but one bond for the collection of township, county, school district, poor district and institution district taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. READINGER and LLOYD H. WOOD.

HOUSE BILL No. 530.

To amend section three hundred and five, 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 providing for the reimbursement of counties by the Commonwealth for primary and election costs incurred in even-numbered years.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. READINGER and LLOYD H. WOOD.

HOUSE BILL No. 531

To amend sections five hundred one, five hundred two, five hundred three, and five hundred four, 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;" providing for and limiting the creation of election districts in this Commonwealth; providing for a complete redistricting of election districts in the Commonwealth in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and the procedure therefor; and conferring powers and imposing duties on county boards of elections, registration commissions and courts of quarter sessions.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. BAUGHER and HARE.

HOUSE BILL No. 532.

To amend section one thousand and forty-seven of the act approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (P. L. 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," as amended; limiting the number of days for the completion of borough audits.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. McINTOSH and BREATHERICK.

HOUSE BILL No. 533.

An Act providing for the reimbursement by the Commonwealth of counties for costs and the maintenance of prisoners incurred as the result of prosecutions under laws providing that fines and penalties imposed under such laws or forfeited bail recovered as the result of such prosecutions shall be payable into the State Treasury or any fund thereof; providing for the audit of the accounts of counties by the Auditor General, and for the collection of amounts due from counties and for appeals by counties to the Board of Finance and Revenue; and imposing powers and duties on the Auditor General and the Department of Revenue and certain duties upon counties; and repealing inconsistent acts.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. HOLLAND and SOLLENBERGER.
HOUSE BILL No. 534.

An Act proposing an amendment to article nine, section fifteen, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. BENTZEL and CORDIER.
HOUSE BILL No. 535.

Creating a Municipal Employes' Retirement System for the payment of retirement allowances to officers and employes of political subdivisions and providing for the administration of the same by board composed of certain state officers and others appointed by the Governor; imposing certain duties on the State Employes' Retirement Board and the actuary thereof; providing the procedure whereby political subdivisions may join such system and imposing certain liabilities and obligations on such political subdivisions in connection therewith and as to existing retirement and pension systems and upon officers and employes of such political subdivisions; providing certain exemptions from taxation, execution, attachment, levy and sale; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. McINTOSH and JAMES.
HOUSE BILL No. 536.

An Act to amend section twenty of the act approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (P. L. 900), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits; requiring prompt return to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics as required to be established by the State Department of Health and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and surgery, of midwives, nurses, and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled "An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties"; approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act" as amended, by providing for the payment of all fees to local registrars of vital statistics by the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. POWERS.
HOUSE BILL No. 537.

An Act authorizing state and state aided medical and surgical hospitals to issue and sell stamps, and to redeem the same by hospitalization service.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation.

By Mr. POWERS.
HOUSE BILL No. 538.

An Act to provide for military and nursing instruction in the public high schools of this Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Military Affairs and the Secretary of Health.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. BONEY.
HOUSE BILL No. 539.

An Act to further amend section four of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2045), entitled "An act

relating to the support of indigent persons publicly cared for as assisted; providing for the support of such persons by certain relatives, and for the recovery of public moneys expended for care and assistance from the property and estates of such persons; providing for guardians of the person and property of such persons; providing for the arrest and seizure and sale of the property of deserters; and providing procedure," by exempting certain property from execution in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

By Mr. MORAN.
HOUSE BILL No. 540.

To further amend clause A of section four of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (P. L. 463), entitled as amended "An act providing for the incorporation, as bodies corporate and politic, of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties, and townships; defining the same; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and for other purposes," by providing for the termination and dissolution of inactive municipal authorities.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. TARR and BURNS.
HOUSE BILL No. 541.

To further amend section fourteen of article four of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred 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," authorizing shot firers to use approved electric lamps in the performance of certain of their duties.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. McLANE.
HOUSE BILL No. 542.

Requiring election boards in counties where voting machines are used to make such machines available to labor unions and similar organizations for use in the election of officials.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. McLANE.
HOUSE BILL No. 543.

Authorizing cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships to abate certain interest charges and penalties added to municipal claims imposed or assessed for certain improvements; prohibiting the sale of real property for the nonpayment of such claims for a certain period; preserving the liens of such claims; and providing for the extension thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. GERARD.
HOUSE BILL No. 544.

An Act to further amend section twenty-one of the act, approved the seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (P. L. 900), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits; requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and

diseases, of practitioners of medicine and surgery, of midwives, nurses and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties' approved the twenty-seventh day of April nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," authorizing the Department of Health to issue short form birth certificates in lieu of certified copies of the original records.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. READINGER. HOUSE BILL No. 545.

An Act establishing a division in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture; conferring powers and duties upon such division in regard to dogs; and making an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. STINE. HOUSE BILL No. 546.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture to advance the potato interests in this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FLEMING. HOUSE BILL No. 547.

An Act to amend sections one and two of the act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (P. L. 266), entitled "An act to protect trade-mark owner, distributors, and the public against injuries and uneconomic practices in the distribution of articles of standard quality under a distinguished trademark, brand or name," by providing that the provisions of said sections shall be inapplicable when the markup in price of the commodity involved is more than forty per centum.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. NAGEL. HOUSE BILL No. 548.

An Act making an appropriation out of the Motor License Fund to the Department of Highways for expenditure in the various townships of the second class of the Commonwealth for the maintenance of certain streets and the roads during the calendar years one thousand nine hundred and forty-two and one thousand nine hundred and forty-three, and requiring townships of the second class to reduce their tax rates for road and street purposes for said years; providing for certifications of mileage of public roads and streets by such townships to the Department of Highways; and providing for the use and maintenance of road building machinery and equipment belonging to such townships by the Department of Highways in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PETROSKY. HOUSE BILL No. 549.

An Act to amend section four thousand four hundred and 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," authorizing such cities to establish a civil service system to be applicable to all city officers and employees to which civil service does not now apply.

Referred to the Committee on Cities-Third Class.

By Messrs. POLEN and PETTIT. HOUSE BILL No. 550.

An Act to repeal the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (P. L. 9), entitled "An act relative to the employment of females in hotels, taverns, saloons and eating houses, or other places for the sale of intoxicating and other drinks, and the penalty for the violation thereof."

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. ACHTERMAN. HOUSE BILL No. 551.

To the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Appropriation Acts, page 60), entitled, "An act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, interest on the public debt, and the support of the Public schools for two years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine; and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine," providing for a deficiency in the appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies for the fiscal biennium ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred forty-one; providing for payment out of revenues of the fiscal biennial period beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred forty-one; and preventing lapsing.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BOWER. HOUSE BILL No. 552.

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. BROWN. HOUSE BILL No. 553.

To amend section twenty-two of the act approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred three), entitled "An act relating to the form, execution, revocation, and interpretation of wills; to nuncupative wills; to the appointment of testamentary guardians; to spendthrift trusts; to forfeiture of devise or legacy in case of murder of testator; to elections to take under or against wills, and to the recording and registering of such elections and of decrees relative thereto, and to the fees therefor;" by providing for forfeiture of the right to take property under the will of a murdered testator.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. BROWN. HOUSE BILL No. 554.

An Act to amend section twenty-three of the act approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, 429), entitled "An act relating to the descent and distribution of the real and personal property of persons dying intestate; and to provide for the recording and registering of the decrees of the Orphans' Court in connection therewith, and the fees therefor;" by providing for forfeiture of the right to inherit or to take property of a murdered intestate under the said act.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. FALKENSTEIN. HOUSE BILL No. 555.

An Act to reimburse all hospitals not now receiving State-aid for the expenses of the care of indigent persons injured in motor vehicle accidents.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RONALD L. THOMPSON.

HOUSE BILL No. 556.

An Act to further amend section nine 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 improvements, 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," making additional provision for, and fixing, the compensation for the filing and collecting of tax claims.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. RONALD L. THOMPSON.

HOUSE BILL No. 557.

An Act to further amend section five hundred and sixty-one 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," changing the penalty to be added to delinquent school taxes in third and fourth class districts.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 558.

An Act to amend section five hundred eight of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (P. L. 364), entitled "An act relating to business corporations; defining and providing for the organization, merger, consolidation, reorganization, winding up and dissolution of such corporations; conferring certain rights, powers, duties and immunities upon them and their officers and shareholders; prescribing the conditions on which such corporations may exercise their powers; providing for the inclusion of certain existing corporations of the second class within the provisions of this act; prescribing the terms and conditions upon which foreign business corporations may be admitted, or may continue, to do business within the Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties on the courts of common pleas, and certain State departments, commissions, and officers; authorizing certain State Departments, boards, commissions, or officers to collect fees for services required to be rendered by this act; imposing penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to corporations," by making further provision concerning the voting of shares held by corporations.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations and Industry.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 559.

An Act creating the Pennsylvania State Institute for Cancer and Tuberculosis Research; providing for the erection of a building in the City of Philadelphia to house said institute; providing for a board of trustees to supervise said institute and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 560.

An Act to further amend section four hundred eleven 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 beverage 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 extending club licenses to picnic and outing grounds and banquet halls.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 561.

To amend section six hundred and eight of the act, approved the fifteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 624), entitled "An act relating to the business of banking, and to the exercise of fiduciary powers by corporations; providing for the organization of corporations with fiduciary powers, and of banking corporations, with or without fiduciary powers, including the conversion of National banks into State banks, and for the licensing of private bankers; defining the rights, powers, duties, liabilities, and immunities of such corporations, of existent corporations authorized to engage in a banking business, with or without fiduciary powers, of private bankers, and of the officers, directors, trustees, shareholders, attorneys, and other employees of all such corporations or private bankers, or of affiliated corporations, associations, or persons; restricting the exercise of banking powers by any other corporation, association, or person, and of fiduciary powers by any other corporation; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts, prothonotaries, recorders of deeds, and certain State departments, commissions, and officers; imposing penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts," by making further provision concerning the voting of shares held by incorporated institutions.

Referred to the Committee on Banking.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 562.

To protect the obligors or guarantors of bonds and mortgages created after the passage of this act, and owners of property affected thereby, and others indirectly liable for the payments thereof, by prohibiting for certain periods the foreclosure sale of mortgaged property at less than its fair market value, and prescribing the method of fixing the fair market value of said property.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. FLEMING.

HOUSE BILL No. 563.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Welfare for the payment of the cost of equipment, repairs and improvements at the Dixmont Hospital, Dixmont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. NORMAN WOOD. HOUSE BILL No. 564.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Welfare, for the maintenance of certain homes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. LLOYD H. WOOD. HOUSE BILL No. 565.

Making an appropriation to the Department of Welfare, for the maintenance of certain hospitals.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. SARRAF and BAKER.
HOUSE BILL No. 566.

To provide revenue by imposing a license tax on the owners of all lawful coin or token operated vending machines, devices or equipment, as herein defined, kept, possessed, used, exhibited or operated for profit; providing for the collection of said tax; imposing certain duties upon the Department of Revenue; prescribing penalties and dedicating the proceeds from such tax to the payment of appropriations for general relief.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEVY. HOUSE BILL No. 567.

To reenact and amend the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 748), entitled "An act for the registration and regulation of certain individuals and entities selling, contracting to sell or dispose of, attempting or offering to dispose of, soliciting offers to buy, or inducing holders thereof to exchange, securities defined herein, including securities issued by them, or engaging in the business of inducing holders of securities to effect, the sale thereof in order to produce funds to pay for other investments sold by them, or in the business of buying securities directly from individuals who are not registered thereunder; providing for the revocation and suspension of registrations; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Securities Commission and otherwise providing for the administration of this act; providing for appeals to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, and to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; conferring jurisdiction upon the several courts of common pleas to issue injunctions against violations of this act; and prescribing fees and penalties," by providing for the registration and regulation of investment advisers and their solicitors; further defining "dealers" and further regulating dealers and salesmen; providing for service on registrants under provisions of this act; and imposing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Banking.

By Messrs. WILLIAMS and PETROSKY.
HOUSE BILL No. 568.

An Act to further amend the act approved the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, P. L. 1168) entitled "An act to protect the right of employes to organize and bargain collectively; creating the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, officers of the State government, and courts; providing for the right of employes to organize and bargain collectively; declaring certain labor practices by employers to be unfair; further providing that representatives of a majority of the employes be the exclusive representative of all the employes; authorizing the board to conduct hearings and elections, and certify as to representative of employes for purposes of collective bargaining; empowering the board to prevent any person from engaging in any unfair labor practice, and providing a procedure for such cases, including the issuance of a complaint, the conducting of a hearing, and the making of an order; empowering the board to petition a court of common pleas for the en-

forcement of its order, and providing a procedure for such cases; providing for the review of an order of the board by a court of common pleas on petition of any person aggrieved by such order, and establishing a procedure for such cases; providing for an appeal from the common pleas court to the Supreme Court; providing the board with investigatory powers, including the power to issue subpoenas and the compelling of obedience to them through application to the proper court; providing for service of papers and process of the board; prescribing certain penalties," redefining the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board; redefining "labor dispute" the rights of employers and certain unfair labor practices by employers and employes; further changing the provision for designation and selection of representatives for the purpose of labor bargaining; changing the practice and procedure before the board; further prescribing the qualifications for, and increasing the salaries of, members of the board; eliminating the provision making the rules and regulations of the board subject to the approval of the Secretary of Labor and Industry; and eliminating certain forfeiture of rights.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. STAMBAUGH. HOUSE BILL NO. 569.

To the act, approved the seventeenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (P. L. 507), entitled "An act to provide revenue for State and county purposes, and, in cities co-extensive with counties, for city and county purposes; imposing taxes upon certain classes of personal property; providing for the assessment and collection of the same; providing for the duties and compensation of prothonotaries and recorders in connection therewith; and modifying existing legislation which provided for raising revenue for State purposes," providing for the assessment and collection of the county tax in counties of the seventh and eighth class by the Department of Revenue, and the lien of the same, and the payment over of the proceeds thereof; imposing duties on executors; administrators, registers; of wills, recorders of deeds, prothonotaries, and court clerks, and on persons, copartnerships, associations, banks, national banks, trust companies, and other corporations receiving deposits of money, and on certain corporations and limited partnerships; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State officers and departments; and imposing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BOIES. HOUSE BILL No. 570.

To add two new definitions to Section 102, to amend the table of contents to Article VI, to further amend Sections 601, 603, 605 and 606, to amend Section 609, to further amend Sections 613, 620, and 621, to add Sections 623, to 638, both inclusive, to article VI, and to further amend Section 713 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred 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 re-

funds," providing for the issuance of commercial operators' licenses; further regulating the operation of motor vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, motor busses, omnibuses, and school busses; fixing fees; and imposing additional penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Mr. WOODSIDE. HOUSE BILL No. 571.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Public Assistance, and providing for certain allocations therefrom for the purpose of carrying out the Public Assistance Law for the two fiscal years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred forty-one, and for the payment of assistance and expenses accrued or incurred prior to, and remaining unpaid on, May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred forty-one.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WOODSIDE. HOUSE BILL No. 572.

A Supplement to the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Appropriation Acts, page sixty), entitled "An act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, interest on the public debt, and the support of the public schools for two years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine; and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine," providing for deficiencies in certain appropriations made by the act for the fiscal biennium ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred forty-one.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WOODSIDE. HOUSE BILL No. 573.

An Act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, interest on the public debt, and the support of the public schools for two years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one; and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE MESSAGE

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SENATE BILL No. 38. (HOUSE BILL No. 574).

An Act to amend section one thousand one hundred and four of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 343), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State Government providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunding 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," amplifying the provisions of said act relating to appeals to court.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

SENATE BILL No. 201. (HOUSE BILL No. 575).

An Act to amend a certain appropriation item contained in section two of Act 69-A, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Appropriation Acts, 1939, P. L. 60), entitled "An act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, interest on the public debt, and the support of the public schools for two years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine; and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine," by deferring for a short period of time certain payments required to meet the Sinking Fund requirements of Veterans' Compensation Bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. REUBEN E. COHEN and ROONEY.
RESOLUTION No. 36.

In the House of Representatives, February 24, 1941.

Whereas, A period of four years has elapsed since the General Assembly enacted legislation regulating the hours and wages of women and minors employed in industry, and

Whereas, The Secretary of the Department of Labor and Industry in that period of four years has only recently set a minimum wage rate in the laundry industry and

Whereas, This apparently is the only action taken by the Department of Labor and Industry in four years relative to the enforcement of the provisions of said act, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee to investigate the causes and reasons for the Secretary of Department of Labor and Industry's failure to enforce the provisions of the law aforesaid and to report back to the House of Representative as speedily as possible with appropriate recommendations.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 37.

In the House of Representatives, February 24, 1941.

Whereas, the secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways has made known his intention to inaugurate at an early date a greatly enlarged highways construction program, and

Whereas, State Highway Department construction specifications have recently been changed to provide for more extensive use of blast furnace slag, and

Whereas, many highway construction experts and technicians have steadfastly opposed the extensive use of such blast furnace slag in highway construction, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania State Highway Department has purchased slag when crushed stone could have been secured at an equal or lesser cost, and

Whereas, there is reason to believe that the specifications authorized by the Pennsylvania Highway Department are designed to create a market for blast furnace slag which is a waste product, and

Whereas, there is reason to believe that the extensive continued use of slag in highway construction will result in serious loss to the Commonwealth, therefore be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That a Committee be appointed which shall consist of three members of the House of Representatives to be designated by the Speaker of the House and three members of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate whose duty it shall be to make a thorough and impartial investigation of the use of blast furnace slag in the construction of highways by the Commonwealth, the cost of such blast furnace slag as compared with other materials, and the durability of highways in whose construction blast furnace slag has been used.

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 it and to answer to such questions touching matters properly being inquired into by the Committee and to produce such books, papers, records, documents as the Committee may deem necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and shall have the full force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the courts of the Commonwealth. Each member of said Committee shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the Committee. Any person who shall willfully neglect or 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.

Resolved, that the Committee created by this resolution be authorized to employ, at its discretion, subject to the terms of this resolution, such legal technical clerical assistance as it may deem necessary to the successful performance of its duties.

Resolved, that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated from the General Fund for the use of the Committee.

Resolved, that said Committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at this session.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. HOLLAND.

RESOLUTION No. 38.

In the House of Representatives, February 24, 1941.

Whereas, during the interim between legislative sessions, the Governor appointed a committee, which has been generally known as the "Job Mobilization Committee," for the purpose of studying conditions of unemployment and the opportunities for occupational readjustment, which commission has recently made its report to the Governor, recommending, among other things, the conversion of State teachers' colleges into advanced technical and trade schools; and

Whereas, there has already been introduced in the House of Representatives, House Bill No. 460 seeking to accomplish this same purpose, which bill was referred to the Committee on Education and is now being considered by that committee, whose deliberations would be considerably facilitated and expedited if the studies of the Governor's Commission were made available to it; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Governor is hereby respectfully requested to transmit a copy of the report of the Job Mobilization Committee to the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives for study in connection with its consideration of House Bill No. 460, entitled "An act converting the State teachers' colleges and the Cheyney Training School for Teachers into advanced technical and trade schools to be known as "Pennsylvania State Trade School Defense Training Centers," to train men for defense work, providing for admission to, and regulation of such schools, and alteration and equipment of buildings therefor, and conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State departments and agencies"; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk of this House immediately transmit a certified copy of this resolution to His Excellency Arthur H. James, Governor of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. SARRAF.

RESOLUTION No. 39.

In the House of Representatives, February 25, 1941.

Whereas, Thousands of our young men are now being inducted into the armed forces of the United States; and Whereas, All selectees are examined by physicians before entering the armed forces; and

Whereas, It now would be feasible to have the blood of all these young men typed and appropriate records thereof made; and

Whereas, Such a procedure would be of inestimable value to the health and future welfare of all these selectees; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives request all the Federal agencies and State agencies involved, including the United States Public Health Service and the Department of Health of this Commonwealth to adopt this procedure of blood typing and recording immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to all such agencies.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. FALKENSTEIN, from the Committee on Law and Order, reported as committed, House Bill No. 367, entitled:

An Act legalizing the operation of bowling alleys, and participation in the sport of bowling on Sunday.

Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN, from the Committee on Judiciary Special, reported as committed, House Bill No. 381, entitled:

An Act to amend section nine hundred eight of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 364), entitled "An act relating to business corporations; defining and providing for the organization, merger, consolidation, reorganization, winding up and dissolution of such corporations; conferring certain rights, powers, duties and immunities upon them and their officers and shareholders; prescribing the conditions on which such corporations may exercise their powers; providing for the inclusion of certain existing corporations of the second class within the provisions of this act; prescribing the terms and conditions upon which foreign business corporations may be admitted, or may continue, to do business within the Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties on the courts of common pleas, and certain State departments, commissions, and officers; authorizing certain State Departments, boards, commissions, or officers to collect fees for services required to be rendered by this act; imposing penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to corporations," by further prescribing the procedure to be followed by shareholders who desire to become dissenting shareholders of a corporation which becomes a party to a plan of merger or consolidation; limiting the rights and remedies of shareholders who desire to object to or dissent from any merger or consolidation, and making the rights and remedies herein provided for exclusive.

Mr. WOODRING, from the Committee on Dairy Industries, reported as committed, House Bill No. 481, entitled:

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.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Municipal Corporations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 512, entitled:

An Act requiring all authorities of political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, who contract for policies of insurance on behalf of such political subdivisions, to so contract with stock insurance companies only.

Mr. MONKS, from the Committee on Municipal Corporations, reported as amended, House Bill No. 392, entitled:

An Act authorizing counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships to appropriate money for the establishment or continuance of Federal Food Stamp plans therein.

Mr. PROSEN, from the Committee on Judiciary General, reported as committed, House Bill No. 466, (Senate Bill No. 79), entitled:

An Act to amend subsection (a) of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (P. L. 447), entitled "An act relating to the administration and distribution of the estates of decedent and of minors, and of trust estates; including the appointment, bonds, rights, powers, duties, liabilities, accounts, discharge and removal of executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, herein designated as fiduciaries; the administration and distribution of the estates of presumed decedents; widow's and children's exemptions; debts of decedents, rents of real estate as assets for payment thereof, the lien thereof, sales and mortgages of real estate for the payment thereof, judgments and executions therefor, and the discharge of real estate from the lien thereof; contracts of decedents for the sale or purchase of real estate; legacies, including legacies charged on land, the discharge of residuary estates and of real estate from the lien of legacies and other charges; the appraisalment of real estate devised at a valuation; the ascertainment of the curtilage of dwelling houses or other buildings devised; the abatement and survival of actions, and the substitution of executors and administrators therein; the survival of causes of action and suits thereupon by or against fiduciaries; investments by fiduciaries; the organization of corporations to carry on the business of decedents; the audit and review of accounts of fiduciaries; refunding bonds; transcripts to the court of common pleas of balances due by fiduciaries; the rights, powers, and liabilities of nonresident and foreign fiduciaries; the appointment, bonds, rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of trustees durante absentia; the recording and registration of decrees, reports and other proceedings, and the fees therefor; appeals in certain cases; and, also, generally dealing with the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of the orphans' court in all matters relating to fiduciaries concerned with the estates of decedents," by authorizing the orphans' court to set aside the widow's or children's exemption without notice or appraisalment where the property claimed is of apparent or readily ascertainable value.

Mr. BAUGHER, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported as amended, House Bill No. 208, entitled:

To further amend the act, approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2724), entitled "An act relating to soil conservation and soil erosion, and regulating land use practices contributing to soil wastage and soil erosion; providing for the organization of soil conservation districts, as governmental subdivisions of the Commonwealth, with powers of enacting ordinances and regulations for the prevention and control of soil erosion and the conservation of soil resources; prescribing the officers and employes thereof, and defining their powers and duties; creating the State Soil Conservation Board in the Department of Agriculture and imposing powers and prescribing duties thereon relative to the en-

forcement of this act; providing financial assistance to such soil conservation districts; prescribing penalties; and making an appropriation," by providing changes in the membership of the State Soil Conservation Board; prescribing procedures for the allocation of funds among districts, requiring the filing of budget reports, changing the necessary favorable vote in referenda on the creation, addition of territory to, and dissolution of districts; changing the requirements of petitions for inclusion of additional territory; requiring district supervisors to be residents of such districts; further defining the powers of districts; and making appropriations.

BILL RE-REFERRED

Mr. LOVETT returned from the Committee on Labor with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Counties, House Bill No. 392, entitled:

An Act authorizing county treasurers to execute and perfect deeds for seated lands sold for taxes by their predecessors in office.

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

Mr. WEISS returned from the Committee on Municipal Corporations with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Townships, House Bill No. 482, entitled:

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.

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

FIRST REPORT ON TAX AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint State Government Commission, it is my privilege to submit to the House for its study and consideration the completed report on the tax and financial problems of Pennsylvania.

In pursuance to a House Resolution No. 133 of the regular session of 1939, the commission was authorized to conduct a comprehensive study of the tax structure and financial problems of the Commonwealth.

As you will note, the product of extensive research, surveys, conferences and technical studies has been submitted in book form and it is the sincere belief of the commission that this work represents one of the most historical contributions ever made to guarantee a practical, provident course of action in determining Pennsylvania's future tax and financial destiny.

This report on the tax and financial problems has reason to deplore the decline of income levels of Pennsylvania as contrasted to the rise of public expenditures. This, in league with the staggering load that has been imposed on trade and commerce through increased business taxes, paints a picture of Pennsylvania's economic structure which should be of vital concern to every Legislator, whatever his political convictions.

The report is elaborately supported by tables to show exactly how the trend, since 1930, has been consistently downward insofar as Pennsylvania's living standards and economic opportunities are concerned with a slight change for better recently.

It consists of seven chapters, backed by solid fact. Among the subjects covered are economic and population characteristics of the Commonwealth; basic productive

activities of Pennsylvania; importance of manufacturing, decline of state mining, place of the farmer in economy, state government expenditures and the income of Pennsylvania, general fund expenditures, financing of general assistance and public education, state and local tax bases and tax yield principal revenue sources, Pennsylvania taxes as compared to those of competitive states, motives and mechanics of industrial migration from the state, taxes desirable from the standpoint of attracting industry, taxes paid by individuals in different income brackets, summary of revenue bills and a list of tax law citations dating back to 1840.

In addition to the comments on the contents of the several chapters, your attention is directed to a summarization of the contents of the chapters and recommendations on special-colored pages in the forepart of the Report and in the Appendix, a legislative history of all major taxes in Pennsylvania going back as far as 100 years or more, and their origin, their development and principal legislative changes, rates and yields over the last two decades with logical citations interpreting the construction placed by the courts on these taxes, histories of the major taxes, and a summary precedes each one of the legislative histories of the major taxes.

Also in the Appendix is contained a study on the Constitutional limitations of the taxing power in Pennsylvania.

A further excellent contribution contained in the report as the last table is a summarization of all Pennsylvania taxes and revenue sources, rates, exemptions and yield for the past decade which includes not only the taxes but numerous acts levying or charging licenses and other fees, approximating some 150 such citations.

I believe that this is the first time that such data and information has ever been made readily available.

These show, in effect, precisely how the Commonwealth's economic destiny has been hitched to a fractious legislative kite.

We all know, or should know, that future levels of social and economic welfare depend largely upon the expansion of manufacturing enterprises. Any effort, however interpreted, to hobble the work of restoration so far as industry is concerned, will strike a demoralizing blow at the entire foundation of trade and commerce.

One thing is certain, and that is that any State fiscal policies which place Pennsylvania factories, mines and farms at a competitive disadvantage with other states seriously jeopardizes the levels of living of all Pennsylvanians, including those business men whose prosperity depends upon high levels of productivity of the primary producers.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, you cannot help finding from this report and the studies made by the Committee that the question of the welfare of industry is tied up with, and is very intimately related to the whole question of productivity of our industries in Pennsylvania and their prosperity, and therefore as they have declined, there has been a decline in the standard of living, that is, in the amount of return which our people have received, and therefore the living levels in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

While Pennsylvania's economic stature has come through a troublous period, the repercussions of which have shaken the confidence and hope of its citizens, developments of

late have interjected a note of optimism that was not discernible before.

There are two schools of thought on the reasons for this change in our economic outlook. One is that the economic pendulum, following the inevitable cycle of social and economic changes, began to widen its arc as business and agriculture joined hands in an assault on the binding chains of financial insolvency.

The other is that national defense lately has given industry a shot in the arm; taken the staggers out of business in general and dissipated the fear and gloom which has been hopelessly bound up in the lives of all Pennsylvanians. Statistics show, however, that the improvement trend preceded to some degree the issue of defense.

Whatever the actual reasons, we see now before us a definite course. If we can profit from the heartaches of darkened years, then ours will be a salvation of accomplishment and faith in better tomorrows.

You will note, in leisurely study of the commission report, that emphasis has been placed on public assistance as one of the major problems which have complicated the financial picture of the state government. We all are solemnly aware of the gravity of relief and its place in combating the hardships of emergency years.

We are also acutely interested in the status of education for here is the molding or testing ground of future generations who will some day assume the reins of government. The commission believes that the financial problems of many of our school districts, including the deplorable fiscal conditions of what are known as the distressed school districts, are dangerously close to disrupting the educational opportunities of our youth and that improvement is needed.

We believe that there must be a revision of the method of determining state-aid allocations so that there can be no breakdown of public education, and that teachers shall not go unpaid.

Likewise, you will note that the commission, in probing the question of tax problems, urges the legislature to consider the creation of an independent tax appeal body to provide an equitable method for determining one's tax liability.

The commission's research experts have carefully scrutinized the history of tax imposts and excises to show, in easily comprehended tables, precisely how the burden of state government is distributed.

Thus, under this research, the whole system of tax allocations and disbursements as balanced against the sources of revenue in all brackets, paints a very careful and indiscriminate picture of Pennsylvania's financial assets and liabilities.

It is a picture which the commission commends to your study and attention because we realize that the entire perspective of Pennsylvania's future course, must be determined by your voice in creating laws which will meet the requirements of the times.

We believe this work, in its many and unusual features, will throw an enlightening beam on the darkened and remote corners of Pennsylvania's tax and financial reservoirs and help to build a constructive program of economic policies as a pattern for legislative action today and in the years to come.

As chairman of the Joint State Government Commission, I believe I am justified in saying that the tax and financial report as prepared here will establish a precedent in legis-

lative practice and that its merits and benefits will attain far-reaching significance in the future.

I wish to thank my colleagues and fellow members of the commission for their loyal, conscientious and persevering attention to detail and their unshakable determination to give Pennsylvania a factual document which will outlive them in service to the Commonwealth.

It is also especially fitting that a special commendation be given the Director of the Commission, Mr. A. Alfred Wasserman, for his extensive and tireless contributions to this work. Around him evolved the entire responsibility for compiling the facts so elucidatingly that normally complex statistical shadings are brought within easy understanding.

Mr. Speaker, I shall offer the report and ask that it be printed in the appendix. There are copies of this report here for distribution. We have had the copies placed in envelopes with each member's name. When we distributed the other reports, we found out that there were some vacancies and some of the members complained they never received their copy. These reports are now in envelopes with the members names on them.

May I say this in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I think the Legislature can feel proud of this report. I believe that it is going to supply a tremendous amount of information for the members, not only during this session, but during the sessions to come. The work has been well done. I am not saying that because I am a member of the Commission because the active work upon this was entirely done by others, and the work was well done. I think it has factual data and information which will interest you and work for you not only during this session, but in the future.

The report was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER. The report will be noted in the Journals of the House and printed in the Appendix to the Legislative Journal.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITION

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

LIQUOR LICENSES

Petition from citizens of Allegheny County favoring passage of legislation permitting volunteer fire departments, reputable and responsible fraternal and church organizations to sell beer and liquor, or at least beer, at picnics sponsored by such organizations.

Communications from citizens of Philadelphia protesting passage of legislation to extend hours for the sale of intoxicating beverages in restaurants and hotels.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

COMMUNIST PARTY

Postcards from citizens of Philadelphia addressed to the Speaker, urging open hearings on bills affecting Communist Party.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 263.

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

Whereupon,

The SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of 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."

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Welfare for the purpose of further study and possible amendment.

The motion was agreed to.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of 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.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

BILLS ON THIRD READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 320, as follows:

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. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1 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" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for any court of this commonwealth having equity jurisdiction upon the special motion of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in any suit in equity which has been or shall be instituted therein concerning goods chattels lands tenements or hereditaments or for the perpetuating of testimony concerning trusts which have within the jurisdiction of such court one or more trustees and a substantial portion of their securities real estate or other assets or for the perpetuating of testimony concerning any lands tenements and so forth situate or being within the jurisdiction of such court or concerning any charge lien judgment mortgage or encumbrance thereon or where the court have acquired jurisdiction of the subject matter in controversy by the service of its process on one or more of the principal defendants to order and direct that any subpoena subpoenas or other process to be had in such suit be served upon any defendant or defendants therein then residing or being out of the jurisdiction of such court wherever he she or they may reside or be found and upon affidavit of such service had to proceed as fully and effectually as if the same had been made within the jurisdiction of such court Provided That it shall appear to such court by affidavit affidavits or other documents applicable for the purpose before making such order in what place or county such defendant or defendants reside or are or probably may be found and if such place be without the United States whether there are any officers of the United States residing thereat or near thereto and by what means such service may be authenticated And provided That such order limit a time depending on the place where such process is to be served after the service thereof within which compliance with the requirements thereof must be made by such defendant or defendants such process to be returnable at such time after the service thereof as such court shall by special order direct And further provided That when such process shall be served such defendant or defendants shall also be served with a copy of the order authorizing the service thereof and a copy of the bill or petition if such process be a subpoena thereon but if not a statement of the substance and object of the proceeding whereon the same is founded And provided also That the affidavit of such service of process and copies or statements aforesaid if such service be had within the United States may be made and taken before any officer of the United States or of any of the states or territories thereof authorized to administer an oath and if such service be had without the United States the same shall be authenticated as such court shall by special order direct

Section 2 This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment

And said bill having been read at length the third time, considered and agreed to.

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution the yeas and nays were taken and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—169

Achterman,	Fleming,	Leydic,	Rose, W. E.,
Baker,	Fletcher,	Lichtenwalter,	Rosenfeld,
Balthaser,	Flynn,	Longo,	Royer,
Baughner,	Foor,	Lovett,	Sarge,
Bentzel,	French,	Lyons,	Sarraf,
Boies,	Gallagher,	Malloy,	Scanlon,
Boney,	Gates,	Marks,	Schwab,
Boorse,	Gerard,	Maxwell,	Serrill,
Bower,	Goodwin,	McDermott,	Shaffer,
Bradley,	Greenwood,	McClanaghan,	Shaw,
Breth,	Gryskewicz,	McFall,	Shepard,
Bretherick,	Gyger,	McGrath,	Simons,
Brown,	Habbyshaw,	McIntosh,	Skale,
Brunner, C. H.,	Haines,	McKinney,	Snyder,

Brunner, P. A.,	Hall,	McLanahan,	Stambaugh,
Burns,	Hamilton,	McLane,	Stank,
Burriss,	Harkins,	McMillen,	Stine,
Cadwalader,	Harmuth,	McSurdy,	Stockham,
Chervenak,	Harris,	Melchiorre,	Tarr,
Chudoff,	Heatherington,	Mihm,	Tate,
Cochran,	Helm,	Modell,	Taylor,
Cohen, M. M.,	Hering,	Monks,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cohen, R. E.,	Herman,	Mooney,	Thompson, R. L.,
Cook,	Hersch,	Moran,	Trout,
Cooper,	Hewitt,	Moul,	Turner,
Cordier,	Hirsch,	Muir,	Van Allsburg,
Corrigan,	Holland,	Munley,	Verona,
Croop,	Huntley,	Nagel,	Vincent,
Cullen,	Imbrle,	Nunemacher,	Vogt,
Dalrymple,	James,	O'Brien,	Voidow,
Dennison,	Jefferson,	O'Connor,	Voorhees,
DiGenova,	Jones, G. E.,	O'Mullen,	Welsh, E. B.,
Dix,	Jones, P. N.,	O'Neill,	Welsh, M. J.,
Dolon,	Keenan,	Owens,	Williams,
D'Ortona,	Kenehan,	Petrosky,	Wolf,
Duffy,	Kline,	Pettit,	Wood, L. H.,
Early,	Knoble,	Polen,	Woodring,
Eckels,	Kolankiewicz,	Powers,	Woodside,
Elder,	Komorowski,	Prosen,	Wright,
Elliott,	Krise,	Rausch,	Yeakel,
Ely,	Lee, T. H.,	Readinger,	Yester,
Falkenstein,	Leisey,	Reese, R. E.,	Young,
Finestone,	Leonard,	Regan,	Kilroy,
Fiss,	Lesko,	Reynolds,	Speaker.
	Levy,	Rooney,	

NAYS—0

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 202, as follows:

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

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

Section 1 Sections two three four and five of 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" are hereby amended to read as follows

Section 2 The board of managers shall consist of

(a) Ex-officio members (five) the president judge of the court of common pleas of such county the judge of said court next oldest in commission the county commissioners of the county

(b) Elective members [(twelve)] (fifteen) the present elective members representing the Veterans of the Civil War shall be and continue as members of such board until removed by death resignation or otherwise The remaining members of the elective [(twelve)] (fifteen) shall be filled by the following organization out of their membership (three) by the county organization of the United Spanish War Veterans (three) by the county organization of the American Legion (three) by the county organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and (three) by the Disabled American Veterans of the World War within thirty days from the date when this act becomes effective and they shall certify such election to the secretary of the existing

board whereupon the persons so elected shall be members of the board

Section 3 Vacancies occurring among the elective members of the board shall be filled by the organization which chose the members whose place it is desired to fill Provided however That whenever it may appear that it is impossible to fill any vacancy in the board caused by the death or resignation of a member thereof who represented the Veterans of the Civil War because no organization survives to choose such members or no person survives who can qualify for such membership vacancies so created and existing shall upon notice from the secretary be filled by the county organizations of the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion [and] the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War That is to say the first vacancy so caused shall be filled by the county organization of the United Spanish War Veterans the second by the county organization of the American Legion [and] the third by the county organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars the fourth by the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and so on in rotation That is to say that when no member representing the Veterans of the Civil War shall remain on said board the elective personnel of the board shall be as follows Elective members [(twelve)] (fifteen) United Spanish War Veterans (four) the American Legion (four) Veterans of Foreign Wars (four) and Disabled American Veterans of the World War (three)

Section 4 The organization of the board [and] its powers and duties [and] the powers and duties of the county commissioners and the various courts of such county with respect to such memorial hall and the provisions for the maintenance and repair of such hall shall be and continue as provided under existing law

Section 5 Said memorial hall shall be in memory of the soldiers sailors and marines from such county who served in the Civil War It shall also contain one large assembly hall or auditorium for public meetings of the soldiers sailors and marines of such county but which may be used for other public meetings It shall also contain rooms for meetings of the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic encampments of the Union Veterans Legion commanderies of the Loyal Legion posts of United Spanish War Veterans posts of the American Legion posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and kindred patriotic organizations It shall also contain rooms and places for the proper display and preservation of relics and trophies of all such wars insurrections and expedition flags histories rosters and records of all such patriotic organizations regimental and company histories photographs paintings and portraits busts and statues of soldiers sailors and marines of such county and mural tablets upon which may be inscribed the names of the soldiers sailors and marines of such county who served in any such wars insurrections and expeditions

Section 2 This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

And said bill having been read at length the third time, considered and agreed to.

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution the yeas and nays were taken and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—177

Achterman,	Habbyshaw,	McIntosh,	Rush,
Baker,	Haberlen,	McKinney,	Sarge,
Balthaser,	Haines,	McLanahan,	Sarraf,
Baughner,	Hall,	McLane,	Scanlon,
Bentley,	Hamilton,	McMillen,	Schwab,
Bentzel,	Harkins,	McSurdy,	Serrill,
Boies,	Harmuth,	Melchiorre,	Shaffer,
Boney,	Harris,	Mihm,	Shaw,
Breth,	Heatherington,	Modell,	Shepard,
Bretherick,	Helm,	Monks,	Simons,
Brown,	Hering,	Mooney,	Skale,
Brunner, C. H.,	Herman,	Moran,	Snyder,

Brunner, P. A.,	Hersch,	Moul,	Soilenberger,
Burns,	Hewitt,	Muir,	Starg,
Burris,	Hirsch,	Munley,	Stambaugh,
Cadwalader,	Holland,	Nagel,	Stank,
Chudoff,	Huntley,	Nunemacher,	Stine,
Cochran,	Imbrle,	O'Brien,	Stockham,
Cohen, M. M.,	James,	O'Connor,	Tarr,
Cohen, R. E.,	Jones, G. E.,	O'Dare,	Tate,
Cook,	Jones, P. N.,	O'Mullen,	Taylor,
Cooper,	Keenan,	O'Neill,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cordier,	Kenehan,	Owens,	Thompson, R. L.,
Corrigan,	Kline,	Petrosky,	Trout,
Croop,	Knoble,	Pettit,	Turner,
Dalrymple,	Kolankiewicz,	Polaski,	Van Allsburg,
Dennison,	Komorowski,	Polen,	Vincent,
DiGenova,	Leisey,	Powers,	Vogt,
Dolon,	Leonard,	Prosen,	Voidow,
D'Ortona,	Lesko,	Rank,	Weiss,
Early,	Levy,	Rausch,	Welsh, E. B.,
Eckels,	Leydic,	Readinger,	Welsh, M. J.,
Elder,	Lichtenwalter,	Reagan,	Williams,
Falkenstein,	Longo,	Reese, D. R.,	Wolf,
French,	Lovett,	Reese, R. E.,	Wood, L. H.,
Gallagher,	Lyons,	Regan,	Wood, N.,
Gates,	Marks,	Reynolds,	Woodring,
Gerard,	Maxwell,	Rhea,	Woodside,
Gillette,	McClanaghan,	Riley,	Wright,
Goodwin,	McClester,	Rooney,	Yeakel,
Gross,	McDermott,	Rose, S.,	Yester,
Gryskewicz,	McDowell,	Rose, W. E.,	Young,
Gyger,	McFall,	Rosenfeld,	Kilroy,
	McGrath,	Royer,	Speaker.

NAYS—0

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 51, entitled as follows:

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 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

Section 1 Section one of the act approved the twenty-second day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 851) entitled "An act fixing the pay and mileage of jurors and witnesses" is hereby amended to read as follows

Section 1 Be it enacted &c That from and after the time this act takes effect the pay of jurors in this Commonwealth shall be four dollars (\$4) per day together with mileage at the rate of six cents (6c) for each mile going to and returning from the county seat and the pay of witness shall be three dollars (\$3) per day together with the mileage at the rate of six cents (6c) for each mile going to and returning from the county seat.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third reading?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, as a rural legislator and one interested in keeping the administration of public affairs at the lowest possible point, I oppose this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the author or sponsor of this bill, the gentleman from Cambria, Mr. O'Connor.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Cambria permit himself to be interrogated?

Mr. O'CONNOR. I shall, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, in the opinion of the gentleman from Cambria, would jurors render any better service if they were paid another dollar a day?

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, in reply to the gentleman from Wayne, I will say it is not the intention of the sponsor of this bill to pay jurors for their work. The services of jurors in this Commonwealth have always been looked upon as a patriotic duty, and the purpose of this bill is to increase their fee from three to four dollars a day, merely to cover their hotel expenses while attending court.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, I will answer these questions as I go along, but I would like to further interrogate the gentleman from Cambria, Mr. O'Connor.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, has the gentleman from Cambria observed any great public or private demand for an increase in the fees to jurors.

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, I have.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, could the gentleman from Cambria cite some instance in his home county?

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, I will cite an instance in connection with our Grand Jury in my county of Cambria, where on one occasion at least it is reported that there was a suggestion that a member of the Legislature from Cambria county should sponsor a bill to restore to the jurors and witnesses the fees which they received before 1933.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, then the gentleman from Cambria is sponsoring this bill at the suggestion of the Court?

Mr. O'CONNOR. Not exactly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman from Cambria know what it will cost his county in increased administration?

Mr. O'CONNOR. I do not, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, is it not a fact that the average jurors spend a very short time in the courthouse, some of them only 20 minutes and some of them only an hour, and that they consider it more or less of an honor to serve on the jury, especially in the rural districts? Is it not a fact that jurors regard this as a sort of an honorary vacation at public expense?

Mr. O'CONNOR. I cannot answer that, Mr. Speaker; I do not know. My experience as an attorney, however, leads me to believe that it is not a fact.

Mr. DIX. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from Cambria has given us some very good reasons why the rural legislators should not support this bill. In the first place the gentleman from Cambria does not even know what it would cost his county and perhaps he does not care what it would cost. I for one am interested in keeping the cost of administration, especially in the rural counties, down to the lowest possible point. It would cost the county of Wayne at least one thousand dollars or perhaps fifteen hundred dollars for these services. The jurors in my county are not demanding it, they are not asking it. They are flocking into the office of the Sheriff and the office of the Jury Commissioners and asking for permission to have their names enrolled so that they would be called, and the Sheriff and the Jury Commissioners have told me that never once have they been asked for an increase in pay. They do not mention the amount of the fee and they

do not regard it as a dollar service. I for one will not come in here under the present situation, when many of our counties are bankrupt or nearly bankrupt and ask for this additional spending for jurors who are not asking for it themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I have been around the Court house for twenty-five years off and on, I have never received a dollar for my services. I have been there as a newspaper man to call on the various officials, and in my twenty-five years experience I have never heard one juror say that he did not think he was getting sufficient pay for his services. As I said before, the average jurors in the rural district come down twenty-five or thirty miles and spend four or five days at Honesdale, and they regard it as an honorary vacation at public expense. They are mighty glad to render this public service, they are mighty glad to do it for three dollars a day and they would do it for two dollars a day if that was the price.

Therefore, I oppose this unnecessary expense.

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, in 1933 when I first came to this House we reduced the fees of our assessors, our jurors and witnesses and also our own salaries as members of the Legislature. Since that time we have restored to the assessors the fees they received before 1933; we have restored to ourselves as Members of the Legislature the salaries which we received during 1933 and before, and I have heard no objection from Mr. Dix as to that. I feel, Mr. Speaker, that we are doing only what is right and something which has been too long delayed, in restoring to the jurors and to the witnesses in this Commonwealth the fees which we took from them in the session of 1933 and I, therefore, ask the membership of the House to vote for this bill.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution the yeas and nays were taken and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—160

Achterman,	Gryskewicz,	McFall,	Rose, S.,
Auker,	Gyger,	McIntosh,	Rosenfeld,
Baker,	Habbyshaw,	McKinney,	Royer,
Balthaser,	Haberlen,	McLanahan,	Rush,
Bentzel,	Haines,	McLane,	Sarraf,
Boies,	Hall,	McSurdy,	Scanlon,
Boney,	Hamilton,	Melchiorre,	Serrill,
Boorse,	Harkins,	Mihm,	Shaffer,
Breth,	Harmuth,	Modell,	Shaw,
Bretherick,	Heatherington,	Monks,	Shepard,
Brown,	Helm,	Mooney,	Skale,
Brunner, C. H.,	Hering,	Moran,	Sorg,
Brunner, P. A.,	Herman,	Moul,	Stank,
Burns,	Hersch,	Muir,	Stine,
Cadwalader,	Hirsch,	Munley,	Stockham,
Chudoff,	Holland,	Nagel,	Tarr,
Cochran,	Huntley,	Nunemacher,	Tate,
Cohen, R. E.,	Imbrie,	O'Brien,	Taylor,
Cook,	James,	O'Connor,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cooper,	Jefferson,	O'Dare,	Thompson, R. L.,
Corrigan,	Jones, G. E.,	O'Mullen,	Trout,
Croop,	Keenan,	O'Neill,	Turner,
Cullen,	Kenehan,	Owens,	Van Ailsburg,
Dalrymple,	Kilne,	Petrosky,	Vincent,
DiGenova,	Knoble,	Pettit,	Vogt,
Dolon,	Kolankiewicz,	Polaski,	Voldow,
D'Ortona,	Komorowski,	Polen,	Welsh, E. B.,
Early,	Lee, T. H.,	Powers,	Welsh, M. J.,
Eckels,	Leisey,	Prosen,	Williams,
Falkenstein,	Leonard,	Rank,	Winnier,
Finestone,	Lesko,	Rausch,	Wolf,
Fisher,	Levy,	Readinger,	Wood, L. H.,
Fiss,	Lichtenwalter,	Reagan,	Wood, N.,
Fleming,	Longo,	Reese, David P.,	Woodring,

Fletcher, Gallagher, Gates, Gerard, Gillan, Gillette, Goodwin,	Lovett, Lyons, Malloy, Marks, McClanaghan, McDermott,	Reese, R. E., Regan, Reynolds, Rhea, Riley, Rooney,	Wright, Yeakel, Yester, Young, Kilroy, Speaker.
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NAYS—25

Bentley, Bower, Borris, Cohen, M. M., Cordier, Dennison,	Dix, Elder, Ely, Foor, French, Greenwood,	Gross, Harris, Hewitt, Jones, P. N., Maxwell, McClester,	McMillen, Sarge, Snyder, Stambaugh, Voorhees, Weiss,
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker there are several committees of the House and Senate that have measures dealing with the question of tax abatement, delinquent taxes and tax sales. These pieces of legislation have not proceeded to move, due to the organization of these committees and numerous other pieces of legislation which they have to consider. I, myself, have presented a bill which provides for the abatement of tax sales until the first of November of this year. It provides for the abatement of delinquent taxes over a five year spread. It is barely possible that we may not be able to enact a piece of Legislation which will provide for the abatement of taxes and penalties within the short space of time before these sales will be advertised. Accordingly I am presenting a resolution which will provide for the adjournment of tax sales in the Commonwealth, predicated upon the acceptance of the provisions of this resolution by the County Commissioners in the various counties and by the courts. This will stop these sales and will denote the intention of the legislature to enact suitable enabling tax legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution to be filed with the clerk and to be referred to the proper committee. I respectfully urge the members of the Committee to which this resolution will be sent to expedite it in the name of thousands of distressed taxpayers and home owners in this Commonwealth.

In my particular county this sale is about to be advertised for March tenth. We will not have time to enact suitable legislation.

The SPEAKER. The resolution will be filed with the Clerk under the rules.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

Messrs. WOODRING and McFALL offered the following resolution and asked and obtained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives,
February 25, 1941

Whereas, the residents of Northampton County have learned with profound sorrow of the death of one of its citizens, John Luke Staples, who died Wednesday, February 19th at the age of sixty-three; and

Whereas, Mr. Staples led an exemplary and industrious

life, devoted to the advancement of his family and the community he called his home; and

Whereas, he was a member of the Jacksonian Democratic Association of Easton, Pennsylvania, and did throughout his lifetime strive for the application of democratic principles of government; and

Whereas, he was at the time of his decease and many years prior thereto a duly elected county assessor in the City of Easton, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Mr. Staples was at the time of his death a sworn employe of the House of Representatives, having been inducted into service on the 13th day of January, 1941; and

Whereas, we are profoundly affected by his passing; be it therefor

Resolved, that the House of Representatives take this opportunity to pay their tribute to a departed citizen and employe; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the decedent's family.

Mr. LEISEY offered the following resolution and asked and obtained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, February 25, 1941.

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst by death, our esteemed and honored fellow citizen, William W. Long, who for six years, from 1920 to 1925 inclusive, was a Member of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the First District of the County of Chester, who throughout his term of office and throughout his connections and services with this House of Representatives and the County of Chester and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, manifested ability and judgment of the highest order and who, during all his career and under all circumstances has maintained a most honorable reputation and a true record of patriotic and public spirited service; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the passing of our esteemed former fellow member of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has sustained the loss of a citizen whose service it is a satisfaction to contemplate; that this House of Representatives hereby bears testimony to his exceptional ability, his faithful service, his rare judgment, his deep interest in the Commonwealth and its welfare, his charming personality, his untiring energy, his progressive accomplishments, and his splendid patriotic and public service as a citizen and as a Member of this House of Representatives, and that this House of Representatives offers to his widow and his family in their bereavement its most sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolence; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the widow of our deceased fellow member, and that it be entered upon the Legislative Journal of this House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:

Cities—Third Class, Wednesday, February 26 at 11 a. m. in Room 325.

Education, Wednesday, February 26 at 10 a. m. in Room 329.

Railroads and Railways, Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a. m. in Room 522.

State Government, Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a. m. in Room 326.

Townships, Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a. m. in Room 329.

Welfare, Wednesday, February 26 at 10:30 a. m. in Room 246.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. If there is no objection the Chair is about to declare a recess until 4:30 p. m.

The Chair hears none and declares a recess until 4:30 p. m.

AFTER RECESS

The House reconvened at 4:30 p. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. HARMUTH. HOUSE BILL No. 576.

To further amend subsection (f) of section one thousand two hundred five of the act, approved the fifteenth 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." further regulating determination of charges against professional employes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. HARMUTH. HOUSE BILL No. 577.

To further amend subsection (j) of and to add subsection (k) to, section one thousand two hundred five of the act, approved the fifteenth 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," creating a tenure appeal board in each county to hear appeals from rulings on complaints against professional employes; prescribing their powers and duties; and requiring counties to furnish an office for such boards.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Messrs. DAVID P. REESE, JR. and McINTOSH.
HOUSE BILL No. 578.

Providing for the disposition of property where there is no sufficient evidence that persons have died otherwise than simultaneously, and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Messrs. DAVID P. REESE, JR. and McINTOSH.
HOUSE BILL No. 579.

Relating to acknowledgments of written instruments and to make uniform the law with relation thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL No. 580.

An Act to amend section twenty-four of the act, approved the sixteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred

thirty-six (P. L. 784), entitled "An act relating to the jurisdictions and powers of courts," by further defining the power of courts to punish summarily for contempt, and setting up a period of limitations.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. BAUGHER. HOUSE BILL No. 581.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture for laboratory research in the prevention of the transmission and in the cure of mastitis in cattle.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. O'CONNOR. HOUSE BILL No. 582.

An Act to further amend section one thousand one hundred twenty-five and to amend section one thousand one hundred twenty-seven of the act, approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (P. L. 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs, specifying the reasons for making deductions from salary of, and suspending and dismissing policemen, and the procedure in connection therewith, including limitations on the powers of the borough council and burgess; creating a board of review to be appointed by the borough council, and defining the powers and duties of said board.

Referred to the Committee on Boroughs.

By Mr. BRETH. HOUSE BILL No. 583.

An Act authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to sell and convey two certain plots of land.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. McLANE. HOUSE BILL No. 584.

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. FALKENSTEIN. HOUSE BILL No. 585.

An Act to amend section two of the act, approved the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (P. L. 292), entitled "An act to provide revenue by taxation," by reducing from ten mills to five mills the rate of tax upon the capital stock of companies organized and incorporated for the purpose of distilling liquors and selling the same at wholesale.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. O'NEILL. HOUSE BILL No. 586.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction for the use of the Pennsylvania State Oral School for the Deaf at Scranton.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FLEMING. HOUSE BILL No. 587.

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. POLASKI.

HOUSE BILL No. 588.

An Act providing for the acquisition by the Department of Property and Supplies of a tract of land fronting on Lake Erie, situated in the township of North East, County of Erie, and for its development and maintenance as a state park by the Department of Forests and Waters; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. McINTOSH.

HOUSE BILL No. 589.

An Act to further amend section four of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (P. L. 463), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the incorporation, as bodies corporate and politic, of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties, and townships; defining the same; prescribing the rights, powers, and duties of such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants with the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and for other purposes," limiting the power of authorities with respect to bridges located in more than one county or crossing a stream on the boundary line of two counties.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. HIRSCH.

HOUSE BILL No. 590.

An Act relating to wages, regulating the time and manner of payment of wages, providing for the enforcement of wage claims, imposing certain new liabilities upon contractors, and certain duties and liabilities upon employers, and waiving certain exemptions in certain cases, and conferring certain powers and imposing certain duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, and providing penalties, and repealing existing laws.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Messrs. WEISS and MAXWELL.

HOUSE BILL No. 591.

Providing for the appointment by the court of common pleas in counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth class of a public defender at the cost of the county, to represent litigents who are unable to hire counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. KRISE.

HOUSE BILL No. 592.

An Act providing for the levy and collection of a temporary Sunday sales tax for State public assistance purposes; defining sales; requiring vendors to be licensed and imposing duties on vendors; prescribing penalties, and appropriating the proceeds of said tax.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BENTZEL.

HOUSE BILL No. 593.

To amend section two hundred twelve, to further amend sections two hundred thirteen, two hundred fourteen, seven hundred one, and seven hundred nine, and to amend section one thousand two hundred one of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and

commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by exempting the Department of Internal Affairs from the provisions of said sections, and further defining powers of the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. SKALE.

HOUSE BILL No. 594.

To further amend sections five hundred one, five hundred two and five hundred three 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 prohibiting local option contests until the municipal elections of one thousand nine hundred and forty-three; eliminating clubs from the restrictions of local option; and further prescribing the form in which the local option question shall be presented to the electors.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Messrs. PETTIT and POLEN. HOUSE BILL No. 595.

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 revising the provision relating to anonymous publications and libel.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Mr. CORRIGAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 596.

Authorizing the Council of the City of Philadelphia to fix the salaries of members of the Park Guards, and authorizing the Park Commission to classify the Park Guards and to pay the salaries as set by the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—First Class.

By Mr. CORRIGAN. HOUSE BILL No. 597.

To amend section two or article five of the act approved the twenty-fifth day of June one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 581) entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth" by classifying employes and officers of the Bureau of Police and Fire and certain employes of the Electrical Bureau assigned exclusively for work in connection with the Bureau of Fire, all in the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of fixing minimum salaries for each classification and payment of at-least such minimum salaries to all persons within the said classifications.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—First Class.

By Mr. REAGAN. HOUSE BILL No. 598.

Requiring the council of cities of the Second class A to fix the salaries of the officers and members of the police department; and establishing minimum salaries.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Second Class.

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. 159. (HOUSE BILL No. 599.)

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Military Affairs for the purpose of erecting, constructing and equipping an auditorium at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. O'BRIEN. HOUSE BILL No. 600.

An Act making it unlawful to appropriate or use public funds for the support of certain educational institutions which do not dismiss officers or teachers, or expel students guilty of advocating or disseminating communistic principles or propaganda.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'BRIEN. HOUSE BILL No. 601.

An Act requiring teachers and administrative officers, or employes of educational systems of the Commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, to subscribe to a specified oath or affirmation.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. O'BRIEN. HOUSE BILL No. 602.

An Act denying recognition as a political party for all purposes to any group of persons advocating the overthrow of the government.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. KOMOROWSKI. RESOLUTION No. 40.

In the House of Representatives, February 25, 1941.

Whereas, It appears that the present Congress of the

United States will be called upon to pass upon the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is opposed to the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway because of its economical impracticability, its entire lack of advantage as a defense measure and its detriment to business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States not to approve or authorize the construction of the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each Senator and Representative elected from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Messrs. WEISS and MAXWELL.

RESOLUTION No. 41.

In the House of Representatives, February 25, 1941.

Whereas, The act, approved the first day of July, 1937, P. L. 483, provides that after July 1st, 1939, the Commonwealth shall reimburse, to the extent provided therefor, certain school districts providing free transportation to children to and from school; and

Whereas, The operation of said act was temporarily suspended, in part, until July 1st, 1941, by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, 1939, P. L. 1097; and

Whereas, The suspension of said act has caused extreme financial hardship on the school districts affected thereby; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House, that there shall be no further suspension in the operation of the provisions of the said act of 1937, P. L. 483, and that the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in considering the budget for the next biennium, be directed to consider the cost of the reimbursement to school districts providing such free transportation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of this House to the Governor and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Messrs. WEISS and MAXWELL

(Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 42.

In the House of Representatives, February 25, 1941.

Whereas, Industrial insurance policies as presently sold do not equitably establish the rights of insured workers who in many instances acquire little benefit commensurate with premiums paid therefor; and

Whereas, Many bills have been introduced in past legislative sessions dealing with such industrial insurance; and

Whereas, There has not yet been established any uniformity in the forms of the policies or any substantial equity in the rights granted by such policies issued for such insurance; and

Whereas, By reason thereof, inequities may result and fraud may be established by insurance companies upon its policy holders; therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the General Assembly, that the Speaker of the House shall appoint a legislative committee consisting of three members of this House, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Insurance Department and determine upon a uniform form of policy or policies, providing for adequate and equitable rights and benefits, to be used in writing such insurance within the Commonwealth, so that appropriate legislation can be enacted at this session of the Legislature.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. CORDIER. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 43.

In the House of Representatives, February 25, 1941.

Whereas, Under existing law, the county treasurers of the various counties will be required to hold tax sales of returned seated lands before the first Monday of May, 1941; and

Whereas, It appears that sufficient time may not remain to enact suitable legislation before said date fixed for such tax sales, to authorize adjournment or further adjournment; therefore be it

Resolved (If the Senate concur), That the General Assembly hereby authorizes the county treasurers of the various counties of this Commonwealth, if the county commissioners and the court of common pleas of such counties consent thereto, to adjourn or further adjourn any tax sale which, under existing law is required to be held prior to the first Monday of May, 1941; and the General Assembly hereby declares its purpose forthwith to enact suitable legislation to validate any such adjournment of a tax sale, and to provide by law for the holding of such adjourned tax sales at a future date, saving the lien of all taxes assessed against real estate which was to be sold at such sales.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

SENATE MESSAGE

RECALLING HOUSE BILL NO. 262

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

In the Senate, February 25, 1941.

Resolved, (if the House of Representatives concur) That House Bill No. 262, Senate No. 202, Printer's No. 35, entitled "An Act making a deficiency appropriation to the Department of Public Assistance and providing for certain allocations therefrom 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 for the payment of assistance and expenses accrued or incurred prior to and remaining on May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine" be recalled from the House of Representatives for the purpose of further consideration.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate? It was concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate accordingly?

BILL TAKEN FROM TABLE

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that House Bill No. 262, Printer's No. 35, together with the message from the Senate be taken from the table.

The clerk read the Senate message and the title of House Bill No. 262, Printer's No. 35, for the information of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 262 RETURNED TO SENATE

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that House Bill No. 262, Printer's No. 35, be returned to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of a Concurrent Resolution adopted this day, recalling said bill.

The motion was agreed to.

BILL RE-REFERRED

Mr. SARRAF returned from the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation with recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 405, entitled:

An Act to amend section three of the act, approved the tenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 485), entitled "An act to provide for the better protection of life and health of the citizens of this Commonwealth by requiring and regulating the examination, licensure, and registration of persons, and registration of corporations, engaging in the care, preparation, and disposition of the bodies of deceased persons; and providing penalties," by providing that student apprentices shall receive credit toward their apprenticeship for time spent in military training, not exceeding one year.

The SPEAKER. The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, the Director of the Joint State Government Commission advises me that several Members of the House have come to him asking whether he has basic information which will enable them to form opinions upon bills and also help them in deciding whether they should introduce bills. I thought we had made it clear that there is a great mass of information, not only as contained in the reports, but data which has been gathered by the Commission in its work and a large number of reports and other material, and I, therefore, again would like to call this matter to the attention of the Members of the House because one of the purposes of the Commission is to supply such information. The Joint State Government Commission is in the old Treasury office on the first floor, across from the Speaker's office. If you have any problem; if you want to know whether there is certain data on a problem which you have, a legislative problem, go in there and see the Director and you will more than likely find that he either has it or can tell you where it can be found. That service is open to the Members of the House just as is the office of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and we hope the Members of the House will avail themselves of it because I am of the belief that if you do your views a lot of times will be changed on some of the legislation that you have before you or some which you contemplate.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The following Committee meeting was announced: Appropriations, Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a. m. in Room 328.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LLOYD H. WOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 26, 1941, at 12 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 4:52 p.m.) the House adjourned.