

now proceed to the first reading of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's session.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 144, entitled:

An Act making a deficiency appropriation out of the Motor License Fund to the Department of Highways.

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

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 266, entitled:

An Act to further amend clause (i) of section four hundred ten, of the act approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L. 682), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," by further regulating the computation of extended term insurance in the uniform policy provisions of life insurance policies.

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

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 268, entitled:

An Act to further amend section three hundred one of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L. 789), entitled as amended "An act relating to insurance; establishing an insurance department; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating to the licensing, qualification, regulation, examination, suspension, and dissolution of insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and interinsurance exchanges, and certain societies and orders, the examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus, and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and brokers; the service of legal process upon foreign insurance companies, associations or exchanges; providing penalties, and repealing existing laws," further regulating the computation of the reserve liability of life insurance companies and the issuance of life insurance policies.

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

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 270, entitled:

An Act to amend section seven hundred and two of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws one hundred three), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by authorizing such townships to regulate the use of certain parks and recreational grounds; providing penalties for violation of rules prescribed therefor; and authorizing police officers to arrest violators thereof on view.

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

Agreeably to order,

The Senate proceeded to the first reading and consideration of Senate Bill No. 289, (House Bill No. 225), entitled:

An Act relating to the national and State defense, providing for the establishment of a State Council of Defense and of local and district councils of defense, prescribing the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, March 17, 1941, at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 2:17 o'clock, p. m. until Monday, March 17, 1941, at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1941.

The House met at 12 m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

PRAYER

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

Heavenly Father we seek Thy favor as we begin and end this session. We implore Thy guidance in all the deliberations of this body of law makers. We ask that Thou mightest grant unto each 'good speed' as he journeys homeward. As each finds his place in Thy House on his appointed day of worship may there be a consciousness of Thy presence come in such power as to cause each man to return to this House of Representatives with a firm and steadfast resolution to pass only those laws which will glorify Thy Name and give honor to Thy Day. In Jesus' Name 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. TAYLOR, unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. DUFFY and CORRIGAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 771.

An Act to amend subsection (d) of section two hundred eight of the act, approved the fifth day of December, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six (1937 P. L. 2897), entitled "An act establishing a system of unemployment compensation to be administered by the Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions) selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to keep rec-

ords and make reports, and certain employers to pay contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons; providing procedure and administrative details for the determination, payment and collection of such contributions and the payment of such compensation; providing for cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies; creating certain special funds in the custody of the State Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," further regulating the fixing and the increasing of salaries of persons employed for the purpose of administering said act, in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. WOLF. HOUSE BILL No. 772.

An Act making an appropriation to state teachers colleges to enable such institutions to add certain courses to their curricula.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN. HOUSE BILL No. 773.

An Act to repeal the act, approved the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 111), entitled "An act relating to, and providing for, the promotion and development of business, industry and commerce in the Commonwealth; conferring powers and duties upon the Department of Commerce and other agencies of the Commonwealth; abolishing the Pennsylvania State Publicity Commission, terminating the terms of its members and conferring its powers upon, and transferring and appropriating the balance of its current appropriation to, the Department of Commerce; and repealing certain laws."

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. PRESLEY N. JONES. HOUSE BILL No. 774.

To promote the general public health and welfare by regulating the business of "strip mining" or mining coal by removing the overlying soil or strata therefrom; authorizing the Department of Mines to issue permits for "strip mining" operations; requiring those proposing to engage in strip mining operations to file a bond with the Department of Mines to secure the leveling and replacement of the surface soil; imposing certain additional duties upon the Department of Mines and the various mine inspectors; and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. WATKINS. HOUSE BILL No. 775.

Requiring political subdivisions to refund taxes and license fees erroneously and inadvertently paid thereto, and giving a right of action against such political subdivision for the recovery of such taxes and fees upon their failure to make such refunds; making the provisions of the act retroactive, and repealing existing laws.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. RUSH. HOUSE BILL No. 776.

To amend subsection (b) of section one of the act, approved the twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (P. L. 508), entitled "An act defining the rights, powers and duties of collectors of county taxes, except in counties of the second class and counties having local or special laws relating thereto, and of collectors of city, in cities of the third class, borough, town, township, school district and institution district taxes; providing for the collection of such taxes by suit, distraint, and lien and sale of the chattels of taxables and of tenants on the real estate affected, and from employers of delinquent taxables; authorizing the appointment of deputies by the tax collectors; defining certain definite defaults of tax collectors as embezzlements; and imposing penalties," defining certain rights and duties of tenants on real property when

demand is made on them for the payment of taxes assessed against such property.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. D'ORTONA and DiGENOVA.

HOUSE BILL No. 777.

An Act to amend section two thousand five hundred five A of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further regulating the fixing of maximum and minimum salaries by the Department of Public Assistance and the employment Board, and providing for increases of salaries in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. HEATHERINGTON and WILLIAMS.

HOUSE BILL No. 778.

An Act to amend section three hundred and two of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and 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," by providing for the issuance of resident hunters' licenses, free of charge, in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Game.

By Messrs. HEATHERINGTON and WILLIAMS.

HOUSE BILL No. 779.

An Act to further amend section two hundred and twenty of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (P. L. 448), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," by providing for the issuance of fishing licenses, free of charge in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. ROSENFELD.

HOUSE BILL No. 780.

An Act to further amend clause (f) of section two hundred one of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 15, 1933-34), entitled, as amended "An act to regulate and restrain the sale, manufacture, possession, transportation, importation, traffic in, and use of alcohol, and alcoholic and malt or brewed beverages; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and its agents, the Department of Public Instruction, other officers of the State government, courts, and district attorneys; authorizing the establishment and operation of State stores for the sale of such beverages not for consumption on the premises, and the granting of

licenses, subject to local option, to sell such beverages for consumption on and off the premises; forbidding importation or bringing of such beverages into the State except as herein provided; prohibiting certain sales or practices in connection with, and transactions in such beverages by licensees and others; providing for the forfeiture of certain property; making disposition of the receipts from State stores and of fees; and imposing penalties," further regulating the fixing of salaries of persons employed under the provisions of said act, and increasing such salaries in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. PETROSKY. HOUSE BILL No. 781.

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

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. POWERS. HOUSE BILL No. 782.

To further amend subsection (j) of section one thousand two hundred five of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local; or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," eliminating appeals to the Superintendent of Public Instruction from rulings on charges against professional employes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. POWERS. HOUSE BILL No. 783.

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (P. L. 414), entitled as amended "An act providing for a system of recording the identification of persons convicted of crime, and of fugitives from justice, and habitual criminals; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Motor Police, district attorneys, police officers, wardens or keepers of jails, prisons, workhouses, or other penal institutions, and sheriffs; providing for the payment of certain expenses by the counties; and imposing penalties," by imposing additional duties and powers on fingerprint experts and on certain district attorneys, police officers, wardens or keepers of jails, prisons, workhouses or other penal institutions.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. POWERS. HOUSE BILL No. 784.

To further amend the second paragraph of section one thousand two hundred one, and sections one thousand two hundred fourteen and one thousand two hundred fifteen 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 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," removing supervising principals from the class of professional employes; and providing for their employment for terms of three years.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. WALTER E. ROSE. HOUSE BILL No. 785.

An Act to further amend section sixteen of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (P. L. 280) entitled "An act relating to delinquent taxes on seated lands, and prescribing interest charges on nonpayment thereof; requiring the receivers and collectors of county, city, borough, town, township, school district and poor district taxes to make a return to the county commissioners of such unpaid taxes, and providing for the lien thereof; authorizing the county treasurers to collect such taxes, and to sell seated lands at public sale for taxes heretofore or hereafter returned as unpaid; and authorizing the county commissioners to purchase such lands and resell the same under certain circumstances," by giving county commissioners the right to recover possession of real property purchased at tax sales and to rent such lands, and providing for the disposition of moneys received from such rentals.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. KEENAN. HOUSE BILL No. 786.

An Act to further amend section forty-three of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and 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 cess-pools in cities of the second class; and imposing fines, penalties, and forfeitures for violation thereof," by permitting the use of enclosed woodwork about sinks in all except tenement-houses and lodging-houses.

Referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

By Mr. MARSHALL M. COHEN. HOUSE BILL No. 787.

To further amend the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards, and commissions shall be determined," abolishing the Department of Commerce; and reestablishing the State Planning Board as an independent administrative board.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. ELLIOTT and DOLON.

HOUSE BILL No. 788.

To promote the general public health and welfare by regulating the business of "strip mining" or mining coal by removing the overlying soil or strata therefrom; authorizing the Department of Mines to issue permits for "strip mining" operations; requiring those proposing to engage in strip mining operations to file a bond with the Department of Mines to secure the leveling and replacement of the surface soil; imposing certain additional duties upon the Department of Mines and the various mine inspectors; and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

SENATE MESSAGE

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SENATE BILL No. 81. (HOUSE BILL No. 789.)

An Act to amend section one thousand one hundred and forty-seven of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto", by extending the power to accept roads, streets, lanes and alleys dedicated as public highways.

Referred to the Committee on Townships.

SENATE BILL No. 151. (HOUSE BILL No. 790.)

An Act authorizing and directing county treasurers to execute deeds for unseated and seated lands sold by their predecessors in office, and validating deeds heretofore so executed.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

SENATE BILL No. 244. (HOUSE BILL No. 791.)

An Act to amend section one of the act approved the fifteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (P. L. 159), entitled "An act authorizing controllers of the several cities of this Commonwealth to appoint probate clerks," by providing for the appointment of additional probate clerks.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. HARKINS RESOLUTION No. 52.

In the House of Representatives, March 12, 1941.

Whereas, The Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established by Act No. 168 of 1939 amending Act No. 397 of 1937 a certain and definite policy with respect to repayment from the real and personal estate of relief recipients of sums granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania according to the provisions of said Act No. 168 of 1939; and

Whereas, From an examination of Departmental Memoranda No. 799 and No. 800 issued September 5, 1939 and Departmental Memorandum No. 30 issued January 31, 1941 it appears that the Department of Public Assistance has nullified various portions of the aforesaid Act No. 168 of the session of 1939, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives does hereby request the Secretary of the Department of Public Assistance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to report to it to what extent, if any, Act No. 168 of 1939 is being enforced; to what extent, if any, it is being modified by departmental rulings with respect to both real and personal property not specifically exempted by the said Act; be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives does hereby request the Secretary of the Department of Public Assistance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to inform the House of Representatives whether such nullification, if there be any, is based upon formal opinions of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to send the House of Representatives copies of said formal opinions.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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

FIREMEN, POLICEMEN AND PARK GUARDS

A communication from D. M. Allebach, addressed to the Speaker, endorsing enactment of legislation increasing salaries of firemen, policemen and park guards.

Referred to the Committee on Cities First Class.

CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTIES

Resolutions from the borough of Folcroft, Lansdowne and Yeadon, Montgomery and Delaware counties protesting passage of House Bill No. 410, proposing merger of parts of these counties with Philadelphia County.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

SCHOOL CODE

A communication from Raymond O. Latsha, Spring Glen, requesting that consideration be given to increased salaries for teachers in Fourth Class School Districts.

A petition addressed to Messrs. Haberman and Lesko from the township and borough of Ligonier, Westmoreland County, requesting that consideration be given to increased salaries for teachers in Fourth Class School Districts.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

ANTI-POLL TAX

A communication from Leonard R. Tittleman, Philadelphia, requesting memorialization of Congress relative to Geyer Anti-poll Bill.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Communications (12) from citizens of Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, protesting passage of legislation increasing hours during which liquor may be sold by licensees.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

EMPLOYES OF LIQUOR LICENSEES

A communication and resolutions from hotel and restaurant employes International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America, McKeesport, addressed to Mr. Moran, requesting that the provisions of the Act of June 9, 1939, P. L. 307, be made to apply to all licensees.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

OPTOMETRY LAW

A communication from Pennsylvania Optometric Association addressed to the Speaker, requesting support for House Bills Nos. 684 and 685.

Referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

PENSIONS

A communication from Joseph S. Hogan, Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, requesting passage of pension legislation.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. SCANLON, from the Committee on Public Utilities, reported as committed, House Bill No. 64, entitled:

Imposing regulations and restrictions upon persons, associations, partnerships and corporations owning, leasing or having control over electric light or power lines, conduits, telephone and telegraph wires located near certain public highways or near flying fields.

Mr. D'ORTONA, from the Committee on Welfare, reported as committed, House Bill No. 604, entitled:

An Act to amend section three of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2045), entitled "An act relating to the support of indigent persons publicly cared for or assisted; providing for the support of such persons by certain relatives, and for the recovery of public moneys expended for care and assistance from the property and estates of such persons; providing for guardians of the person and property of such persons; providing for the arrest and seizure and sale of the property of deserters; and providing procedure, "by defining further the duty of support of indigent persons by children or grandchildren.

Mr. RAUSCH, from the Committee on Motor Vehicles, reported as committed, House Bill No. 690, entitled:

An Act to further amend sections 402, 411, 703, 704, 705 and 903 and to repeal section 706 of the act approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, (P. L. 905) entitled, "An act for the protection of the public safety, regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," providing for the registration and fixing registration fees of commercial motor vehicles, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers according to gross weight; fixing the maximum gross weight of such vehicles which may be used and operated on the highways; and eliminating existing provisions relating to the chassis of such vehicles.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported as committed, House Bill No. 180, entitled:

An Act providing that every county, city, borough, town and township, may, upon application, furnish meeting rooms for war veterans and sons of veterans' organizations.

Mr. KOLANKIEWICZ, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported as committed, House Bill No. 182, entitled:

An Act to amend section two of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (P. L. 106), entitled "An act prohibiting the discharge from public positions of Union soldiers without reasonable cause, and prohibiting the abolishment of or changing the emoluments of public offices occupied by Union soldiers except for good reason," by extending the provisions thereof to veterans and nurses of any war in which the United States has engaged.

Mr. MALLOY, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported as committed, House Bill No. 89, entitled:

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to allocate, or provide, rooms for State Headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans of the World War; and providing that expenses for heat, light, water, and janitor services, shall be borne by the Commonwealth.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported as committed, House Bill No. 90, entitled:

Providing for the correction of the designation and title of all organizations of veterans of the Spanish American War in all present legislation affecting veterans by designating such organizations as United Spanish War Veterans, Inc.

Mr. GATES, from the Committee on Banking, reported as committed, House Bill No. 561, entitled:

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

Mr. JEFFERSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported as committed, House Bill No. 6, entitled:

An Act to amend the act, approved the twenty-first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 331), entitled "An act directing the Department of Military Affairs to select, procure, award, and provide for the furnishing of certain service medals," providing for the issuance of such medals free of charge, and for the reimbursement of the cost thereof heretofore paid.

Mr. DIX, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported as committed, House Bill No. 104, entitled:

To further amend section seven of the act, approved the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four (P. L. 223, 1933-34), entitled "An act providing compensation to certain persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, the war between the United States and Spain, the China Relief Expedition, or in the Philippines or Guam; providing the method of making payment to representatives or persons who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; making an appropriation; and repealing inconsistent legislation; and providing penalties," extending the time during which application may be filed for veterans' compensation.

BILL RE-REFERRED

Mr. SARRAF returned from the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure, House Bill No. 707, entitled:

An Act to further amend section nine of the act approved March thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred seventeen, (P. L. 21) entitled, "An act defining optometry; and relating to the right to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and making certain exceptions; and providing a Board of Optometrical Education, Examination, and Licensure, and means and methods whereby

the right to practice optometry may be obtained; and providing for the means to carry out the provisions of this act; and providing for revocation or suspension of licenses given by said board, and providing penalties for violations thereof; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith;" and further regulating advertising by optometrists.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of 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 the payment of costs; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith," by extending the provisions thereof to certain additional cases.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 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.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 551, entitled:

A Supplement to the act approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Appropriation Acts, page C0), 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.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 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.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 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.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 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."

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 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 report 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.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 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.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 704, (Senate Bill No. 198), entitled:

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

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

BILLS ON THIRD READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 450, as follows:

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

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

Section 1 That 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" as last amended by section one of the act approved the twenty-second day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 927) is hereby further amended to read as follows

Section 1902 Regulations Concerning Contracts All work and materials required by any city of the third class or any department thereof where the amount exceeds the sum of five hundred dollars shall be furnished and performed under written contract and the contract shall be awarded and given to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising three times each publication on a different day in not more than two newspapers in accord with the provisions of section one hundred and nine of this act and the bids shall not be opened until at least ten days have elapsed after the first advertisement Provided That the requirements of this section as to advertising and contracts and bidding and to the sum of five hundred dollars shall not apply to contracts for any public utility service where the service is to be provided by a public utility under tariffs on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or to repairs of highways sewers and other public improvements or to resurfacing or maintaining of highways or to street and sewer cleaning or to the collection of rubbish ashes and garbage made done and provided by the officers and employes of the city or to any agreement with the Commonwealth whereby the city agrees to pay a portion of the cost of any improvement made under contract let by the Commonwealth or any department thereof And further provided That where the roadway of a street is to be paved originally and for the first time or reconstructed by putting down a new base or a sewer is

to be constructed or grading done such work shall be done under written contract after advertising as provided in section one hundred and nine of this act and such contract shall be given to the lowest responsible bidder

The council shall by ordinance provide for and regulate the purchase of supplies and materials and the sale of personal property

The council may also by ordinance provide a contingent fund or funds for necessary repairs and incidental expenses not otherwise provided in the general appropriations and such funds may be expended without advertising for bids

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—201

Achterman,	Flynn,	Longo,	Rose, S.
Allmond,	Foor,	Lovett,	Rose, W. E.,
Auker,	French,	Lyons,	Rosenfeld,
Baker,	Gallagher,	Malloy,	Royer,
Balthaser,	Gates,	Marks,	Sarraf,
Baughner,	Gerard,	Maxwell,	Scanlon,
Bentley,	Gillan,	McClanaghan,	Schwab,
Bentzel,	Gillette,	McClester,	Serrill,
Boies,	Goodwin,	McDermott,	Shaffer,
Boney,	Greenwood,	McDowell,	Shaw,
Boorse,	Gross,	McFall,	Shepard,
Bower,	Gryskewicz,	McGrath,	Simons,
Bradley,	Gyger,	McIntosh,	Skale,
Breth,	Habbyshaw,	McKinney,	Snyder,
Bretherick,	Haberlen,	McLanahan,	Sollenberger,
Brown,	Halmes,	McLane,	Sorg,
Brunner, C. H.,	Hall,	McMillen,	Stambaugh,
Brunner, P. A.,	Hamilton,	McSurdy,	Stank,
Burns,	Hare,	Melchiorre,	Stine,
Burnis,	Harkins,	Mihm,	Stockham,
Cadwalader,	Harmuth,	Modell,	Tarr,
Chervenak,	Harris,	Monks,	Tate,
Chudoff,	Heatherington,	Mooney,	Taylor,
Cohen, M. M.,	Helm,	Moran,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cohen, R. E.,	Hering,	Moul,	Thompson, R. L.,
Cook,	Herman,	Muir,	Turner,
Cooper,	Hersch,	Munley,	Verona,
Cordier,	Hewitt,	Nagel,	Vincent,
Corrigan,	Hirsch,	Nunemacher,	Vogt,
Croop,	Holland,	O'Brien,	Voldow,
Cullen,	Huntley,	O'Connor,	Voorhees,
Dalrymple,	Imbrie,	O'Neill,	Wagner,
DiGenova,	James,	Owens,	Watkins,
Dix,	Jefferson,	Petrosky,	Weingartner,
Dennison,	Jones, G. E.,	Pettit,	Weiss,
Dolon,	Jones, P. N.,	Polaski,	Welsh, E. B.,
D'Ortona,	Keenan,	Polen,	Welsh, M. J.,
Duffy,	Kenehan,	Powers,	Wilkinson,
Early,	Kline,	Prosen,	Williams,
Eckels,	Knoble,	Rank,	Winner,
Elder,	Kolankiewicz,	Rausch,	Wolf,
Elliott,	Komorowski,	Readinger,	Wood, L. H.,
Ely,	Krise,	Reagan,	Wood, N.,
Falkenstein,	Lee, E. A.,	Reese, D. P.,	Woodring,
Finestone,	Lee, T. H.,	Reese, R. E.,	Woodside,
Finnerty,	Leisey,	Regan,	Wright,
Fisher,	Leonard,	Reynolds,	Yeakel,
Fiss,	Lesko,	Rhea,	Yester,
Fleming,	Levy,	Riley,	Young,
Fletcher,	Leydic,	Rooney,	Kilroy,
	Lichtenwalter,		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. 465, as follows:

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

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

Section 1 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" is hereby amended to read as follows

Section 4409 Secretaries of Boards Counsel Compensation—Each of said civil service boards may appoint a secretary and prescribe his duties He shall be subject to removal at any time by the board appointing him and such board shall have power to change his duties Whenever a matter is before the board for which it deems additional legal advice or services necessary it may employ legal counsel The compensation to be paid said secretaries and such legal counsel and all necessary stationery and supplies for said board shall be such as council shall by ordinance direct

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—201

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

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.

BILL PASSED OVER

There being no objection House Bill No. 208, Printer's No. 41, was passed over at the request of Mr. ACHTERMAN.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, I have the proud distinction this morning of speaking to you as an honorary Irishman. I am quite sure the Members of the House will recognize at once that the distinction could never be achieved by any man who did not possess well defined merits.

It reminds me of an incident that is said to have happened in the colorful career of Harry Mackey, one time Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. It appears that His Honor was taking one of his frequent vacations and visited the Black Hills of Wyoming. A tribe of Indians hearing of the coming of His Honor raised a great celebration, the climax of which was that they made His Honor a member of their tribe. Word of this distinction reached City Hall in Philadelphia. The next morning the mayor received a telegram which read as follows:

"So now you are an Indian. Stop. Well, I'll be damned. Stop."

What I really want to do is to give the Members of the House a report of the committee that is preparing the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on behalf of the Legislative Sons of St. Patrick. This committee has at last planned a program which will be great in the memory of all of us. It will be a very, very disastrous thing for any Member of the House in this session to live through the rest of his life and be compelled to say to those he encounters that he did not attend the St. Patrick's banquet of 1941.

There has been a little misunderstanding, however, about making reservation, and I am asked by the committee to try to rectify the misunderstanding. It has been announced from the rostrum on two occasions that reservations are to be made in tables of six or eight, and that has been a matter of confusion in the minds of some of the Members. However, any Member can individually secure a ticket for this great occasion by applying at any time between now and next Monday noon to Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Moran or Mr. "McJames." I thank you.

COMMUNICATION

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

WESTERN UNION

Monessen, Penn.
12 1150 A

Elmer Kilroy,
Speaker House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Penn.

Daughter mother and father resting well. Best regards,
Representative David H. Weiss

COMMUNICATION

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

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Finance

March 11, 1941

Mr. Thomas J. Callahan
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Callahan:

I have your letter of March 4th together with Resolution No. 19 adopted by the House of Representatives memorializing the Congress of the U. S. to designate December 15, 1941 as a National Holiday and authorize the appointment of a Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Commission to sponsor appropriate ceremonies and celebrations upon that day.

I shall introduce the Resolution into the Congressional Record when the Senate meets again Thursday, March 13th, together with some of my own remarks. At the same time I shall introduce a Senate Joint Resolution to comply with your Resolution. A copy of the proposed Resolution is enclosed.

With every kind wish, I am

Most cordially yours,

James J. Davis

To provide for the celebration of the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights as the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas the 15th day of December, 1941, is the day on which occurs the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights as the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas such day assumes unusual importance and significance during the present critical period in the history of our Nation and of the world when the fundamental rights of free people, as set forth in such amendments, are being threatened by totalitarian forces abroad and their sympathizers at home: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order that the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights as the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States may be duly commemorated, the 15th day of December, 1941, is hereby declared to be a national public holiday throughout the United States.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing for appropriate ceremonies and celebrations on such day, there is hereby established a commission to be known as the Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), to be composed of seven commissioners, as follows: three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, two Senators to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and two Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman and vice-chairman from among their number. If any vacancies occur in the membership of the Commission, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for the original appointments.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Commission to sponsor appropriate ceremonies and celebrations to be held throughout the United States on December 15, 1941, in commemoration of such anniversary.

Sec. 4. The Commission is authorized to make such expenditures for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this joint resolution as it may deem advisable, but no expenditure shall be made except for the purposes authorized by a majority of the members thereof. Expenditures of the Commission shall be paid upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the chairman of the Commission.

Sec. 5. The authority of the Commission under this joint resolution shall cease and terminate on June 30, 1942, at which time the commission shall make a report of its expenditures and activities under this joint resolution to the Congress.

Sec. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$10,000 to be expended by the Commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution.

COMMUNICATION

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to read a letter from Matthew E. Welsh, Member of the General Assembly of Indiana.

Mr. WELSH. Mr. Speaker, that is a private affair and I object to having it read,—you go ahead and use your own judgment.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman object to the reading of the letter? For the information of the House, this letter is about the Welshs. Is the gentleman "welshing"? The Chair will read the letter.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF INDIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
INDIANAPOLIS

February 27, 1941.

Honorable Matthew J. Welsh,
Pennsylvania State Legislature,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Welsh:

A friend of mine who receives the Legislature Bulletin distributed by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, has called to my attention the fact that there was a Matthew J. Welsh in the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Since my name is almost identical I trust your conduct is such that it will reflect credit upon our respective names. Please be assured I am trying to do the same in Indiana.

Very truly yours,

Matthew E. Welsh,
State Representative
Knox County

The SPEAKER: This is the reply:

March 11, 1941

Matthew E. Welsh
House of Representatives
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Welsh:

I was pleased to receive your letter some time ago and can assure you that our conduct has been excellent. We have three Welsh's in the Pennsylvania State Assembly. I do not have any photographs handy but I am sending you my Campaign card which will show you that I have the appearance of a Statesman.

Hoping to hear from you some other time.

Yours very truly,

(Signed Matthew J. Welsh)

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the gentleman is testifying for himself, I move that that reply letter be expunged from the record. Secondly, I move that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the proceedings by which Mat Welsh got somebody out in Indiana to write him a letter so that he could make that reply.

Mr. MATTHEW J. WELSH. Mr. Speaker, that campaign card of mine had a picture on it, and I think it will impress the other Matthew Welsh, but if I had Turner's picture on that card it would certainly be a great reflection on me and my friends.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. SAMUEL ROSE asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Last week, Mr. Speaker, you stated that the Irish had begun to fight, and you appointed Mr. O'Mullen of Philadelphia to serve on this Irish Day celebration.

Since then, I noticed quite a look of disdain about his noble brow. Knowing that Mr. O'Mullen is descended from Irish kings, I wonder whether he is willing to serve on that committee with descendants of more Irish sheep herders.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The members of the Joint State Government Commission will meet at 2:30 p. m. in the new House Caucus Room instead of 3 p. m.

PERMISSION GRANTED COMMITTEE TO MEET DURING SESSION

Mr. LEVY asked and obtained permission for the Committee on Workmen's Compensation to meet during the session of the House.

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. JAMES offered the following resolution which was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, March 12, 1941.

Preceding the Day of St. Patrick by a scant five days, our good friend, J. P. Moran, was born a few years ago, and through an enviable record of achievements, has come to be a member of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, serving his fourth consecutive term as the Representative of the Tenth Legislative District of Allegheny County.

A jovial and genial companion, with a great resounding voice from the aisle at the rear of the room, famous as a member of the team of "Moomaw and Moran," the bane of the local tax collectors, consistent and persistent in his efforts to transfer all utilities to the local political subdivisions, we have come to know him; and to know him is to love him, therefore be it

Resolved, That on this, his birthday, his fellow-members of the House of Representatives, extend to the Honorable J. P. Moran their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a great many more such days, and express to him the sentiments of his progenitors, "May your shadow never grow less, and may the skin of a gooseberry serve as an umbrella for all of your enemies," and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented by the Chief Clerk to Mr. Moran.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I am unwilling to be recognized. What does the speaker desire to know?

The SPEAKER. What can the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Moran tell me in regard to this resolution?

Mr. MORAN. Well, Mr. Speaker, I have always tried to answer questions asked me. Of course, if the Speaker wishes to draw from my vast knowledge and experience, I will be glad to give him any information he desires,—or any other Member of the House for that matter.

The SPEAKER. The Chair was giving the Members an opportunity to Sing, "Happy Birthday To You."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Turner.

Mr. MORAN. I knew that was going to happen.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. TURNER. Why doesn't the gentleman shut up, Mr. Speaker? I am trying to help him. I rise to a question of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his question of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. TURNER. Does the gentleman from Allegheny know there was a resolution passed congratulating him on his birthday? Once upon a time I presented some of the Members of the House with an alarm clock, but I never thought that was necessary for Mr. Moran.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, am I being interrogated?

The SPEAKER. You were being interrogated.

Mr. MORAN. Well, I am just waking up; maybe I am not awake yet. I was not at the ball last night.

Mr. Speaker, those members who are sitting around me, are offering me all kinds of fatherly advice. I believe my mind is a little befuddled this morning and I know that Mr. Turner is waiting for a chance to get up again. I don't know whether I can say very much. I just found out I was born, in fact, I couldn't find out in the Bureau of Vital statistics that I was born. I went over there one day last week and they changed a boy into a girl in three minutes. I also know they changed a white man into a colored man, and he had been dead for five years.

I am still getting all kinds of advice around here, Mr. Speaker. However, I want to thank the members of the House and whoever presented the resolution. I appreciate it; I hope that they will all be here many many more terms, and that you all will be down at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. If you don't have any tickets, see me.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

It was adopted.

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. MAXWELL offered the following resolution which was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, March 12, 1941.

Whereas, a certain Member of the House of Representatives has now been expecting the arrival of an offspring for the past four months; and

Whereas, in spite of our efforts to acquaint him with elementary physiology he has for the past four months continually harassed, annoyed and disturbed our peace of mind, rendering our life burdensome and our condition intolerable; and

Whereas, he led us to believe he would be the first expectant father we would lose in a somewhat lengthy practice; and

Whereas, on the 11th day of March 1941, Mrs. David H. Weiss at Charleroi-Monnessen Hospital gave birth to a baby girl; therefore be it

Resolved, that the House of Representatives felicitate the happy parents on the birth of such girl; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives mail a copy of this resolution to Mrs. David H. Weiss further congratulating her on the birth of so presentable a daughter.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:

Welfare, Wednesday, March 12 after the session in Room 246.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Committee on Professional Licensure on House Bill No. 227 on Tuesday, March 25 at 10 a. m. in the new House Caucus Room-First Floor.

A hearing before Banking Committee on House Bill No. 211 known as Saturday Bank Holiday Bill will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, 1941 at 12 noon in Room 330.

A dinner caucus of the Republican members will be held

next Monday Evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Harrisburger Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, March 17, 1941, at 9 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 12:49 p. m.) the House adjourned.