

umberland, Mr. Dietrick, to investigate the Shamokin State Hospital, the following appointments are announced.

The gentleman from Northumberland, Dr. DIETRICK.

The gentleman from Warren, Dr. CHAPMAN.

The gentleman from Washington, Mr. REED.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. McGINNIS. Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. McGinnis, will state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. McGINNIS. Mr. President, in connection with the letter just read I might state that for a number of years the Legislative Sons of St Patrick at every regular session of the Legislature have arranged for a dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's birthday. I happen to be a member of that committee, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of this Senate, working with the members from the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, the committee met last night and arranged for the dinner, refreshments and entertainment next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the Penn-Harris Hotel.

Tickets are four dollars each and ladies are welcome—at four dollars each.

Tables are arranged for six and eight at a table. Any group that wishes a table of six or eight may have it.

The committee, in order to have a successful entertainment and lay all the plans, ought to know this week how many intend to be present. It is difficult for the hotel to arrange and it is difficult for the committee to arrange for entertainment and space and so forth unless the committee knows this week just how many are going to attend.

Mr. President, the entertainment will be of the best; we will have music, Irish music, with Irish tenors direct from the Emerald Isle and Irish music galore.

I can assure all of those who have not attended any of those dinners previously that they will have a delightful evening and will never regret attending.

Mr. SHAPIRO. Mr. President, I should like to say a word in behalf of this dinner. For years I have been trained in the theory and the practice of the Catholic religion. I recall as a boy when I passed St. Augustine's Church at Fourth and New Streets, between Green and Fairmount Avenue, if I did not raise my hat I always got my block knocked off.

I remember the great consternation in my family when I came home and told them some of the young gentlemen who were my colleagues at that time had dragged me into the Church and baptized me with holy water, and as a result of that I have acquired a feeling of kinship toward the whole movement and feel it ought to be encouraged.

I am going to attend the dinner myself, even if I have to buy a ticket, and I am going to assure the gentlemen, as soon as they get this on a paying basis, I am going to arrange for Rabbi Bookstaber of Harrisburg to take it over—just as soon as you put it on a paying basis.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair might as well set an example for the Senators and purchase his ticket.

Mr. McGINNIS. Mr. President, I might add for the information of the Senators that the tickets for this dinner

of the Legislative Sons of St. Patrick to be held next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock may be purchased downstairs from the Chief Clerk of the House.

Mr. BARR. Mr. President, you may return that money because the Chair is invited, as is the Governor, the President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House. You are the only ones who will get in free.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair does not desire to be under any obligation to the Irish. The Chair hopes the Governor and the President Pro Tempore will do likewise because the Chair knows it will cost money to put on entertainment like the Legislative Sons of St. Patrick puts on.

Mr. STIEFEL. Mr. President, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Shapiro, mentioned that he is going to invite Rabbi Bookstaber to attend the dinner and in connection with that let me say that in 1937 the then Speaker of the House, Roy Furman, introduced the Rabbi to the Assembly as the Archbishop of the local Jewish Diocese.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 12, 1941, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, p. m. until Wednesday, March 12, 1941, 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, March 11, 1941

The House met at 1 p. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. DONALD McFALL offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, This day, we pause to ask for strength that we may work the works that Thou would'st have us to do, while it is day. May we not be mindful only to the needs of self but to the needs of those around about us—our neighbors. Remind us, O God, that this matter of 'doing good' is not optional, but is a commandment from Thee, which if obeyed will bring great joy to the hearts of those we are privileged to minister unto as well as a warning of our own heart in the effort put forth. Help us to be good servants of Thine, we pray. 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. O'CONNOR, unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. TURNER.

HOUSE BILL NO. 729.

An Act to further amend section three hundred nine and subsection (a) of section three hundred eleven of the act,

approved the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, (P. L. 998), entitled "An act for the prevention and treatment of mental diseases, mental defect, epilepsy, and inebriety; regulating the admission and commitment of mental patients to hospitals for mental diseases and institutions for mental defectives and epileptics; governing the transfer, discharge, interstate rendition, and deportation of mental patients; providing for the payment by individuals, counties, or the Commonwealth of the cost of the admission, care, and discharge of mental patients; and imposing penalties," imposing the expense of clothing persons admitted to schools for mental defectives on institution districts in certain cases; and giving the Commonwealth preference against the estates of such persons in such cases.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. PROSEN. HOUSE BILL No. 730.

An Act imposing certain duties on prosecuting or district attorneys and attorneys for the defendant in the trial of criminal cases.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. PROSEN. HOUSE BILL No. 731.

An Act to amend section two of the act approved the fifteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1743), entitled "An act relating to magistrates and magistrates' courts in the city of Philadelphia; imposing certain duties upon, and prohibiting certain practices by, magistrates; imposing certain duties on the city controller in regard thereto; authorizing the employment by him of additional clerks and fixing their compensation; regulating the practice in magistrates' courts, the entering of bail, and the issuance of discharges in criminal cases in the county of Philadelphia; conferring certain powers over magistrates and magistrates' courts, and imposing certain duties in connection therewith upon the judges of the courts of common pleas of the county of Philadelphia; providing for the appointment and employment of stenographers to report proceedings in certain cases heard by magistrates; fixing salaries of persons employed by authority of this act; providing penalties for violations of the provisions thereof; and repealing certain prior acts," increasing the number of magistrates.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—First Class.

By Mr. PROSEN. HOUSE BILL No. 732.

An Act to amend section two of the act, approved the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (P. L. 866), entitled "An act relative to the establishment and jurisdiction of magistrates' courts in Philadelphia, and creating a board of magistrates; providing for a chief magistrate; prescribing their powers and duties; providing for clerks; establishing a central administrative office; imposing upon the City of Philadelphia the cost of establishment and maintenance of magistrates' courts, including payment of all salaries; fixing salaries and restricting magistrates to duties of office; and repealing certain prior acts," increasing the number of magistrates.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—First Class.

By Mr. TROUT. HOUSE BILL No. 733.

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

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. DIX. HOUSE BILL No. 734.

An Act to amend section thirteen and to further amend section eighteen of the act, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L.

522), entitled as amended "An act relating to dogs, and the protection of live stock, poultry, and game birds raised in captivity from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs by the Secretary of Agriculture; providing for the enumeration of dogs by assessors; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of licensed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial, show and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game Commissioners; providing for the assessment of damages done to live stock; poultry, and game birds by dogs, and for live stock killed by, or dying from, rabies, and for the illegal killing of licensed dogs; and the payment of such damages by the Commonwealth; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county, city, borough, town, and township officers and employes, directing the payment of all moneys collected into the State Treasury; and providing penalties," permitting certain dogs to be brought into the Commonwealth for hunting purposes by holders of nonresident hunting licenses, without securing a Pennsylvania dog license.

Referred to the Committee on Game.

By Mr. HIRSCH. HOUSE BILL No. 735.

An Act to further amend sections three, five, eleven, fourteen, and fifteen, of the act, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L. 522), entitled; as amended, "An act relating to dogs, and the protection of live stock, poultry, and game birds raised in captivity from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs by the Secretary of Agriculture; providing for the enumeration of dogs by assessors; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of licensed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial, show, and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game Commissioners; providing for the assessment of damages done to live stock, poultry, and game birds by dogs, and for live stock killed by or dying from rabies, and for the illegal killing of licensed dogs, and the payment of such damages by the Commonwealth; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county, city, borough, town and township officers and employes, directing the payment of all moneys collected into the State Treasury; and providing penalties," providing for the mandatory appointment of justices of the peace, aldermen, magistrates and notaries public upon request, as agents of the Department of Revenue, supervising the issuance of dog and kennel licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Game.

By Mr. DALRYMPLE. HOUSE BILL No. 736.

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

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Third Class.

By Mr. MORAN. HOUSE BILL No. 737.

An Act providing a referendum to ascertain the will of the electors with respect to the adoption of daylight saving time as the official time during a portion of each year throughout the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. STOCKHAM. HOUSE BILL No. 738.

An Act to amend the title, and sections one and two of the act approved the seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred seven (P. L. 175), entitled "An act to provide revenue by imposing a license tax on all stock brokers,

bill brokers, note brokers, exchange brokers, merchandise brokers, factors or commission merchants, real estate brokers and agents, and pawnbrokers, whether persons, firms, limited partnerships, or corporations; providing for the collection of said tax, and imposing certain duties on county treasurers and mercantile appraisers," excluding real estate brokers and agents from the provisions of said act.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STOCKHAM. HOUSE BILL No. 739.

An Act to further amend paragraph six of section one of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 858), entitled "An act establishing a State employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing State 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 the heads of departments in which State employes serve; excepting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," by further defining State employe.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. HABBEYSHAW. HOUSE BILL No. 740.

An Act to further amend the act approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (P. L. 522), entitled as amended "An act relating to dogs, and the protection of live stock, poultry, and game birds raised in captivity from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs by the Secretary of Agriculture; providing for the enumeration of dogs by assessors; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of licensed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial, show and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game Commissioners; providing for the assessment of damages done to live stock, poultry, and game birds by dogs, and for live stock killed by, or dying from rabies, and for the illegal killing of licensed dogs, and the payment of such damages by the Commonwealth; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county, city, borough, town, and township officers and employes, directing the payment of all moneys collected into the State Treasury; and providing penalties," making dog licenses valid throughout the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Game.

By Mr. PETROSKY. HOUSE BILL No. 741.

An Act prescribing a method for supplying or perfecting county records of births which occurred within the Commonwealth prior to the establishment of a State system for registering vital statistics authorizing the clerk of the orphans' court to supply or perfect missing or inaccurate records of such births upon the submission of certain evidence; providing for searches of birth records and the issuance of birth certificates by such officers in certain cases; prescribing fees and imposing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. RUSSELL E. REESE and NUNEMACHER.
HOUSE BILL No. 742.

An Act to place the burden of taxation equitably, fairly and justly upon all those who possess wealth by providing certain exemptions against the value of property.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JAMES.

HOUSE BILL No. 743.

An Act authorizing the splitting of assessment on pieces of real property heretofore or hereafter assessed as a whole, and the payment and receipt of proportionate parts of the taxes levied thereon, and the separate return and sale of the purparts of such property; and validating such actions heretofore taken.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. PRESLEY N. JONES. HOUSE BILL No. 744.

An Act to further amend section seventeen of the act approved the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 858), entitled "An act establishing a State employes' retirement system and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing State 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 the heads of departments in which State employes serve excepting annuities allowances returns benefits and rights from taxation and judicial process and providing penalties" authorizing payment by the board to a credit union where rights have been assigned and the note is unpaid and empowering the board to make additional deductions from member's salary for the repayment of such amounts into the member's savings account.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. BRETHERICK. HOUSE BILL No. 745.

An Act to amend the title and sections one and two of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 957), entitled "An act authorizing boroughs and townships of the first class to adopt and enforce zoning ordinances regulating the location, construction, and use of buildings, the size of courts and open spaces, the density of population, and the use of land," permitting the zoning of undeveloped portions only of boroughs; and removing provisions of said act heretofore repealed.

Referred to the Committee on Boroughs.

By Mr. BRETHERICK. HOUSE BILL No. 746.

An Act to further amend subsection (b) of section one thousand two of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905), entitled, "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and the 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 refunds," decreasing the lawful rate of speed between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Messrs. HOLLAND and HAINES.

HOUSE BILL No. 747.

An Act to add Section 699.6 to the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872), entitled, "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," relating to printing or other reproduction of certain political literature.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Mr. LEYDIC.

HOUSE BILL No. 748.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies for the acquisition of a site, and for the erection, construction, equipment and furnishing of a Veterans' Administration Building thereon; and authorizing the Commonwealth to accept loans and grants therefor from the Federal Government.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. VOORHEES.

HOUSE BILL No. 749.

An Act making an appropriation to the Board of Finance and Revenue for the payment of certain moral claims against the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. HARE and WAGNER. HOUSE BILL No. 750.

An Act authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to convey to the county commissioners of Somerset County certain real property located in said county and heretofore acquired by the Commonwealth for development as an airport.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. HEATHERINGTON. HOUSE BILL No. 751.

An Act to amend section two thousand one hundred and one of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," by fixing the minimum salaries or compensation for paid firemen and paid employees of the fire department in such cities.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Third Class.

By Messrs. CORDIER and KENEHAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 752.

An Act authorizing cities of the second class A, with the consent of the owners thereof, to improve and beautify property devoted to park purposes, within such cities.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Second Class.

By Messrs. CORDIER and KENEHAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 753.

An Act authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Welfare to acquire certain land adjacent to, and for the use of the Scranton State Hospital; providing for the improvement and use thereof; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. POWERS.

HOUSE BILL No. 754.

An Act requiring the Department of Welfare to institute a course of military instruction for boys and first aid and nursing instruction for girls, in each State Industrial and correctional school or institution.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. SHAW.

HOUSE BILL No. 755.

To further amend section seventeen of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (P. L. 858), entitled "An act establishing a State employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing State 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 the heads of departments in which State employes serve; excepting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties;" by permitting members to assign their rights to Federal Credit Unions in certain cases as security for loans.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. WRIGHT.

HOUSE BILL No. 756.

Providing for probation officers and court investigators of the several courts of record having jurisdiction in criminal proceedings; prescribing their powers and duties; providing for their compensation and expenses, and for assistants, offices, rooms for detention of defendants, prisoners and others, and for furnishings and supplies; and imposing the cost thereof on the county.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. WRIGHT.

HOUSE BILL No. 757.

Providing for and regulating the validation of certain borough ordinances.

Referred to the Committee on Boroughs.

By Mr. BRETHERICK.

HOUSE BILL No. 758.

An Act to further amend sections four and nine 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 contract with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and for other purposes," including incinerators for rubbish and garbage as projects.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. RUSSELL E. REESE and NUNEMACHER.

HOUSE BILL No. 759.

An Act to prohibit discrimination against doctors of medicine in the use of the facilities of State-aided hospitals, and requiring the Department of Welfare to withhold the payment of state appropriations in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation.

By Mr. KLINE.

HOUSE BILL No. 760.

An Act to further amend clause (c), section 2406 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, 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;" further regulating the distribution of the Pennsylvania Manual.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

By Messrs. WEISS and MAXWELL. HOUSE BILL No. 761.

An Act to amend section seven hundred and thirty-three of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by limiting jurisdiction in cases of desertion and nonsupport to courts in the counties where the separation or neglect first occurred.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

By Messrs. MAXWELL and WEISS.

HOUSE BILL No. 762.

An Act to further amend section twelve of the act, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L. 522), entitled as amended "An act relating to dogs, and the protection of live stock, poultry, and game birds raised in captivity from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs by the Secretary of Agriculture; providing for the enumeration of dogs by assessors; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of licensed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial, show, and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game Commissioners; providing for the assessment of damages done to live stock, poultry, and game birds by dogs, and for live stock killed by, or dying from, rabies, and for the illegal killing of licensed dogs, and the payment of such damages by the Commonwealth; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county, city, borough, town, and township officers and employes, directing the payment of all moneys collected into the State Treasury; and providing penalties," permitting dogs kept in a kennel to be taken out for training, exercise or entry in field trials.

Referred to the Committee on Game.

By Mr. DALRYMPLE.

HOUSE BILL No. 763.

An Act to further amend subsection (b) of section twenty-seven, and to amend section thirty-one, subsection (b) of section thirty-two, to add section thirty-two and one-tenth, to amend subsection (e) of section thirty-seven, and subsection (b) of section thirty-eight of the act approved the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 849), entitled "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the third class as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, political bodies, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commissions, county election boards, election officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county controllers, regis-

trars of vital statistics, certain public utility corporations, real estate brokers, rental agents, and boards of school directors; imposing penalties; and repealing existing legislation," providing that no persons shall lose their right to vote by reason of moving from one residence to another in the same election district; and further regulating the check-up and cancellation of electors' registration by the commission, and the challenge of electors at primaries and elections.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By Messrs. MAXWELL and WEISS.

HOUSE BILL No. 764.

An Act to add section nine hundred thirty-eight to the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (P. L. 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," providing for the establishment, regulation and use of special dog training areas.

Referred to the Committee on Game.

By Mr. BAKER.

HOUSE BILL No. 765.

An Act to amend the title, to further amend section one, and to reenact sections two, four and five of the act approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred one (P. L. 493), entitled "An act providing for the examination, licensure and registration of persons, firms or corporations engaged or engaging in the business or work of plumbing or house drainage, and prescribing certain rules, regulations and requirements for the construction of plumbing, house drainage and cesspools, in cities of the second class; and imposing fines, penalties and forfeitures for violation thereof," extending the provisions of said act to certain boroughs, incorporated towns and townships.

Referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

By Mr. HARKINS.

HOUSE BILL No. 766.

An Act to further amend sections one and two of the act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (P. L. 188), entitled "An act designating the days and half days to be observed as legal holidays, and for the payment, acceptance, and protesting of bills, notes, drafts, checks, and other negotiable paper on such days," declaring Constitution Day, the seventeenth day of September, a legal holiday.

Referred to the Committee on Banking.

By Messrs. RUSSELL E. REESE and MORAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 767.

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

Referred to the Committee on Workmens Compensation.

By Mr. SARRAF.

HOUSE BILL No. 768.

An Act creating a Committee of Citizens to Investigate Adequate and Necessary Standards of Milk Sanitation with

directions that such committee report the results of their investigation, together with any proposed legislation which they may recommend to the General Assembly; providing for its appointment; authorizing the employment of necessary assistants including counsel and experts; authorizing the subpoenaing of witnesses and records, and making an appropriation, and postponing effective date of legislation on subject.

Referred to the Committee on Dairy Industries.

By Mr. TARR. HOUSE BILL No. 770.

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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. 176. (HOUSE BILL No. 769.)

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. DALRYMPLE. RESOLUTION No. 51.

In the House of Representatives, March 10, 1941.

Whereas, The Pennsylvania State Legislature has authorized and caused to be constructed a superhighway in Pennsylvania from Carlisle, Pennsylvania to Irwin, Pennsylvania, at an expenditure of about seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000); and

Whereas, The continuation of the above highway from Carlisle to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has later been authorized by the Pennsylvania State Legislature at an expenditure of about fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000); and

Whereas, The only outlet of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Great Lakes is located at the City of Erie on Lake Erie; and

Whereas, United States Highway Route 20, which is a practically level highway connecting Chicago and Buffalo and is one of the most heavily travelled and important highways in the country, passes through the City of Erie; and

Whereas, The nearest point on United States Route 20 from the present western terminus of the Pennsylvania superhighway is at the City of Erie; and

Whereas, Both economic considerations and considerations of national defense require that the Pennsylvania superhighway be continued from its present western terminus at Irwin, Pennsylvania, on through Pennsylvania to the City of Erie; now therefore be it

Resolved, That suitable enabling legislation be adopted for the financing and extension of the present superhighway from Irwin, Pennsylvania, to Erie, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communications and petitions which were read by the Clerk.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

A communication from the Port of Philadelphia Maritime Society, addressed to the Speaker, endorsing the enactment of House Bill No. 49, making an appropriation of \$300,000.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

FIREMEN, POLICEMEN, PARK GUARDS

Communications from

James L. Stevenson, Jr., Philadelphia

William A. Woodruff, Philadelphia

John F. Dougherty, Philadelphia

endorsing enactment of legislation increasing salaries of Firemen, Policemen, and Park Guards.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—First Class.

LIQUOR LICENSES

A communication from Lillian B. Tatcher, Philadelphia, protesting passage of legislation increasing hours during which liquor may be sold by licensees.

A petition from members of the Men's Bible Class of Devereaux Memorial Methodist Church, Philadelphia, protesting passage of legislation increasing hours during which liquor may be sold by licensees.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

A communication from the Pennsylvania Chemical Society, endorsing passage of House Bill No. 225, and suggesting an appointee on State Council of Defense.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

A resolution from Local 616, Erie, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, endorsing a deficiency appropriation to meet claims and liabilities to workmen.

Referred to the Committee on Workmens Compensation.

COMMUNICATION

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication which was read by the Clerk as follows:

The White House, March 7, 1941.

My dear Mr. Callahan:

The President has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March fifth, transmitting a copy of Resolution No. 19, adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania and concurred in by the Senate. He much appreciates your courtesy in sending this Resolution to him.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

Honorable Thomas J. Callahan,
Chief Clerk,
House of Representatives,
Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent leave of absence was granted as follows:

Mr. Reuben E. Cohen for Mr. WEISS for the remainder of the week on account of a birth in his family.

Mr. MAXWELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for leave of absence for the Honorable JOHN H. WEISS, who is now engaged in a very desperate and crucial race; a race of himself against the stock to see which one arrives first. Mr. Weiss has asked me to act as his personal bookmaker and take all bets. I will guarantee you immediate and final returns by special wire. If any one wishes to place bets on this event please see me.

The SPEAKER. Leave of absence for Mr. Weiss has already been asked and granted.

Mr. Tarr for Mr. COCHRAN for the remainder of the week on account of illness.

Mr. Trout for Mr. ROYER for the remainder of the week on account of illness.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. MOONEY, from the Committee on Labor reported as committed, House Bill No. 136, entitled:

An Act to further amend section four of the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (P. L. 1198), entitled "An act relating to employes and organizations thereof; defining labor disputes; prescribing the procedure by which and the conditions under which injunctions may be granted in such disputes, and the scope thereof; declaring certain undertakings and promises between employers and employes contrary to public policy and void; prescribing the nature of proof necessary in actions arising out of labor disputes against persons or associations; prescribing the terms and conditions for bonds to be furnished prior to the issuance of injunctions; prescribing the procedure in case of appeal from granting injunctions; limiting the duration of temporary and permanent injunctions in case of labor disputes; and providing for payment of costs; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith," by extending the provisions thereof to certain additional cases.

Mr. OWENS, from the Committee on Labor reported as committed, House Bill No. 98, entitled:

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

Mr. GERARD, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 551, entitled:

A supplement 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.

Mr. READINGER, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported as committed, House Bill No 581, entitled:

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.

Mr. READINGER, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 468, entitled:

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

Mr. D'ORTONA, from the Committee on Liquor Control, reported as committed, House Bill No. 550, entitled:

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."

Mr. CULLEN, from the Committee on State Government, reported as committed, House Bill No. 83, entitled:

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

Mr. McKINNEY, from the Committee on Judiciary General, reported as committed, House Bill No. 578, entitled:

An Act 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.

Mr. MODELL, from the Committee on Judiciary General, reported as committed, House Bill No. 704, 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.

Mr. FALKENSTEIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, re-reported as committed, House Bill No. 208, entitled:

An Act 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 enforcement 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 an appropriation.

BILLS RE-REFERRED

Mr. READINGER returned from the Committee on State Government with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 335, entitled:

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

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

Mr. READINGER returned from the Committee on State Government with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 672, entitled:

An act to create and provide for the Fund of the State Board of Examiners for Licensure of Nurses covering all license fees recording fees and other moneys received or collected under the laws administered by the State Board of Examiners for Licensure of Nurses and regulating the handling and disposition thereof.

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

Mr. READINGER returned from the Committee on State Government with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 673, entitled:

To further amend the act approved the ninth day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws three hundred forty-three) entitled "An act

relating to the finances of the State government providing for the settlement assessment collection and lien of taxes bonus and all other accounts due the Commonwealth the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth or any agency thereof including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth or any agency thereof and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth and imposing penalties affecting every department board commission and officer of the State government every political subdivision of the State and certain officers of such subdivisions every person association and corporation required to pay assess or collect taxes or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purpose 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" as amended establishing a Fund of the State Board of Examiners for Licensure of Nurses by adding clause twenty-one to section three hundred two of said act.

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

Mr. READINGER returned from the Committee on State Government with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 674, entitled:

An Act to amend the act approved the ninth day of April one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws one hundred seventy-seven) 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" as amended by making certain changes in the name qualifications powers and duties of the State Board of Examiners for the Registration of Nurses and providing for the election of a Director of Nursing Education who shall also be Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board and an Assistant Director of Nursing Education who shall also be Assistant Secretary and Assistant Executive Officer of the Board and other officers and employes thereof.

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

Mr. READINGER returned from the Committee on State Government with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 675, entitled:

An Act providing for and regulating the State Licensing and registration of nurses of several classes the biennial recording of licenses regulating nursing imposing penalties and repealing certain existing laws.

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

JOINT REPORT OF JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT
COMMISSION PENNSYLVANIA UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION LAW—PART 2

Mr. TROUT. Mr Speaker, in pursuance of a House Resolution of the Regular Session of 1939, the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation have completed a study of employer experience rating. As a member of the Joint Legislative Committee, it is my privilege to present this Report for your consideration.

The Report is perhaps one of the most important studies ever undertaken by a legislative group and it is my sincere belief that this work will be a vital aid in charting the course of Pennsylvania's industrial future. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the purpose of experience rating and its relation to the tax structure by which unemployment compensation is maintained by industry.

The subject of experience rating is one which has occupied the attention of legislators for some time now because, in a sense, it represents a barometer of industry's progress and provides a method for regulating employment so that the problems of unemployment compensation can be brought within understandable focus.

Experience rating, in its basic definition, is a system for determining the ratio of employer payments into the unemployment compensation fund. It is a highly technical and controversial subject because of its many ramifications.

The study of experience rating was one involving extensive research and you will find that in its effort to present an accurate picture of this subject, the Committee went far afield to make sweeping probes of similar systems now in use in other states.

As a result of its findings, the Committee and the Commission make no recommendation for the adoption or rejection of an employer experience rating plan for Pennsylvania and it modifies its stand by introducing a list of "pro and con" arguments which indicate very clearly that further inquiry into the subject is necessary before its benefits to the Commonwealth can be fully ascertained.

It is significant, however, that this exhaustive study lays a solid groundwork for constructive analysis of the possibilities advanced by advocates and opponents of such a plan. From this broad base, it is believed a progressive course of action will spring.

The report provides an interesting summary of experience rating as interpreted on a national scale; methods used in rating the experience of employers' comparison of systems used by different states; equity in assessing social costs; stabilization of employment; efficiency of claim administration and the prevention of excessive reserves.

Proponents of the experience rating plan have drawn a sharp comparison between the flat tax rate now paid by Pennsylvania employers and the fluctuating scale observed under the Texas Experience Rating Plan.

Here in Pennsylvania, employers are obliged to pay a standard tax of two and seven-tenth per cent to the Bureau of Employment and Unemployment Compensation of the Department of Labor and Industry, and three

per cent to the Social Security Board, or a total of three per cent.

Under the Texas Plan, it is pointed out, the ceiling or maximum scale is two and seven-tenth per cent with provision for a minimum of one per cent, as based on variances in operating personnel. This plan, its sponsors contend, encourages industry to stabilize employment because of the lower tax incentive.

Advocates of this plan for Pennsylvania have pointed out that its adoption would give industry new outlets for its energies and create a wave of expansion that would be felt in all branches of trade and commerce.

The past history of American business is filled with examples of organizations which have been able to iron out the ups and downs of employment by a more intelligent scheduling of their operations and the report on experience rating is intended to show what might be accomplished in Pennsylvania if a system applicable to its requirements can be developed.

It is difficult for the Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee, on the strength of its study this far, to determine definitely what effect experience rating would have on different enterprises in Pennsylvania.

The more liberal Texas plan, it is argued, offers employers direct and continuous incentive to regularize and expand employment and develop a reasonable allocation of the cost of unemployment compensation to be assumed by them.

In January, as you will recall, the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation and the Joint State Government Commission submitted to the General Assembly a twenty-three point program of recommendations for amending the Pennsylvania Unemployment Law. Twenty-two of these recommendations were incorporated in Senate Bill No. 80 introduced by Senators Miller, Dent, Wilson and Heyburn.

One of the principal recommendations made at that time was a provision urging that Congress be memorialized to amend the Federal laws so that the General Assembly could reduce the employer tax rate from two and seven-tenth per cent to two percent when the state unemployment compensation fund was one and one-half times greater than that required to pay all benefits. This likewise was covered by Senate Resolution No. 104, introduced on January 28th.

It is important to consider that the only way states could make a flat reduction of this tax would be to get authorization by passage of an amendment to the Federal Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code. Otherwise, experience rating would have to be adopted to permit tax rate adjustment.

According to the latest reports made available the reserve fund is now close to one hundred and fifty million dollars. The amount paid out last year in benefits was forty-four million, two hundred sixty thousand and seven hundred ninety-nine dollars and the average paid out during the past three years was approximately fifty-six million, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Consequently, it would appear that since the reserve fund has reached a point that might be considered excessive in proportion to requirements, the legislature has been presented with a direct avenue of approach to lay

the groundwork for a reduction in the present employer compensation rate.

Similarly the recommendations made in January would provide employes with specific advantages in connection with excessive reserves.

Only further study will determine whether its adoption will be of benefit to Pennsylvania and how this will shape.

May I suggest that you scrutinize the report carefully and note particularly the elaborate tables which paint a concise picture of how merit or experience rating is being carried out in other states.

I am confident that the observations made in this direction will be of sound value in helping to map a practical legislative course for Pennsylvania, one in which industry's importance to the social and economic destiny of the Commonwealth, will, I am sure, be given your conscientious consideration.

I wish to thank the members of the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation for their sincere attention to this study.

A vote of acknowledgment is especially due Mr. A. Alfred Wasserman, Director of the Commission, for the invaluable statistical contributions which have helped make this work possible.

Through their efforts, this study on unemployment compensation takes its place among other legislative documents which have shown the way to improvement within the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I present the Joint Report to the General Assembly of Recommendations for amending the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law, Part 2, Employer Experience Rating in Unemployment Compensation by the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation Provisions.

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.

The Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Trout, whether copies of the report are available to the members of the House?

Mr. TROUT. Mr. Speaker, the copies are now in the front part of the House ready for distribution. The names of the members appear on the envelopes.

The SPEAKER. The Chair understands that they are to be distributed by the pages.

Mr. TROUT. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The pages will distribute copies of the report as presented by the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Trout.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 589, entitled:

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; authorizing 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.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Municipal Corporations for the purpose of further study and possible amendment. The motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 450, entitled:

An Act to further amend section 1902 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;" exempting certain contracts for public utility service from the provisions of said act regulating advertising and bidding for contracts.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to order;

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 465, entitled:

An Act to amend section four thousand four hundred nine of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred 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 each civil service board in said cities to employ legal counsel when it deems it necessary.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 70, entitled:

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

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. TARR. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Townships 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. 226, entitled:

An Act to reenact and amend the title and the act, approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2803), entitled "An act providing a method of annexation of townships of the first class, and parts thereof, to cities and boroughs, and regulating the proceedings pertaining thereto," providing for the annexation of townships of the first class or parts thereof to other townships of the first class.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. GOODWIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on Townships for the purpose of further study and possible amendment.

The motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON THIRD READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 475, as follows:

An Act to further amend section seven of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (P. L. 212) entitled "An act to establish an intermediate court of appeal regulating its constitution officers jurisdiction powers practice and its relation to the Supreme Court and other courts providing for the reports of its decisions the compensation of the judges and other officers and the practice and costs on appeals from its judgments" as amended to extend the original jurisdiction of the Superior Court to include mandamus and prohibition in certain cases

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

Section 1 The first paragraph of section seven of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (P. L. 212) entitled "An act to establish an intermediate court of appeal regulating its constitution officers jurisdiction powers practice and its relation to the Supreme Court and other courts providing for the reports of its decisions the compensation of the judges and other officers and the practice and costs on appeals from its judgments as amended is hereby further amended to read as follows

Section 7 The said court shall have no original jurisdiction except in actions of mandamus and prohibition to courts of inferior jurisdiction where such actions are ancillary to proceedings within its appellate jurisdiction and except that it or any judge thereof shall have full power and authority when and as often as there may be occasion to issue writs of habeas corpus under like conditions returnable to the said court but it shall have exclusive and final appellate jurisdiction of all appeals [which are now allowed to the Supreme Court] in the following classes of cases

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—204

Achterman,	French,	Malloy,	Rosenfeld,
Allmond,	Gallagher,	Marks,	Rush,
Auker,	Gates,	Maxwell,	Sarge,
Baker,	Gerard,	McClanaghan,	Sarraf,
Balthaser,	Gillan,	McClester,	Scanlon,
Baughner,	Gillette,	McDermott,	Schwab,
Bentley,	Goodwin,	McDowell,	Serrill,
Bentzel,	Greenwood,	McFall,	Shaffer,
Boles,	Gross,	McGrath,	Shaw,
Boney,	Gryskewicz,	McIntosh,	Shepard,
Boorse,	Gyger,	McKinney,	Simons,
Bower,	Habbyshaw,	McLanahan,	Skale,
Bradley,	Haberien,	McLane,	Snyder,
Breth,	Haines,	McMillen,	Sollenberger,
Bretherick,	Hall,	McSurdy,	Sorg,
Brown,	Hamilton,	Melchiorre,	Stambaugh,
Brunner, C. H.,	Hare,	Mihm,	Stank,
Brunner, P. A.,	Harkins,	Modell,	Stine,
Burns,	Harmuth,	Monks,	Stockham,
Burriss,	Harris,	Mooney,	Tarr,
Cadwalader,	Heatherington,	Moran,	Tate,
Chudoff,	Helm,	Moul,	Taylor,
Cohen, M. M.,	Hering,	Muir,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cohen, R. E.,	Herman,	Munley,	Thompson, R. L.,
Cook,	Hersch,	Nagel,	Trout,
Cooper,	Hirsch,	Nunemacher,	Turner,
Cordier,	Holland,	O'Brien,	Ván Allsburg,
Corrigan,	Huntley,	O'Connor,	Verona,
Croop,	Imbrle,	O'Dare,	Vincent,
Cullen,	James,	O'Mullen,	Vogt,
Dalrymple,	Jefferson,	O'Neill,	Voldow,
Dennison,	Jones, G. E.,	Owens,	Voorhees,
DiGenova,	Jones, P. N.,	Petrosky,	Wagner,
Dix,	Keenan,	Pettit,	Watkins,
Dolon,	Kenehan,	Polaski,	Weingartner,
D'Ortona,	Kline,	Polen,	Weish, E. B.,
Duffy,	Knoble,	Powers,	Weish, M. J.,
Early,	Kolankiewicz,	Prosen,	Wilkinson,
Eckels,	Komorowski,	Rank,	Williams,
Elder,	Krise,	Rausch,	Winner,
Elliott,	Lee, E. A.,	Readinger,	Wolf,
Ely,	Lee, T. H.,	Reagan,	Wood, L. H.,
Falkenstein,	Leisey,	Reese, D. P.,	Wood, N.,
Finestone,	Leonard,	Reese, R. E.,	Woodring,
Fisher,	Lesko,	Regan,	Woodside,
Fiss,	Levy,	Reynolds,	Wright,
Fleming,	Leydic,	Rhea,	Yeakel,
Fletcher,	Lichtenwalter,	Riley,	Yester,
Flynn,	Longo,	Rooney,	Young,
Foor,	Lovett,	Rose, S.,	Kilroy,
	Lyons,	Rose, W. E.,	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. 238, as follows:

An Act requiring cities of the second class A having fire departments to allow members of said fire departments twenty-four consecutive hours of rest each week and fourteen days vacation with pay each year except in emergency cases

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

Section 1 All cities of the second class A having fire departments shall allow every member of such fire departments to have at least twenty-four consecutive hours of rest in every calendar week exclusive of the time when the change of shifts occurs except in emergency cases for the suppression of riots or tumults or the preservation of the public peace in times of war riot conflagration public celebrations and to have an annual vacation of not less than fourteen days without the diminution of the salary or compensation fixed by ordinance or statute

Section 2 This act shall become effective immediately upon its 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—204

Achterman, Allmond, Auker, Baker, Balthaser, Baugher, Bentley, Bentzel, Boles, Boney, Boorse, Bower, Bradley, Breth, Bretherick, Brown, Brunner, C. H., Brunner, P. A., Burns, Burris, Cadwalader, Chervenak, Chudoff, Cohen, M. M., Cohen, R. E., Cook, Cooper, Cordier, Corrigan, Croop, Cullen, Dalrymple, Dennison, DiGenova, Dix, Dolon, D'Ortona, Duffy, Early, Eckels, Elder, Elliott, Ely, Falkenstein, Finestone, Fisher, Fiss, Fleming, Fletcher, Flynn, Floor, French, Gallagher, Gates, Gerard, Gillan, Gillette, Goodwin, Greenwood, Gross, Gryskewicz, Gyger, Habbyschaw, Haberlen, Haines, Hall, Hamilton, Hare, Harkins, Harmuth, Harris, Heatherington, Helm, Hering, Herman, Hersch, Hewitt, Hirsch, Holland, Huntley, Imbrie, James, Jefferson, Jones, G. E., Jones, P. N., Keenan, Kenehan, Kline, Knoble, Kolankiewicz, Komorofski, Krise, Lee, E. A., Lee, T. H., Lelsey, Leonard, Lesko, Levy, Levdic, Lichtenwalter, Longo, Lovett, Lyons, Malloy, Marks, Maxwell, McClanaghan, McClester, McDermott, McDowell, McFall, McGrath, McIntosh, McKinney, McLanahan, McLane, McMillen, McSurdy, Melchiorre, Mihm, Modell, Monks, Mooney, Moran, Moul, Muir, Munley, Nagel, Nunemacher, O'Brien, O'Connor, O'Dare, O'Mullen, O'Neill, Owens, Petrosky, Pettit, Polaski, Polen, Powers, Prosen, Rank, Rausch, Readinger, Reagan, Reese, D. P., Reese, R. E., Regan, Reynolds, Rhea, Riley, Rooney, Rose, S., Rose, W. E., Rosenfeld, Rush, Sarge, Sarraf, Scanlon, Schwab, Serrill, Shaffer, Shaw, Shepard, Simons, Skale, Snyder, Sollenberger, Sorg, Stambaugh, Stank, Stine, Stockham, Tarr, Tate, Taylor, Thompson, E. F., Thompson, R. L., Trout, Turner, Van Allsburg, Verona, Vincent, Vogt, Voldow, Voorhees, Wagner, Watkins, Weingartner, Welsh, E. B., Welsh, M. J., Wilkinson, Williams, Winner, Wood, L. H., Wood, N., Woodring, Woodside, Wright, Yeakel, Yester, Young, Kilroy, 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. 603, as follows:

An Act requiring prothonotaries to return jury fees where cases are settled before a jury is sworn The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

Section 1 Whenever a jury fee is paid in any court of record of this Commonwealth and the case for which the fee was paid is settled discontinued and ended before trial so that it is not necessary that a jury be sworn the prothonotary shall upon request of counsel when an order to mark the case settled discontinued and ended is filed re-

turn the amount paid as such jury fee to the party who paid the same

Section 2 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed

Section 3 The provisions of 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 204

Achterman, Allmond, Auker, Baker, Balthaser, Baugher, Bentley, Bentzel, Boles, Boney, Boorse, Bower, Bradley, Breth, Bretherick, Brunner, C. H., Brunner, P. A., Burns, Burris, Cadwalader, Chervenak, Chudoff, Cohen, M. M., Cohen, R. E., Cook, Cooper, Cordier, Corrigan, Croop, Cullen, Dalrymple, Dennison, DiGenova, Dix, Dolon, D'Ortona, Duffy, Early, Eckels, Elder, Elliott, Ely, Falkenstein, Finestone, Fisher, Fiss, Fleming, Fletcher, Flynn, Floor, French, Gallagher, Gates, Gerard, Gillan, Gillette, Goodwin, Greenwood, Gross, Gryskewicz, Gyger, Habbyschaw, Haberlen, Haines, Hall, Hamilton, Hare, Harkins, Harmuth, Harris, Heatherington, Helm, Hering, Herman, Hersch, Hewitt, Hirsch, Holland, Huntley, Imbrie, James, Jefferson, Jones, G. E., Jones, P. N., Keenan, Kenehan, Kline, Knoble, Kolankiewicz, Komorofski, Krise, Lee, E. A., Lee, T. H., Lelsey, Leonard, Lesko, Levy, Levdic, Lichtenwalter, Longo, Lovett, Lyons, Malloy, Marks, Maxwell, McClanaghan, McClester, McDermott, McDowell, McFall, McGrath, McIntosh, McKinney, McLanahan, McLane, McMillen, McSurdy, Melchiorre, Mihm, Modell, Monks, Mooney, Moran, Moul, Muir, Munley, Nagel, Nunemacher, O'Brien, O'Connor, O'Dare, O'Mullen, O'Neill, Owens, Petrosky, Pettit, Polaski, Polen, Powers, Prosen, Rank, Rausch, Readinger, Reagan, Reese, D. P., Reese, R. E., Regan, Reynolds, Rhea, Riley, Rooney, Rose, S., Rose, W. E., Rosenfeld, Rush, Sarge, Sarraf, Scanlon, Schwab, Serrill, Shaffer, Shaw, Shepard, Simons, Skale, Snyder, Sollenberger, Sorg, Stambaugh, Stank, Stine, Stockham, Tarr, Tate, Taylor, Thompson, E. F., Thompson, R. L., Trout, Turner, Van Allsburg, Verona, Vincent, Vogt, Voldow, Voorhees, Wagner, Watkins, Weingartner, Welsh, E. B., Welsh, M. J., Wilkinson, Williams, Winner, Wood, L. H., Wood, N., Woodring, Woodside, Wright, Yeakel, Yester, Young, Kilroy, 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. 366, as follows:

An Act to add clause seven to subsection (b) and to further amend subsection (c) of section one thousand two of the act approved the first day of May one thousand

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

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

Section 1 Subsection (b) of section one thousand two of the act approved the first day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905) entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety regulating the use of highways and the operation of vehicles tractors street cars trackless trolley omnibuses bicycles pedestrians and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth providing for the titling including liens encumbrances and legal claims registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof upon payment of prescribed fees prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue the Department of Highways peace officers mayors burgesses magistrates aldermen justices of the peace the courts and the clerks thereof owners of vehicles and garage keepers providing that records are admissible as evidence imposing upon owners counties cities boroughs incorporated towns townships within the Commonwealth liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles imposing penalties imposing certain costs upon counties providing for the disposition of fines forfeitures fees and miscellaneous receipts making an appropriation and providing for refunds" as amended by the act approved the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 1135) is hereby amended by adding thereto after clause six a new clause to read as follows

Section 1002 Restrictions as to Speed

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section speeds in excess of the maximum limits hereinafter provided shall be unlawful

7 Seventy (70) miles an hour speed limit All vehicles when being operated on highways under the supervision and control of a turnpike commission except those otherwise restricted by this act to lower maximum speeds and except when restricted to lower maximum speeds by such turnpike commission upon the highways under its supervision and control or any zones or sections thereof where official signs erected by such turnpike commission on the highway facing the traffic to be controlled are displayed

Section 2 Subsection (c) of section one thousand two of said act as amended by the act approved the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 1135) is hereby further amended to read as follows

Section 1002 Restrictions as to Speed

(c) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section it shall be unlawful for the following kinds

types and classes of vehicles to be operated at a greater speed than hereinafter provided except when such vehicles are being operated on highways under the supervision and control of a Turnpike Commission in which case subject to speed restrictions by such Turnpike Commission as hereinbefore provided the maximum speed limits shall be twenty miles per hour greater than hereinafter provided

Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors R class fifty miles per hour

Motor buses and omnibuses forty-five miles per hour

Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors S T and U classes forty miles per hour

Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors V and W classes thirty-five miles per hour

All other commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors thirty miles per hour

All combinations of commercial motor vehicles or truck tractors and trailers or semi-trailers thirty miles per hour

Section 3 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed

Section 4 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 204

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| Achterman, | French, | Marks, | Rosenfeld, |
| Allmond, | Gallagher, | Maxwell, | Rush, |
| Auker, | Gates, | McClanaghan, | Scanlon, |
| Baker, | Gerard, | McClester, | Sarge, |
| Balthaser, | Gillan, | McDermott, | Sarraf, |
| Baughner, | Gillette, | McDowell, | Schwab, |
| Bentley, | Goodwin, | McFall, | Serrill, |
| Bentzel, | Greenwood, | McGrath, | Shaffer, |
| Boies, | Gross, | McIntosh, | Shaw, |
| Boney, | Gryskewicz, | McKinney, | Shepard, |
| Boorse, | Gyger, | McLanahan, | Simons, |
| Bower, | Habbvshaw, | McLane, | Skale, |
| Bradley, | Haberlen, | McMillen, | Snyder, |
| Breth, | Haines, | McSurdy, | Sollenberger, |
| Bretherick, | Hall, | Melchorre, | Sorg, |
| Brown, | Hamilton, | Mihm, | Stambaugh, |
| Brunner, C. H., | Hare, | Modell, | Stank, |
| Brunner, P. A., | Havkins, | Monks, | Stine, |
| Burns, | Harmuth, | Mooney, | Stockham, |
| Burriss, | Harris, | Moran, | Tarr, |
| Cadwalader, | Heatherington, | Moul, | Tate, |
| Chervenak, | Helm, | Muir, | Taylor, |
| Chudoff, | Hering, | Munley, | Thompson, E. F., |
| Cohen, M. M., | Chudoff, | Nagel, | Thompson, R. L., |
| Cohen, R. E., | Herman, | Nunemacher, | Trout, |
| Cook, | Hersch, | Lichtenwalter, | Turner, |
| Cooper, | Hewitt, | O'Brien, | Van Allsburg, |
| Corder, | Hirsch, | O'Connor, | Verona, |
| Corrigan, | Holland, | O'Dare, | Vincent, |
| Croop, | Huntley, | O'Mullen, | Vogt, |
| Cullen, | Imbrle, | O'Neill, | Voldow, |
| Dairymples, | James, | Owens, | Voorhees, |
| Dennison, | Jefferson, | Petrosky, | Wagner, |
| DiGenova, | Jones, G. R., | Pettit, | Watkins, |
| Dix, | Jones, P. N., | Polaski, | Weingartner, |
| Dolon, | Keenan, | Polen, | Welsh, E. B., |
| D'Ortona, | Kenehan, | Powers, | Welsh, M. J., |
| Duffy, | Kline, | Prosen, | Wilkinson, |
| Early, | Knoble, | Rank, | Williams, |
| Eckels, | Kolankiewicz, | Rausch, | Wlner, |
| Elder, | Komorofski, | Readinger, | Wolf, |
| Elliott, | Krise, | Reagan, | Wood, L. H., |
| Ely, | Lee, E. A., | Reese, D. P., | Wood, N., |
| Falkenstein, | Lee, T. H., | Reese, R. E., | Woodring, |
| Finestone, | Lelsey, | Regan, | Woodside, |
| Fisher, | Leonard, | Reynolds, | Wright, |
| Fiss, | Lesko, | Rhea, | Yeakel, |
| Fleming, | Levy, | Riley, | Yester, |
| Fletcher, | Leydic, | Rooney, | Young, |
| Flynn, | Longo, | Rose, S., | Kilroy, |
| Foor, | Lovett, | Rose, W. E., | Speaker, |
| | Lyons, | | |
| | Malloy, | | |

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.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. Speaker, approximately two months ago this House convened for the performance of its Legislative duties. Likewise, approximately two months have elapsed since I took my oath of office as a Member of this august body, representing the city of Lancaster. When I assumed my official duties, I then and there determined that I would not embark on any oral outbursts unless something of vital importance to my community particularly, and to the state of Pennsylvania generally, would confront us for attention.

Just such a situation has been foisted upon us by the antics of the Chief Executive of this Commonwealth which we proudly call our own.

This fair-haired lad has traded punches in public with his genial Secretary of the Department of Commerce and thus provoked a conflagration that will lead ultimately to the extermination of the Department of Commerce, that surplus commodity of the Chief Executive's imagination.

The Department of Commerce was conceived amid great fanfare on the part of the Chief Executive who at that time vowed a holy vow that this new creation would be the divine saviour of industry in this state. He averred that this new creation would seduce the Gods of Commerce and siren-like would attract industry to Pennsylvania, the new Utopia. He imputed that Governor Earle through the medium of the detested emergency taxes had turned Pennsylvania into a barren land where neither fowl or vegetation could thrive. This twenty century version of Jeremiah raised his voice in denunciation of the emergency taxes and at the propitious moment pulled out of his hat the optical illusion which we all now know as the Department of Commerce. The Chief Executive gleefully purred that he had found the panacea for all our ills—the Department of Commerce.

All of us had misgivings when the Chief Executive set afloat on the sea of controversy this pious fraud known as the Department of Commerce. This new creation was an expensive extravaganza "a la Ziegfeld" which imposed an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of this state of three hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars in the 1939-41 biennium.

The Chief Executive in his new Budget for the biennium beginning 1941 desired to add a few new frills to the already grossly ornamented Department and has asked for a fifteen per cent additional appropriation. He has asked us to appropriate four hundred twelve thousand dollars for this new fad. I wonder if this increase is to glamorize, with Hollywood settings, probably with Heddy Lamar as the referee, the championship bouts between the Chief Executive and the succeeding Secretaries of the Commerce. In the light of past experience, when I refer to the Secretaries of the Department of Commerce I use the plural advisedly. I do not believe that I am unduly optimistic.

This extravaganza "a la Ziegfeld," more familiarly known as the Department of Commerce is the fifth wheel to the vehicle of state. It serves no useful purpose commensurate

with its expenses and hence should be deleted, bag and baggage and sunk without a visible trace except a few tell-tale bubbles reminiscent of a great fight between the Chief Executive and his stablemate Dickie Brown. It was a great fight while it lasted.

But to become serious, and serious it is to the taxpayers who have been called upon to spend four hundred twelve thousand dollars in order to amuse the Chief Executive with his newest plaything, permit me to call your attention to a glaring defect. The Department was allegedly created for the purpose of stimulating and fostering harmony between the various industries, classes and sections of this state in order to attract an influx of industries seeking a Pennsylvania domicile. How then, by all the laws of logic, can this happy goal be attained when there is a complete absence of harmony between the Chief Executive and his Cabinet official? How can one seek harmony in discordant ranks when there is no harmony among the sponsors of the harmony movement? Corporations, methinks, will be fearful of moving into Pennsylvania for fear that internal combustions emanating from the office of the Chief Executive may be contagious and blow the corporations right out of Pennsylvania and back to the soil from whence they came. Furthermore, permit me to focus your attention on another incongruity of this Department. If the substitution of an advertising agency from one favored son to another has caused a major crisis in the Department of Commerce, then is it not behooving to conclude that the Department cannot have very important functions to perform for the people generally nor can it attain very beneficial results? What would the Department do if an important matter was actually encountered. It defies ones power of imagination to appraise the efficacy of a Department which suffers an internal hemorrhage when an advertising agency is booted from a rich pork barrel. We in Pennsylvania don't want to be amused by the antics of a spoiled stepchild. Fun is fun and it has its place in our everyday life, but it has passed beyond the point of satiation when we must pay four hundred twelve thousand dollars to be entertained.

Mr. Chief Executive, we have had enough of your spoiled stepchild. We are going to relegate it to the refuse heap from whence this tinselled Cinderella sprang. A blooming morning glory that blooms no longer when fat contracts are bandied about.

Since the various Chambers of Commerce throughout the State perform the function of attracting industry to the respective communities and have done so efficiently and effectively, what useful purpose did the Department of Commerce serve? Since statistics compiled by reliable sources clearly indicate that more industries were attracted to Pennsylvania than removed therefrom because of the emergency taxes, what useful purpose did the Department of Commerce serve? Since we have machinery in the existing Departments that can coordinate the task of attracting industry to the state of Pennsylvania, what useful purpose did the Department of Commerce serve? Since the Governor very lucidly stated that it certainly is a simple matter to obtain a successor to the retiring Secretary of Commerce, thereby inferring that the position is not a heavy one, what useful purpose did the Department of Commerce serve? Since the Governor emphatically stated, directly or indirectly, that he is giving orders in the administration of the Department of Commerce and

that he wants his orders in the administration of the Department of Commerce and that he wants his orders obeyed by his hirelings, even though they be ten thousand dollar ones, what useful purpose did the Department of Commerce serve? And since Colonel Estes, the modern Joseph who sports a coat of many hues, Democratic, Republican and Carpet-Bagger, and a combination of all, jointly and severally, like a modern alladin, has had some control and still exercises such control in the dispensation of political favors in the awarding of advertising contracts, what useful purpose did the Department of Commerce serve?

To all these questions and many more of a similar nature my answer is simply this: the Department of Commerce was created for the sole purpose of ballyhooing the Presidential aspirations of the present Chief Executive. As it ignobly failed in this sub-rosa undertaking, it should take a leaf from those famous lines of Longfellow:

"And the night shall be filled with music
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs
And as silently steal away."

Mr. Speaker, I have spoken my piece and I, therefore, submit my bill to extirpate, exterminate, delete, destroy and to forever banish this misconceived, ill-gotten and utterly worthless Department of Commerce.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, I arise to call the attention of the House to an instance which I think is an instance of a Department of this Commonwealth making rules and regulations which supersede and nullify the effect of the particular statute governing the operation of that Department. I refer to the action of the Department of Public Assistance as set forth in Memorandum No. 799 issued September 5, 1939, Memorandum 800 issued the same date, and Memorandum No. 30 issued January 31, 1941.

Section No. 4. which is the effective section of the Act which we passed in 1939, known as Act No. 168, approved June 9, 1939, intended to clarify for the recipients of relief the question of what real property and personal property would be liable for repayment of sums received from relief.

In that particular act the Legislature intended to prevent personal property, such as household furnishings, from being liable to repayment of sums granted by the Commonwealth to relief recipients, and the Legislature also intended that the persons on relief against whom agreements known as "reimbursement agreements," were obtained, containing a judgment clause in the amount of two thousand dollars, which were recorded or to be recorded, such persons should not lose their homes. As I said, the Legislature intended to remove the possibility that relief recipients would have their homes taken from them by foreclosure proceedings, but by their positive and clear statement the Legislature also intended that persons inheriting personal property while on relief should reimburse the Commonwealth for the amounts which they received.

I am informed that there has been no practical application of that particular principle. Now, it well may be that this Legislature does not correctly understand the particular social principle involved. The point that I

wish to call to the attention of the group here is that so long as Act No. 168 of 1939 is the law, that particular philosophy should be enforced by the Department of Public Assistance which is entrusted with the carrying out of the administration of that particular law.

When we turn to Memorandum No. 30, which is the regulation promulgated on January 31, 1941, we see that instead of the entire amount which has been received by a relief recipient being sought to be collected by the Department from any real estate or personal property which he owned during the time that he received relief, only part is to be collected.

We know that this new regulation says in effect that that real estate will only be liable for such payments as were made during the time of ownership of that property, for that portion of relief that was received during the time his property was owned. Under the prior rules and regulations, and under the act as passed by this House, the policy of the House was to require the entire amount which has been received, and which under the law could be collected, to be collected by the Secretary of Public Assistance or his agents.

The important thing to me, Members of this House, is not how correct the social philosophy of the Department of Public Assistance is, but it is rather a flouting of the expressed will of the membership of the legislature by the rather arbitrary rules and regulations put forth by this Department. Certainly we cannot hope to have real enforcement of any law we pass so long as our Department heads continue to abrogate the mandatory provisions, the specific statements of law we pass, so long as they can do it without fear of being called to account by the House itself. I say we cannot hope to raise our standards of relief to those people who are on relief and who should be taken care of by the Commonwealth, if our Department of Public Assistance continues to enforce the acts that we pass, not in the spirit in which they are passed but in the way they interpret them, when interpreted according to the particular social philosophy of the person who writes each new rule and each new regulation.

It was my understanding of Act No. 168 that it was introduced at the request, or at least with the approval of the Department of Public Assistance, to rectify certain errors then present in the enforcement of the support law of 1937. I think it would behoove the Secretary of Public Assistance to have again presented to this Session of the Legislature a new act proposing to us that we change it, rather than to accomplish the same thing in an indirect way, which quite likely might have escaped the attention of the majority Members of the House. I think it would have been a grand thing for us to have had advantage of the views of the Secretary of Public Assistance so that we could have written the act anew and could have made the specific changes that were desired.

However, if this particular memorandum were not called to the attention of the House, we might as well have written a new law, because the effect would be the same. In order that we may know upon what basis, or authority the Secretary of Public Assistance has seen fit to issue a memoranda which thus negated the written intent of the Legislature as expressed in a mandatory act, I wish Mr. Speaker, to introduce a resolution requesting and directing—

The SPEAKER. For the information of the gentleman, he has received unanimous consent to address the House, not to introduce a resolution.

Mr. HARKINS. Mr. Speaker, I will desist before I introduce the resolution.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman file his resolution with the clerk.

Mr. HARKINS. Mr. Speaker, after I finish my speech I shall be glad to.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. HARKINS. Mr. Speaker, I have not introduced the resolution and I shall ask to be recognized for that purpose before I do so. I shall not discuss the terms of the resolution in making the announcement.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the dignity of this body will be furthered by calling the Secretary of Public Assistance to account, if my interpretations of this memorandum is correct, for the authority which his department has assumed.

I intend to introduce a resolution asking that this House be furnished with data to justify such action on the part of the Secretary of Public Assistance, and to inquire of him what formal opinions of the Attorney General of this Commonwealth were given him to justify such a course of action.

Mr. Speaker, I asked to be recognized for the purpose of introducing a resolution.

The SPEAKER. Under the rules resolutions are filed with the Clerk. The resolution offered by the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Harkins, will take that course.

RESOLUTION

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Mr. GEORGE E. JONES offered the following resolution and asked and obtained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, March 11, 1941.

This House has been shocked by the sorrowful news of the death of one dear to a fellow-member.

Mary E. Stine, sister of the Honorable J. Howard French, died on Wednesday, March 5th, at her home in McVeytown.

She was the widow of Samuel R. Stine, former postmaster of McVeytown, and a resident therein for fifty years. She was born on October 20, 1865, and was active in the affairs of the Methodist Church, the Ladies Aid Society, superintendent of the home department, and the Ladies Fire Auxiliary. She is survived by seven children, twenty-three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, as well as the Honorable J. Howard French and a sister.

The tie that so closely binds a brother to his sister has been severed, and that wonderful and constant admiration that was such a help throughout life is forever gone; therefore be it

Resolved, By this House of Representatives of the General Assembly, That, realizing the great grief and deep sorrow that is his, we sincerely extend our deepest sympathy, and direct the Chief Clerk of this House to transmit a copy of this resolution to him, the said Honorable J. Howard French.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair requests the following gentlemen to meet him in his office immediately after the adjournment of this session: Messrs. Moran, Holland, O'Mullen, Achterman, and Woodside.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:

Military Affairs, Wednesday, March 12 at 10:30 a. m. in Room 330.

Banking, Tuesday, March 11 after the session in Room 330.

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

Motor Vehicles, Tuesday, March 11 after the session in Room 324.

Public Utilities, Tuesday, March 11 after the session in Room 331.

Welfare, Tuesday, March 11 after the session in Room 246.

Philadelphia Democratic Members to meet one-half hour after adjournment today, March 11 in House Caucus Room, First Floor.

Dairy Industries, Wednesday, March 12, at 10 a. m. Room 329.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 12, 1941, at 12 m.

The Motion was agreed to, and (at 2:17 p. m.) the House adjourned.