

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the section as amended?

It was agreed to.

The sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth sections of the bill were read as follows and agreed to:

Section 6 In order to enable the taxpayer or owner having the right of redemption under a tax sale to receive the full benefits of this act no real property shall be sold for nonpayment of taxes before November first one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and any tax sale shall be adjourned or readjusted or right of redemption extended as often as may be necessary for this purpose. If any tax sale is adjourned or readjusted or right of redemption extended after advertisement or sale no additional advertisement or notice shall be necessary for the adjourned or readjusted sale or right of redemption. No such adjournment or readjustment or redemption failure to advertise or hold any such tax sale shall invalidate the lien of any tax due and unpaid or sale had subject to redemption but the lien of all such taxes shall be fully preserved during the entire installment period herein provided for if the taxpayer avails himself of the privileges or benefits of this act. Provided however That in every case where a taxpayer avails himself of the privileges or benefits of this act the period during which payment of the said delinquent taxes is postponed or continued under this act shall not be included in computing and determining whether or not any right of the tax assessing and levying authority has been barred or lost by reason of the provisions of any statute or statutes now existing or hereafter enacted limiting the right of the said tax levying and assessing authorities to file preserve or maintain the lien of the said taxes.

Section 7 The provisions of this act are severable and if any of the provisions hereof are held to be unconstitutional the decision shall not be construed to impair any other provision of this act. It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision not been included herein.

Section 8 The act approved the fourteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 302) the act approved the twenty-sixth day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 893) the act approved the twenty-fifth day of October one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight (P. L. 84) the act proved the twenty-fifth day of October one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight (P. L. 88) and the act approved the nineteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 405) shall continue in full force and effect as to any and all taxpayers who have taken advantage of and are not in default in the provisions thereof. All other acts and parts of acts general local and special inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby suspended during the time this act shall be in effect.

Section 9 Any taxpayer who has made any payment or payments on delinquent taxes under the provisions of any of the acts referred to in section eight above but who has defaulted in any payment required by such act may secure the benefits of this act by making payments on the balance due on all taxes covered by the provisions of this act whether or not covered by the abatement act under which he was previously making payments.

Section 10 This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

The title of the bill was read as follows and agreed to.

An Act abating certain tax penalties and interest on unpaid delinquent city taxes in cities of the first and second class on unpaid delinquent school taxes in school districts of the first class and on unpaid delinquent poll poor district institution district and county taxes in counties of the second class prohibiting the sale of real property for the nonpayment of any such taxes for a certain period: preserving certain tax liens and providing for the extension thereof.

And said bill as amended having been read at length the second time,

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill?

Mr. FREY. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 285, as amended, go over without passing second reading.

Ordered, That said bill lie over for printing.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GELTZ. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, April 8, 1941, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 o'clock, p. m., until Tuesday, April 8, 1941, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MONDAY, April 7, 1941

The House met at 9 p. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

### PRAYER

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

Our Father and Our God, we thank thee for the leadings of thy providence, even though at times we become frightened and dismayed. Give us grace to walk gladly as thou dost lead us from day to day. Establish us in truth and strengthen us in courage that we may never fail thee, or those who love us.

In this hour of uncertainty we beseech Thee to bless the President of the United States and all those in authority with him. Be with the Governor of our Commonwealth and those with him who assist in the administration of the affairs of State. Bless the Speaker of this House and his co-laborers; the Chief Clerk, and his assistants. We ask Thee to look with favor upon all who contribute a part in making the conduct of this legislative body, efficient and effective.

Grant wisdom and understanding, patience and sacrificial love to the members of this House of Representatives, thus assuring our nation and our State the certainty of its way as we put our trust in Thee, Our God.

Hear our prayer, we beseech Thee. Amen.

### JOURNAL APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the Journal of Wednesday, April 2, 1941.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Wednesday, April 2, 1941, when, on motion of Mr. POLEN, unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

### BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. WATKINS.

HOUSE BILL No. 1113.

An Act extending the time within which county commissioners may sell seated or unseated lands purchased by them at tax sales upon which the period of redemption has expired and validating certain sales heretofore made.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. WATKINS.

HOUSE BILL No. 1114.

An Act to further amend sections nine, fifteen, sixteen and seventeen of, and to add sections seventeen and one-tenth and seventeen and two-tenths to, 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," further regulating the sale of lands purchased by the county commissioners at such sales, providing for the discharge of mortgage liens by such treasurers' sales and by the sales of such lands now in the hands of the county commissioners, and providing for the distribution of the proceeds of all such sales.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Messrs. MODELL and VOLDOW.

HOUSE BILL No. 1115.

An Act to add section forty-three to article four of the act, approved the twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (P. L. 521), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the imposition and collection of certain taxes upon the transfer of property passing from a decedent who was a resident of this Commonwealth at the time of his death, and of property within this Commonwealth at the time of his death; defining and taxing transfers made in contemplation of death; defining as a transfer and taxing the right of survivorship in property as to which such right exists; and making it unlawful for any corporation of this Commonwealth, or national banking association located therein; to transfer the stock of such corporation or banking association, standing in the name of any such decedent, until the tax on the transfer thereof has been paid; and providing penalties; and citing certain acts for repeal," regulating the opening of, and the removal of securities, goods, chattels and property from, safe deposit boxes, storage vaults, storage rooms and storage spaces leased to or used by a decedent, or to which a decedent was entitled or authorized to have access or to remove and carry away any securities, goods, chattels or property deposited or stored therein; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Messrs. THOMAS H. LEE and LEVY.

HOUSE BILL No. 1116.

An Act to further amend clause two of 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 specifically prescribing minimum annual salaries and increments for vocational school teachers in school districts of the first class.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. LEVY.

HOUSE BILL No. 1117.

An Act with reference to trust receipts and pledges of personal property unaccompanied by possession in the pledgee and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. ELLWOOD B. WELSH. HOUSE BILL No. 1118.

An Act to regulate the practice of chiropody in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to provide for the establishment of a State Board of Chiropody Examiners in the Department of Public Instruction to define the duties and powers of said board to provide for examining and registering of chiropodists in this State and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

Referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

By Mr. CHUDOFF.

HOUSE BILL No. 1119.

An Act exempting automatic merchandise vending machines, and their contents, located on leased premises and held under conditional sale, bailment lease or other like agreement, from levy and sale on execution or distress for rent, if certain written notice of such agreement is given the lessor of the premises on which such machines are located, and saving the right of lessors to levy on and sell, or distrain, any rights which lessees may have in such automatic merchandise vending machines under a conditional sale, bailment lease or other like agreement.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. FALKENSTEIN.

HOUSE BILL No. 1120.

An Act to further amend three hundred and five 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," fixing the discount to be allowed by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores on sales to licensed dealers.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

By Mr. HAINES.

HOUSE BILL No. 1121.

A further supplement to the act, approved the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three (P. L. 213), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MORAN (By Request) HOUSE BILL No. 1122.

An Act to further amend 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," by creating a State Board of Examiners of Opticians in the Department of Public Instruction.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. HEATHERINGTON. HOUSE BILL No. 1123.

An Act making an appropriation to aid certain school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GILLETTE. HOUSE BILL No. 1124.

An Act to validate conveyance, purporting to be the act and deed of a corporation, heretofore erroneously executed and acknowledged, or executed and acknowledged by persons purporting to be agents of, or trustees for, a corporation which has since been dissolved.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

By Mr. DOLON. HOUSE BILL No. 1125.

An Act prescribing certain powers and duties of the county commissioners of the various counties in relation to real property purchased by them at tax sales.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. READINGER. HOUSE BILL No. 1126.

An Act to further amend part of section three hundred and two, to amend section three hundred and seven and part of section fifteen hundred and one 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," establishing the Surplus Commodities Stamp Fund; and authorizing the State Treasurer to disburse money from said fund upon requisition of the Secretary of Public Assistance.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. CORRIGAN AND EDWIN A. LEE.  
HOUSE BILL No. 1127.

An Act defining, regulating and providing for the licensing and registration of employment agents and their representatives, including private employment agents,

theatrical employment agencies and nurses' registries; providing for revocation and suspension of licenses and registrations, subject to appeal, and for their reinstatement; defining the powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Public Instruction; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

#### RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. STINE. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 67.

In the House of Representatives, April 7, 1941.

Whereas, The public schools in America are a vital force in preserving and carrying on our democratic traditions and whereas all American children are entitled to equal educational opportunities, and

Whereas, The burden of maintaining high standards in school programs is becoming increasingly difficult for some of our states and municipalities to bear since they do not all have equal resources for supporting an adequate educational system, and

Whereas, Several of our states and municipalities are in a precarious financial position resulting in stringent retrenchment and even in the closing of schools thus causing a local problem so serious as to have become a matter of national concern, and

Whereas, A federal aid bill to grant funds to States and territories would promote the general welfare by providing more effective programs of public education, and

Whereas, A federal aid bill would give grants to states on the basis of the index of educational load and financial ability for Adult Education, Rural Library Services, Co-operative Educational Research and Demonstrations, and for the improvement of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools by improving Teacher Preparation, Construction of School Buildings, and Administration of State Departments of Education, now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation granting federal aid to education, and

Be It Also Resolved, That one copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the following:

The President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, President of the U. S. Senate

Speaker Sam Rayburn, House of Representatives

Senator Joseph Guffey

Senator James P. Davis

All members of the House delegation from Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. BENTZEL. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 68.

In the House of Representatives, April 7, 1941.

Whereas, The education and welfare of the children of the state are fundamental to the future of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has recognized this in the past by enacting a system of compulsory education and by enacting laws for the regulation of employment of minors, and

Whereas, In the World War, Pennsylvania witnessed a great increase in child delinquency, accompanied by a tendency to disregard the compulsory school attendance laws and the child labor laws, and

Whereas, In the present emergency there is a danger that these conditions may arise again, a situation which all enlightened citizens desire earnestly to avoid, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the Commonwealth

of Pennsylvania call upon all local school boards to be vigilant in the enforcement of the compulsory attendance laws, and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the Department of Labor and Industry, by enlarging the appropriate divisions if necessary, to enforce strictly the child labor laws of this state.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. SARGE. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 69.

In the House of Representatives, April 7, 1941.

Whereas, There are many laws and parts of laws on the statute books of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are obsolete, unnecessary and unworkable for the proper functioning of the state government; and

Whereas, The presence of such laws upon the statute books creates confusion and possible disregard of laws which should be followed and enforced; and

Whereas, In the furtherance of good government and proper regard for our government, it is required that all unnecessary and obsolete statutes should be repealed; now therefore be it

Resolved, (if the Senate concurs), that a committee of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, three Senators to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and three persons to be appointed by the Governor, is hereby created, whose duty it shall be to survey, investigate and consider all the statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and seek out such Acts or parts of Acts which are obsolete and inconsistent and unnecessary to the proper functioning of this Commonwealth and report its findings and conclusions to the next regular session of the General Assembly, with bills to repeal such obsolete, inconsistent and unnecessary laws to be introduced at the next regular session of the General Assembly.

The said committee shall organize immediately after its appointment and elect a chairman and a secretary from its membership and appoint any clerks, stenographers or other employes necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

The members of the commission shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for any necessary traveling and living expenses actually incurred in the performance of the duties hereby imposed.

An item of ten thousand dollars shall be inserted in the general appropriation bill for the purpose of paying such expenses and the salaries of such clerks, stenographers or other employes, appointed by the committee.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. MATTHEW J. WELSH.

RESOLUTION No. 70.

In the House of Representatives, April 7, 1941.

Whereas, In the administration of old age assistance by the Department of Public Assistance many needy citizens are discriminated against or deprived of assistance for various technical reasons such as necessity to depend on contributions from relatives who may have difficulty in supporting themselves on an American standard of living or because of the ownership of small amounts of property or insurance or the like; and

Whereas, The purpose and object of old age assistance was humanitarian to provide funds for the needy aged to live their own lives separately without being a burden on relatives or become public charges in a county home an institution now being maintained only for those who need institutional care; and

Whereas, It is believed generally by the public that investigators employed at comfortable salaries are unduly technical in trying to ferret out reasons for the rejection of applications for old age assistance, and for the

discontinuance of aid to those who may have been receiving the same, and that as the result thereof many worthy aged are placed in dire distress; and

Whereas, It is believed the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Assistance are more stringent than required by law and more stringent than required by the Social Security Board in order to receive Federal grants-in-aid for old age assistance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby requests the Department of Public Assistance to administer the Old Age Assistance Law in a spirit of equity and justice, and to grant assistance to all the needy aged in order that they may enjoy such comforts as it is the governmental duty of the state assisted by the Federal Government to provide for those who are unable to help themselves economically, and to so modify its rules and regulations as to be no more stringent than required by the Social Security Board in order to receive Federal grants-in-aid.

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.

### OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

A resolution from Local 615 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, requesting a deficiency appropriation to cover claims and liabilities under the Occupational Disease Act.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

### THADDEUS STEVENS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

A communication from the Thaddeus Stevens Industrial School, addressed to the Speaker, urging passage of House Bill No. 501.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

### STATE FORESTS

A communication from Gertrude Ely, addressed to the Speaker, urging passage of House Bill No. 611, providing for the purchase of Ricketts Glen.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVISION SHRINE

Resolutions from the Society of The Twenty-Eighth Division, A. E. F. Harrisburg, urging passage of House Bill No. 639, providing for the completion and maintenance of the Twenty-eighth Division Shrine at Boalsburg.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

### REAL ESTATE LEASES

A communication and resolution from the City of Pittsburgh, addressed to the Speaker, requesting enactment of legislation to provide for staggering of leases for dwelling houses and apartments in cities of the Second Class.

Referred to the Committee on Cities—Second Class.

### SCHOOLS

Resolutions from Central Labor Union of Philadelphia and vicinity urging adequate support for free public schools child welfare and democracy in education.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

### TEACHER'S SALARIES

A communication from the Pennsylvania State School

Directors' Association, Harrisburg, favoring passage of House Bill No. 165, if the state provides funds for the increase.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

#### SCHOOL CODE

A communication from Philadelphia Teacher's Association addressed to the Speaker, urging passage of House Bill No. 1.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

#### SCHOOL CODE

A communication from Stoney Creek Council No. 269, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Johnstown, addressed to the Speaker, approving passage of House Bills Nos. 205, 302, 308, 396, 360, 394, 395, 413, 433, 435, and 485 and disapproving passage of House Bills Nos. 171, and 385.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

#### INTERSTATE TRADE BARRIERS

A communication from the Council of State Governments Chicago, Illinois, addressed to the Speaker, disapproving passage of legislation which constitutes trade barriers.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

#### MARRIED TEACHERS

Communications and telegrams from citizens of Pennsylvania, requesting passage of House Bill No. 404.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

#### PRIORITIES ON LIENS

A telegram from attorneys for automobile owners, dealers and finance companies protesting passage of House Bill No. 608, providing for priority of lien.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

#### DAUPHIN COUNTY COURT

A communication from Caroline White, Harrisburg, addressed to the Speaker, requesting investigation of Dauphin County Court and attorneys.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

#### SABOTAGE

A communication from United Federal Workers of America, Local No. 9, Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, opposing of House Bill No. 452, anti-sabotage bill.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

A communication from Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council, Harrisburg, favoring passage of House Bill No. 868 and Senate Bill No. 380.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

#### BOWLING

A communication from the Methodists Ministers' Meeting in Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, protesting passage of House Bill No. 367, legalizing Sunday bowling.

Referred to the Committee on Law and Order.

#### LIQUOR AND VICE

A communication from the Philadelphia Baptists Association, Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, urging

passage of legislation to reduce intemperance and vice.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

#### LIQUOR LICENSES

Communications and telegrams from citizens of Pennsylvania, protecting passage of legislation increasing hours during which liquor may be sold by licensee.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

#### TRUCK WEIGHTS

A communication from Legislative Boards of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and Order of Railway Conductors, protesting passage of House Bill No. 690, increasing legal weights of trucks.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

#### TAX LIENS

A communication from School District of Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, protesting passage of House Bills 140 and 451.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

#### OPTOMETRISTS

Communications and petitions from citizens of Philadelphia, favoring passage of House Bills Nos. 684, 685 and protesting passage of House Bill No. 707.

Referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

#### NURSES

Communications from The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association favoring passage of House Bill No. 675.

Communications from citizens of Philadelphia, protesting passage of House Bill No. 675.

Referred to the Committee on Professional Licensure.

#### STATE POLICE

Telegrams from CIO unions, Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, requesting investigation of State Police activities in Bethlehem.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

A communication from State, County and Municipal Workers of American Local 46, Philadelphia, addressed to the Speaker, favoring passage of House Bill No. 777, providing for increase of salaries of employes in Department of Public Assistance.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

#### COMMERCE LAW

A communication from the Philadelphia Board of Trade addressed to the Speaker, urging defeat of House Bill No. 773, repealing "Commerce Law."

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

#### WEIGHMASTERS

A bulletin from Retail Coal Merchants Association of Greater Pittsburgh protesting passage of House Bill No. 849.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

#### FUEL OIL TAX

A petition from residents of Delaware and Montgomery

counties protesting passage of House Bill No. 122, three cent tax on fuel oil.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### INSURANCE TAX FUND

A telegram from Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department addressed to the Speaker favoring passage of House Bills Nos. 199 and 364.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

A communication from United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 1190, Ellsworth, favoring adoption of Senate Resolution Serial No. 18, discontinuing cancellation of life insurance policies.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

#### MILK

A resolution from American Association of Social Workers, Pittsburgh Chapter, addressed to Mr. John L. Powers, urging repeal of "Eckels Milk Act."

Referred to the Committee on Welfare.

#### BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

#### SENATE BILL No. 244.

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.

Whereupon,

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

#### SENATE MESSAGE

#### HOUSE BILL CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The Clerk of the Senate being introduced, returned bill from the House of Representatives numbered and entitled as follows:

#### HOUSE BILL No. 366.

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.

With the information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

#### BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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Whereupon,

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

#### SENATE MESSAGE

#### TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

In the Senate, April 7, 1941.

Resolved, (if the House of Representatives concur), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 14, 1941, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., and when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 14, 1941, at 9:00 o'clock p. m.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

It was unanimously concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent leave of absence was granted as follows:

Mr. Owens for Mr. CHERVENAK on account of illness.  
Mr. Wagner for Mr. HARE for tonight's session.

## BILL ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 533, entitled:

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

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

## BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The motion was agreed to.

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 974, entitled:

An Act to amend article twelve, section one thousand two hundred six, 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," by providing for the issuance of a certificate of approval for weights and measures of county, city and borough sealers.

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. 576, entitled:

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

sistent therewith," further regulating determination of charges against professional employes.

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

## BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. READINGER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Education for the purpose of further study.

The motion was agreed to.

## BILL ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 455, entitled:

An Act providing for practical arts and vocational agriculture, home economics, industrial and commercial schools and classes, through public school districts and in cooperation with employment officers, for the training, retraining, instruction, and adjustment of out-of-school, unadjusted individuals, in order to enable them to enter, re-enter, or continue employment under changing conditions; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and making an appropriation.

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

## BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. READINGER. Mr. Speaker I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion was agreed to.

## BILL ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 669, entitled:

An Act providing for the support and promotion of aviation training through public school districts of the Commonwealth; authorizing school districts to acquire real estate for such purpose; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and making an appropriation.

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

## BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. READINGER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations for the purpose of further study.

The motion was agreed to.

## BILL ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 651, entitled:

An Act to amend section three of the act approved the twenty-third day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (Pamphlet Laws 607) entitled "An act for the better management of the Allegheny county prison" by requiring all contracts involving an expenditure of one hundred dollars to be in writing and prohibiting the mak-

ing of any contract involving the expenditure of over five hundred dollars unless made with the lowest and best bidder after due advertising and requiring all purchases to be made through the purchasing department of the county.

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

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

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

The motion was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 532, entitled:

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

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. 526, entitled:

An Act to amend section one hundred thirty-six as amended, and section one hundred thirty-seven, of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 1278) entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto;" providing for the establishment of the office of controller in certain counties and for the abolition of the office of county auditor; and for the audit of accounts of the county and its officers for the preceding year in certain cases.

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

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. WEISS. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

The motion was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 360, entitled:

An Act to further amend section six hundred and twenty-nine 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 providing for suitable pupil ceremonies affirming and developing allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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. 536, entitled:

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

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

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. WEISS. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.  
The motion was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 392, entitled:

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

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. 1017, entitled:

An Act requiring the Governor of the Commonwealth to issue annual proclamations setting apart September thirteenth of each year as Commodore John Barry Day.

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. 525, entitled:

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



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. 534, entitled:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to article nine, section fifteen, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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. 530, entitled:

An Act to amend section three hundred and five of the act approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1333), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," by providing for the reimbursement of counties by the Commonwealth for primary and election costs incurred in even-numbered years.

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. 528, entitled:

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

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. 897, entitled:

An Act providing for and regulating the appointment, promotion and reduction in rank, suspension and removal of paid members of the police force in boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships of the first class maintaining a police force; creating a civil service commission in each borough, incorporated town, and townships of the first class, defining the duties of such civil service commissioner; imposing certain duties and expense on boroughs; incorporated towns, and townships of the first class; imposing penalties; and repealing inconsistent laws.

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. 995, entitled:

An Act to further amend sections two thousand six hundred twenty and two thousand six hundred twenty-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," by eliminating the duty of filing a copy of the auditor's report with the Department of Public Instruction by the auditors in school districts of the third and fourth classes.

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. 227, entitled:

An Act to provide for the better protection of life and health of the citizens of this Commonwealth by requiring and regulating the examination, licensure and registration of persons, engaging in the care, preparation and embalming of the bodies of deceased persons, creating a State Board of Embalmers, setting forth its powers and duties; and providing penalties.

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. 405, entitled:

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

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. 776, entitled:

An Act 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.

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. 121, entitled:

An Act approving, ratifying and enacting into law the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Compact for the pre-

vention, abatement and control of pollution of the rivers, streams and waters in the Ohio River drainage basin and making the State of Pennsylvania a party thereto, creating the "Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission," providing for the members of such commission from the State of Pennsylvania and providing for the carrying out of said compact.

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. 531, entitled:

An Act to amend sections five hundred one, five hundred two, five hundred three, and five hundred four, of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1333), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections;" providing for and limiting the creation of election districts in this Commonwealth; providing for a complete redistricting of election districts in the Commonwealth in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and the procedure therefor; and conferring powers and imposing duties on county boards of elections, registration commissions and courts of quarter sessions.

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

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. WEISS. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on Municipal Corporations. The motion was agreed to.

#### BILL ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 809, entitled:

An Act to amend section thirteen of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (P. L. 415), entitled "An act relating to the qualification, jurisdiction, powers, and duties of registers of wills, and regulating proceedings before said registers, and the costs thereof, the effects of their acts, and appeals therefrom," by imposing on registers of wills the duty, when requested, of recording releases in decedents estates, and prescribing the effect of releases so recorded.

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

#### CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls the attention of the Members to an error to the title of the bill. The word "and" following the word "wills" in the seventh line of the title on the calendar should be changed to the word "the".

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 808, entitled:

An Act to further amend sections twenty-eight and to amend section twenty-nine of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (P. L. 1237), entitled "An act affecting marital relations; prescribing grounds and regulating proceedings for divorce and the annulment of bigamous marriages; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," by making the subpoena alias subpoena and publication in divorce proceedings returnable in twenty-one days.

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. 823, entitled:

An Act providing for the recording of birth records of certain persons whose births have not heretofore been made a public record; or whose record of birth is incomplete or incorrect and imposing such records competent legal evidence; and imposing certain duties upon the Orphans' Court.

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

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. READINGER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on State Government for the purpose of further study.

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. 236, entitled:

An Act protecting the rights of students in colleges, universities and other educational institutions to credits represented to be obtainable at the time of commencing work therefor; imposing penalties; and providing for equitable relief.

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. 165, entitled:

An Act to further amend subsection six and to repeal subsection seven of section twelve hundred ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (P. L. 309), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," fixing the minimum annual salary and increments of members of the teaching and supervisory staff in school districts of the fourth class.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. HIRSCH. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be re-

committed to the Committee on Education 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. 203, entitled:

An Act to further amend the act approved the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws Four hundred sixty-three) entitled as amended "An act providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and politic of 'Authorities' for municipalities counties and townships defining the same prescribing the rights powers and duties of such Authorities authorizing such Authorities to acquire construct improve maintain and operate projects and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor providing for the payment of such bonds and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof and for other purposes" by defining the term "commission" by changing the method by which notice of the formation of a municipal authority shall be made public by limiting the power of an authority to engage in the acquisition or operation of a public utility by requiring approval of the Public Utility Commission setting up a procedure for such regulation by the Public Utility Commission; further regulating incorporation and existence of the authority; defining procedure whereby an authority can enter into contracts and dispose of its bonds; imposing additional qualifications and duties on members of the authority; requiring annual audits; providing for maximum compensation of members of an authority; and imposing additional duties on the court of common pleas.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on Public Utilities 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. 666, entitled:

An Act to amend section one of the act approved the twenty-sixth day of August, A. D., one thousand nine hundred thirty-two, entitled "An act authorizing collectors of delinquent taxes, except in cities of the first class, to accept payments of delinquent taxes or water-rents or rates in installments," by including counties.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

Mr. GERARD. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the following amendments.

The amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, lines 1 to 4, by striking out the words "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-" in line 1, all of lines 2 and 3, and the word "section" in line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof: "Section."

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 5, by inserting after the word "thirty-two" the following: (Pamphlet Laws, 101)."

The amendments were agreed to.

The section was agreed to as amended.

The second section was read and agreed to.

The title was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the title?

Mr. GERARD. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the following amendments.

The amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend title, page 1, line 3 of title, by inserting after the word "thirty-two" the following: (Pamphlet Laws, 101)."

Amend bill, page 1, by inserting after the title and before line 1 of Sec. 1, the following: "The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:"

The amendments were agreed to.

The title and bill were agreed to as amended.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 100, entitled:

An Act granting to representatives for collective bargaining designated by employes of anthracite or bituminous mines or collieries, the right to accompany mine inspectors on all tours of inspection of such mines.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. TARR. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on Mines and Mining 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. 62, entitled:

An Act requiring cities of the first class to allot the sum of fifty dollars to all uniformed officers and men employed in the police department, fire department and park guard for the purchase of their prescribed uniforms.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

Mr. FINNERTY. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the following amendment.

The amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend sec. 1, page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word "dollar" the words "per annum".

The amendment was agreed to.

The section was agreed to as amended.

The second section was read and agreed to.

Mr. FINNERTY. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the following amendment, a new section.

The amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend the bill, page 2, by inserting after line 4, thereof, the following: "Section 3 The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred forty-two".

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was agreed to as amended.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 646, entitled:

An act establishing certain public roads and streets as a State highway, and providing for their construction, reconstruction and maintenance by the Department of Highways, subject to certain terms and conditions.

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. 799, entitled:

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

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control 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. 849, entitled:

An Act to amend the act approved the nineteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (P. L. 1356), entitled, "An act to regulate the sale and delivery of solid fuel, as herein defined; providing for appointments of licensed weighmasters; prescribing their powers and duties; authorizing substitute licensed weighmasters imposing cer-

tain duties on the Department of Internal Affairs; and providing penalties," further regulating the issuing to and revocation and suspension of licenses of weighmasters; requiring the use of suitable scales; regulating the issuing, use and keeping of weighmaster's certificates; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the State, city, and county inspectors of weights and measures and the Department of Internal Affairs; declaring certain proofs to constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of the act; extending the provisions of said act to cases heretofore exempted; and prescribing additional and increased penalties.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on State Government 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. 593, entitled:

An Act to amend section two hundred twelve, to further amend sections two hundred thirteen, two hundred fourteen, seven hundred one, and seven hundred nine, and to amend section one thousand two hundred one of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by exempting the Department of Internal Affairs from the provisions of said sections, and further defining powers of the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

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. 755, entitled:

An Act 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

employees 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.

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. 916, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Highways for the erection and construction of ramp over the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Borough of West Leechburg, and for the construction of the necessary approaches thereto.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. PETROSKY. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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. 917, entitled:

An Act establishing certain public roads and streets in the borough of West Leechburg, Westmoreland County, as a state highway; providing for their construction and maintenance by the Department of Highways, and making an appropriation.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. PETROSKY. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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. 726, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of Highways to erect, construct and maintain a free bridge over the Susquehanna River in or near the Borough of Plymouth, Luzerne County, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with state highways, providing for the acceptance of Federal aid, empowering counties to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. BONEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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. 473, entitled:

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

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control for the purpose of further study.

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. 474, entitled:

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

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control for the purpose of further study.

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. 667, entitled:

An Act creating an independent board to be known as The Regulatory Board of Review; conferring powers and duties on said Board, describing procedure on appeals to said Board and to the courts of common pleas; and making an appropriation.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

Mr. LOVETT. Mr. Speaker, this particular bill we have before us at this time deals with rules and regulations made by the departments and boards and commissions in the state of Pennsylvania. I realize that we possibly will not get an opportunity to talk upon this bill at a later date during this session. That is the reason I ask tonight to speak upon it.

I have received in the past weeks numerous letters from the old people in the state of Pennsylvania asking me to do something for the people of the state in regard to the rules and regulations made by the departments that are inconsistent with the laws of Pennsylvania. You gentlemen will recall that at the special session of the Legislature I pleaded with you to do something about the rules and regulations made by the departments and boards in the state. I am again appealing to you to-night to do something for the people of Pennsylvania and to do something in behalf of the form of government we have, because I feel unless there is some curb, some action by the legislature on the rules and regulations made by the boards and departments in the state of Pennsylvania, eventually we will destroy the form of government which we now have. For that reason I am asking you to give this matter particular consideration at this session of the legislature because I know and I feel that every Member of this legislature feels in his heart that there should be something done in regard to the rules and regulations made by the boards and departments of the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to interrogate my good friend, the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Turner, if he will permit me to do so.

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

Mr. TURNER. I shall, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. LOVETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Turner, if he feels in his long experience as a Member of the legislature that there is need for some legislation in regard to curbing the rules and regulations of the boards and commissions in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. TURNER. I do, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. LOVETT. Mr. Speaker, that is all the interrogation I have. I wanted Mr. Turner to answer that question because I feel he is a Member of the Legislature who has served many years and is one who I know is interested in the people of the state. I feel that we as Members of the Legislature should do something at this session of the Legislature in order to protect the people of the state of Pennsylvania. I realize that there are many departments and many boards in this state that do not need this type of legislation because the rules and regulations with which they deal affect people of the state who have money to go

to court, and they are taken to court when the rule and regulation is inconsistent with the law. My friends, the people I am interested in mostly in this particular piece of legislation is our old people of the state of Pennsylvania who are living on public assistance and those who are living on old age assistance. I might say to you that these rules and regulations are most unfair and unjust and are not within the law which this Legislature passed. For that reason I am pleading with you to-night to do something about these people in order that they may be able to have their cases heard without the necessity of going to court, especially at this particular time when they haven't got the money to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the majority floor leader, the gentleman from Monroe, Mr. Achterman.

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

Mr. ACHTERMAN. I shall Mr. Speaker.

Mr. LOVETT. Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the gentleman from Monroe Mr. Achterman, if he feels that there is need for this type of legislation.

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I do.

Mr. LOVETT. That is all Mr. Speaker. I have proven to the House, I think, that both sides of this House agree, and especially the attorneys of this House agree, that there is need for this type of legislation. I do not say that this particular bill of mine is perfect. I am willing to have this bill amended and I am willing to go along with any Member of this House in order to do something in the interest of the people of this state. I might say to you that at the last session of the legislature, when I introduced a similar bill, I received a letter from the Bar Association of the state of Pennsylvania, telling me that they felt there should be some such type of legislation, but at that particular time they were opposed to my particular bill.

I feel that the Bar Association or any other association that is interested in and feels the need for protecting our form of government at least year after year should do something about it. If I do not have the right bill, if my bill is not the cure, there is assuredly something that we can do in order to curb the boards and commissions in the state of Pennsylvania from making rules and regulations that are inconsistent with the law.

I say to you that the Department of Public Assistance is one of the greatest offenders in this type of rule and regulation; they continually make rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the law that you men passed, and when you go back home to your people, as I told you before, they cannot understand why you as Members of the legislature cannot do something about it.

So, my friends for the last time I appeal to you to do something in behalf of this type of legislation. I am about to make a motion to recommit this bill to the Committee on State Government, with the hope that this House will do something in this matter.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the section?

## BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. LOVETT. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on State Government for the purpose of further study and amendment.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I do not arise to oppose this motion because I believe that there is a necessity for study. I answered that question very easily because this afternoon I attended a wedding and I had that answer "I do" in my mind at the moment I was asked the question by the gentleman from Westmoreland, as to whether or not I believe there should be some legislation of this type.

I think this is one of the difficult problems that a democracy has to face. It is necessary to operate the government and in that connection it is necessary that we have bureaus and departments. The Legislature passes laws that define or determine what rules or regulations may be set up. There is no question about it, but that the Legislature must be eternally vigilant to see that in the making of rules and regulations the departments do not legislate and exceed the powers which the Legislature gives them. For months, yes, for years, in Washington they have been studying this problem, endeavoring to find some way to curtail the excessive number of rules and regulations that have been made by departments. In fact, literally thousands of feet of book shelves are taken up by the rules and regulations which the departments have made. It is almost impossible for the average citizen to be able to keep up with all the rules and regulations of the departments. Therefore, while we must give the powers to the departments to make rules and regulations in order for the government to function properly, yet on the other hand we should have some legislation by which we can appraise those rules and regulations.

The Joint State Government Commission undertook that job during the last two years in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Bar Association. It is my fond hope that before this session is ended we will have a report from that committee. While it does not make an attack entirely on the question of rules and regulations it does at least attack the question of the administrative procedure and practice before our different boards and commissions, and I feel we should during this particular session endeavor to make some semblance of order out of the practice or procedure before our boards and commissions, and by doing so we will have started along the line which the gentleman from Westmoreland has indicated in this bill and in the things which he says.

In the 1939 session of the Legislature I remember that the gentleman from Westmoreland had a somewhat similar bill and he consulted me in the matter. I encouraged him to go ahead because I thought it should be brought home to the Members of this House and some thought should be given to this entire question, which is one of the most important question facing our people today—the excessive number of rules and regulations from the various departments and boards. The power of the departments, boards and commissions to make rules and regulations can break down the whole democratic system of government, but on the other hand we must have these boards and commissions in order to make our government function properly. I trust if this bill is sent back to the committee that the Joint State Government Commission will give some thought to it and we will continue to think seriously about this, one of the most prominent, one of the most important and one of the most vital questions before our people.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
It was agreed to.

#### BILL ON SECOND READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 803, entitled:

An Act to amend section six hundred and forty-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," prohibiting selling, giving away or permitting or employing minors under eighteen to sing, dance, act or exhibit in dance houses, concert saloons, theatres, places of entertainment, tap rooms, clubs, cafes, restaurants or eating houses, where or connected with which, wines or spirituous or malt liquors are sold or given away.

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on Judiciary Special 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. 145, entitled:

An Act validating county treasurer's deeds where the acknowledgement of such deed or deeds was defective in any respect, if in fact such acknowledgement was taken before a judge of the county.

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. 316, entitled:

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

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. 850, entitled:

An Act regulating the employment and providing for an annual vacation and salaries of certain employes of the department of public works of cities of the first class.

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. 510, entitled:

An Act to amend section five of the act, approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (P. L. 599) entitled "An act relating to motion picture

exhibitions and sound motion picture exhibitions, together with orchestral or other instrumental musical or mechanical musical accompaniment, prelude, playing, or selection in connection with or incidental thereto on Sunday; prohibiting motion picture exhibitions and sound motion picture exhibitions, and orchestral or other instrumental musical or mechanical musical accompaniment, prelude, playing, or selection incidental thereto on Sunday during certain hours, and also during other hours, unless the electors of a municipality approve thereof; regulating the employment of persons in conducting such exhibitions on Sunday; providing for referendums to ascertain the will of the electors; and providing penalties; and repealing inconsistent laws," by changing the method whereby future referendums be initiated.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Law and Order 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. 650, entitled:

An Act to amend section seven of the act approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, (P. L. 720), entitled "An act providing for the taking over by the Commonwealth, under certain terms, conditions and limitations, of certain streets in cities of the second class, second class A, and third class as State highways, and for the improvement, construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and maintenance by the Commonwealth of certain defined widths of said streets; imposing duties on such cities and on public utility companies using such streets; providing that no assessment shall be made upon the Commonwealth in the elimination of any grade crossing thereon; authorizing cities, persons, associations, or corporations to enter into agreements with the Commonwealth to bear a portion of the cost of construction or maintenance; providing for the assessment of certain portions of the cost of street improvements on abutting property owners; regulating the replacement of certain facilities of public utility companies; prohibiting the opening of said streets after improvement without a permit, and providing penalty herefor; regulating the maintenance of detours; authorizing the increase of city indebtedness in certain cases; and appropriating money in the motor license fund for the purposes of this act," as last amended, by providing for the changing of width, lines, location or grades of streets in cities of the second class, second class A and third class, by the Department of Highways without the consent of the city in which said street is located; relieving the city from liability for damages in such cases; and imposing liability for damages upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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. 77, entitled:

An Act requiring the Department of Welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to allow all employes of state penal and correctional institutions twenty-four con-

secutive hours of rest each week; authorizing the Department of Welfare to provide additional employes.

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. 648, entitled:

An Act to amend section 873 of the act approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, twelve hundred and seventy-eight) entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto" providing roads to be county roads as soon as so determined and further providing for the repair, construction and maintenance of such roads within the limits of boroughs and cities.

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. 375, entitled:

An Act authorizing individual co-fiduciaries in certain cases to consent to investments in common trust funds and validating consents heretofore given.

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. 874, (Senate Bill No. 187), entitled:

An Act to amend section thirty-eight of article four of the act, approved the twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (P. L. 521), entitled as amended "An act providing for the imposition and collection of certain taxes upon the transfer of property passing from a decedent who was a resident of this Commonwealth at the time of his death, and of property within this Commonwealth of a decedent who was a non-resident of the Commonwealth at the time of his death; defining and taxing transfers made in contemplation of death; defining as a transfer and taxing the right of survivorship in property as to which such right exists; and making it unlawful for any corporation of this Commonwealth, or national banking association located therein, to transfer the stock of such corporation or banking association, standing in the name of any such decedent, until the tax or the transfer thereof has been paid; and providing penalties; and citing certain acts for repeal," changing the time within which a discount is allowed for the payment of said taxes.

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. 590, entitled:

An Act relating to wages, regulating the time and manner of payment of wages, providing for the enforcement of wage claims, imposing certain new liabilities upon contractors, and certain duties and liabilities upon employers, and waiving certain exemptions in certain cases, and con-



ferring certain powers and imposing certain duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, and providing penalties, and repealing existing laws.

The first section was read.  
On the question,  
Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. HIRSCH. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Labor for the purpose of further study.

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. 854, entitled:

An Act to further amend sections three hundred four and four hundred eleven of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 15, 1933-34), entitled as amended "An act to regulate and restrain the sale, manufacture, possession, transportation, importation, traffic in, and use of alcohol, and alcoholic and malt or brewed beverages; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and its agents, the Department of Public Instruction, other officers of the State government, courts, and district attorneys; authorizing the establishment and operation of State stores for the sale of such beverages not for consumption on the premises, and the granting of licenses, subject to local option, to sell such beverages for consumption on and off the premises; forbidding importation or bringing of such 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 hours of when sales may be made at Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, and permitting hotel and restaurant licensees to sell by the bottle at certain times, for consumption off the premises regulating such sales and imposing penalties

The first section was read.  
On the question,  
Will the House agree to the section?

Mr. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the following amendment.

The amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 304), page 3, lines 12 to 21, both inclusive, by striking out all of said lines.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the amendment?

Mr. WOODSIDE. Mr. Speaker, I desire to interrogate the sponsor of this bill, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Scanlon.

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

Mr. SCANLON. I shall, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. WOODSIDE. Mr. Speaker, I desire to ask the gentleman from Philadelphia who sponsored these amendments to please explain what changes they make in the bill.

Mr. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, they make this change, they do not set up any number of hours, any limited

number of hours. They just strike that out. That permits the sale of liquor at the option of the State Stores.

Mr. WOODSIDE. Mr. Speaker, do I understand then that the amendments leave it up to the Liquor Control Board to determine what hours the stores can be open, is that correct?

Mr. SCANLON. That is right, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the amendment?  
It was agreed to.

The section was agreed to as amended?

The title was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the title?

Mr. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the following amendments.

The amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend title, page 1, line 1 of title, by striking out the words "sections three hundred four and" and inserting in lieu thereof: "section."

Amend title, page 2, lines 8 to 10 of title on page 2, by striking out the following: "further regulating the hours of" in line 8, all of line 9, and the words "Stores and" in line 10.

The amendments were agreed to.

The title was agreed to as amended.

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 579, entitled:

An Act relating to acknowledgments of written instruments and to make uniform the law with relation thereto

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

#### MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. The Chair welcomes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Shepard, on his return from his vacation in the South, and congratulates him on his wonderful tan.

#### BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 383, as follows:

An Act to further amend section one thousand five hundred three 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" providing that school districts of the fourth class may employ at their own expense a medical inspector

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

Section 1 Section one thousand five hundred three 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 as amended by the act approved the first day of July one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 2560) is hereby further amended to read as follows

Section 1503 In every school district of the fourth class in this Commonwealth the State Department of Health shall provide in such manner as it may determine medical inspection for all the pupils in the public schools by proper medical inspectors to be appointed by the State Commissioner Secretary of Health at the expense of said department [In the event that such department because of lack of funds is unable to provide adequate medical inspection at its expense the school district may at its own expense provide such medical inspection or additional medical inspection and each school district shall in any event provide at least one medical inspector at its own expense who shall perform such duties as the school board shall prescribe and shall be paid such compensation as the school board may determine not however to exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800) for any one year All such medical inspectors shall be legally qualified physicians who have had not less than two years experience in the practice of their profession Such medical inspection shall be made in the presence of the parent or guardian of the pupil when so requested by parent or guardian

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

Mr. REAGAN. Mr. Speaker, this bill is of course permissive but at the same time it is generous, almost excessively so. In my county the state performs medical inspection at a cost of three hundred dollars, and this medical inspection has always been effective and satisfactory. Under the provisions of this amendment any district in my county, no matter how small, could spend eight hundred dollars, if they so desired. It seems to me this will enable our much distressed school districts to further distress themselves.

Mr. BONEY. Mr. Speaker, all this bill does by this amendment is to set a maximum sum they may pay. In other words, they may pay any where from one dollar to eight hundred dollars. It takes us back to the old story of home rule, and being a firm believer in home rule, I felt it would be logical to extend that power to the fourth class school districts.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS—202.

Achterman,	French,	Malloy,	Royer,
Allmord,	Gilgaher,	Marks,	Rush,
Auler,	Gates,	Maxwell,	Sarge,
Baker,	Gerard,	McClanaghan,	Sarraf,
Balthaser,	Gillan,	McClester,	Scanton,
Baughner,	Gillette,	McDermott,	Schwab,
Bentzel,	Goodwin,	McDowell,	Serrill,
Bentley,	Greenwood,	McFall,	Shaffer,
Botes,	Gross,	McGrath,	Shaw,
Boney,	Gryskewicz,	McIntosh,	Shepard,
Boorse,	Gyger,	McKinney,	Simons,
Bower,	Habbyshaw,	McLanahan,	Skale,
Bradley,	Haberlen,	McLane,	Snyder,
Breth,	Haines,	McMillen,	Sollenberger,
Brethertick,	Hall,	McSurdy,	Sorg,
Brown,	Hamilton,	Melchiorre,	Stambaugh,
Brunner, C. H.,	Harkins,	Mihm,	Stank,
Brunner, P. A.,	Harmuth,	Modell,	Stine,

Burns,	Harris,	Monks,	Stockham,
Burris,	Heatherington,	Mooney,	Tarr,
Cadwalader,	Helm,	Moran,	Tate,
Chudoff,	Hering,	Moul,	Taylor,
Cochran,	Herman,	Muir,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cohen, M. M.,	Hersch,	Munley,	Thompson, R. L.,
Cohen, R. E.,	Hewitt,	Nagel,	Trout,
Cook,	Hirsch,	Nunemacher,	Turner,
Cooper,	Holland,	O'Brien,	VanAllsburg,
Cordier,	Huntley,	O'Connor,	Verona,
Corrigan,	Imbrie,	O'Dare,	Vincent,
Croop,	James,	O'Mullen,	Vogt,
Cullen,	Jefferson,	O'Neill,	Voldow,
Dalrymple,	Jones, G. E.,	Owens,	Voorhees,
Dennison,	Jones, P. N.,	Petrosky,	Wagner,
DiGenova,	Keenan,	Pettit,	Watkins,
Dolon,	Kenehan,	Polaski,	Weiss,
D'Ortona,	Kline,	Polen,	Welsh, E. B.,
Duffy,	Knoble,	Powers,	Welsh, M. J.,
Early,	Kolaniewicz,	Prosen,	Wilkinson,
Eckels,	Komorowski,	Rank,	Williams,
Elder,	Kruse,	Rausch,	Winnner,
Elliott,	Lee, E. A.,	Readinger,	Wolf,
Ely,	Lee, T. H.,	Reese, D. P.,	Wood, N.,
Falkenstein,	Lelsey,	Reese, R. E.,	Wood, L. H.,
Flintstone,	Leonard,	Regan,	Woodring,
Finnerty,	Lesko,	Reynolds,	Woodside,
Fisher,	Levy,	Rhea,	Wright,
Fiss,	Leydic,	Riley,	Yeakel,
Fleming,	Lichtenwaller,	Rooney,	Yester,
Fletcher,	Longo,	Rose, S.,	Young,
Flynn,	Lovett,	Rose, W. E.,	Kilroy, Speaker
Foor,	Lyons,	Rosenfeld,	

NAYS—3.

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

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

BILL ON THIRD READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 550, as follows:

An Act to repeal the act approved the twenty-eighth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (Pamphlet Laws 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"

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

Section 1 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" is hereby repealed

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third reading?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in connection with House Bill 550, I wish to call to the attention of the Members House Bill 1088 introduced by Mr. Samuel Rose, House Bill 1088 deals with bar maids and prohibits their employment throughout the state of Pennsylvania. The term "bar maids" as contained in the bill is used synonymously with the word "bar tenders" as now known and accepted in Pennsylvania. In other words, House Bill 1088 is in effect a companion bill to House Bill 550, and

with the passage of both bills we would have a complete prohibition in Pennsylvania of the employment of bar maids. It would not prohibit women from acting as waitresses in the serving of food and liquors in restaurants and hotels throughout the state of Pennsylvania but it would prohibit their employment as bar tenders.

I might say, in connection with House Bill 1088, that there are two exceptions to that employment if we can call it employment. One exception is of course, where the licensee is a woman and the other exception is where it is the wife of the licensee. It is with that understanding and upon that condition that I am supporting House Bill 550.

Mr. WOODSIDE. Mr. Speaker, in consideration of what the majority floor leader has said that House bill 1088 is a companion measure to House Bill 550, it seems to me to be unwise for this House, and unfair to ask the individual Members of the House to vote on House Bill 550 without having before us House Bill No. 1088. House Bill 1088 has just been introduced, is now in committee and has not yet been reported to the floor of the House. It seems to me the fair thing to the members of the House and to the public generally would be to withhold action on House Bill 550 until House Bill 1088 is before us.

#### MOTION TO POSTPONE

Mr. WOODSIDE. Mr. Speaker, I move that House Bill 550 be placed on the postponed calendar, with the hope that it will be left there until House Bill 1088 is before the House for final passage.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, in rising to oppose this motion I do so for this reason: as Chairman of the Liquor Control Committee I had a conversation with the representative of the Anti-Saloon League in relation to this bill, No. 550. I might also add that it was the opinion of the Liquor Control Board in connection with our subcommittee's action on this particular board, that they felt this particular act of 1878 should be repealed.

I honestly feel, Mr. Speaker, and I made an agreement that should this other bill be introduced we of the Liquor Control Committee would give it every consideration, but there is no earthly reason for further postponement of this particular bill because since 1933 we have been under the present Liquor Control Act permitting waitresses in legitimate hotels and restaurants to dispense liquor, not as barmaids but as waitresses.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose this motion to hold this bill on the calendar.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

It was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Mr. HUNTLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to the repealing of this bill in favor of some other bill which has not been considered and brought out on the floor of this House.

This bill proposes to repeal the Act of 1878 which outlawed in Pennsylvania, what are sometimes called bawdy house barrooms.

Let us examine the bill. First it forbids liquor vendors employing women to sell or deliver any kind of intoxicat-

ing beverages. Would you repeal that law? Second. It forbids liquor vendors employing women for the purpose of enticing customers or making assignments for improper relations. Would you repeal that law?

I oppose this bill because it means taking jobs from men and giving them to girls who must serve in environments that induce immoral relations. I oppose permitting girls to peddle liquor in barrooms, reception rooms and bedrooms of hotels, clubs or any other place where men and women can communicate in secret. The effect of this bill is to remove the barriers that keep road houses from becoming places of assignation for girls to have carnal relations with men. Restaurants can be imposed upon as convenient places for trapping girls to be seduced into commercial shame. What will hinder scarlet women, under the guise of employes, using hotels as bootleg markets for their trade.

Pass this bill and you challenge the womanhood of every working girl in this state. There is no necessity for this bill. The liquor vendor still has the same rights which he has enjoyed ever since the passage of this law, sixty-three years ago. It has always been lawful for liquor vendors to employ women in respectable service. If the liquor vendor chooses not to employ men to peddle liquor into every nook and corner of his place, the law provides that he can use his wife and daughter for that purpose. It is very evident that he has sufficient freedom to conduct his business without the repeal of this law.

This bill is an unwarranted piece of legislation and should not pass finally.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution the yeas and nays were taken.

Messrs. FOOR, SARGE and McCLESTER asked for a verification of the roll.

The roll was verified and was as follows:

#### YEAS—138

Achterman,	Flynn,	McFall,	Rooney,
Allmond,	Gallagher,	McGrath,	Rose, S.,
Baker,	Gerard,	McIntosh,	Rosenfeld,
Balthaser,	Goodwin,	McKinney,	Royer,
Bentley,	Gross,	McLanahan,	Rush,
Bentzel,	Gryskewicz,	McLane,	Sarraf,
Boies,	Haines,	McSurdy,	Scanlon,
Boney,	Hamilton,	Melchiorre,	Schwab,
Boorse,	Harkins,	Mihm,	Shaffer,
Bradley,	Harmuth,	Modell,	Shaw,
Brown,	Heatherington,	Monks,	Sorg,
Brunner, C. H.,	Hering,	Mooney,	Stank,
Brunner, P. A.,	Herman,	Moran,	Tarr,
Burns,	Hersch,	Moul,	Tate,
Cadwalader,	Hirsch,	Muir,	Taylor,
Chudoff,	Holland,	Munley,	Thompson, E. F.,
Cochran,	Jefferson,	O'Brien,	Thompson, R. L.,
Cohen, R. E.,	Jones, G. E.,	O'Dare,	Trout,
Cook,	Jones, P. N.,	O'Mullen,	Van Allsburg,
Cooper,	Keenan,	O'Neill,	Vincent,
Cordier,	Kenehan,	Owens,	Vogt,
Corrigan,	Kline,	Petrosky,	Voldow,
Cullen,	Kolankiewicz,	Pettit,	Voorhees,
Dalrymple,	Komorowski,	Polaski,	Watkins,
DiGenova,	Leonard,	Polen,	Weiss,
Dolon,	Lesko,	Powers,	Weiss, E. B.,
D'Ortona,	Levy,	Prosen,	Welsh, M. J.,
Duffy,	Lichtenwalter,	Rausch,	Williams,
Early,	Longo,	Readinger,	Winnier,
Elder,	Lovett,	Reese, D. R.,	Wolf,
Elllott,	Malloy,	Reese, R. E.,	Wood, L. H.,
Finestone,	Marks,	Regan,	Woodring,
Fleming,	Maxwell,	Reynolds,	Yester,
Fletcher,	McClanaghan,	Rhea,	Kilroy,
	McDermott,	Riley,	Speaker.

NAYS—54

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| Auker,        | Gates,     | Krise,      | Sarge,        |
| Baughner,     | Gillan,    | Lee. E. A., | Simons,       |
| Bower,        | Gillette,  | Lee. T. H., | Snyder,       |
| Breth,        | Greenwood, | Lelsey,     | Sollenberger. |
| Burris,       | Gyger,     | Leydie.     | Stambaugh,    |
| Cohen, M. M., | Habbyshaw. | McClester,  | Stine,        |
| Croop,        | Hall,      | McDowell,   | Stockham.     |
| Dennison,     | Harris,    | McMillen,   | Weingartner.  |
| Dix,          | Helm,      | Nagel,      | Wood, N.,     |
| Eckels,       | Hewitt,    | Nunemacher, | Woodside,     |
| Ely,          | Hintley,   | O'Connor,   | Wright,       |
| Fisher,       | Imbrie,    | Rank,       | Yeakel,       |
| Foor,         | James,     | Reagan,     | Young,        |
| French,       | Knoble,    |             |               |

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.

REASONS FOR VOTE

Mr. FLEMING. Filed the following reasons for his vote:

1. If this Bill is not passed the livelihood of 30000 waitresses will be jeopardized.
2. The majority floor-leader has indicated that House Bill No. 1088 will be favorably reported to the House, which bill will abolish the employment of women behind bars.

Mr. GEORGE E. JONES. Filed the following reason for his vote:

I will not vote to cause the girl waitresses in our good hotels and restaurants to lose their jobs. This bill should have been amended instead of repealed.

Mr. KRISE. Filed the following reason for his vote:

I vote "no" as bills now pending will give necessary relief for females to serve in restaurants and not permit the bar maid and hostess.

Mr. RHEA. Filed the following reasons for his vote:

My reason for voting "aye" on Bill 550 is that I do not consider the employment of women as waitresses in bars and tap-rooms either as an evil per se or within the contemplation of the Act of 1878.

BILL ON THIRD READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 226, as follows:

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 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

Section 1 The title of and the entire 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" are hereby reenacted and amended to read as follows

Providing a method of annexation of townships of the first class and parts thereof to cities [and] (except cities of the first class) boroughs or other townships of the

first class and regulating the proceedings pertaining thereto

Section 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That whenever electors equal to at least ten per centum of the highest vote cast for any office in any township of the first class contiguous to a city [or] other than a city of the first class borough or other township of the first class at the last preceding general election or whenever ten per centum of the qualified electors residing within any part of a township of the first class contiguous to [a] such city [or] borough or other township of the first class shall petition the council of such city or borough or the commissioners of such township for the annexation of the township of the first class or part thereof to [the] such contiguous city [or] borough or other township of the first class and for a referendum on the question of such annexation the council or commissioners shall cause a question to be submitted at the primary election occurring at least sixty days thereafter by certifying a resolution duly adopted to the county commissioners of the county or counties in which any part of the annexing city [or] borough or [the] township of the first class or the township all or part of which is to be annexed is located for submission of such question on the ballot or on voting machines at such election both in [such] township all or part of which is to be annexed and in [the] such city [or] borough or other township of the first class to which annexation is desired in the manner provided by the election laws of this Commonwealth Such question shall be in the following form

Do you favor the annexation of the township of ..... x(or the part of the township briefly described) to the city (or borough) (or township) of .....?	Yes	
	No	

If a majority of the persons voting on such question in the entire township all or part of which is to be annexed and a majority of the persons voting on such question in [the] such city [or] borough or annexing township shall vote "yes" then the township of the first class or part thereof as the case may be shall on the first Monday of January next following be and become a part of [the] such city [or] borough or annexing township

All petitions shall be accompanied by a plot or plots of the territory to be annexed showing all streets and highways municipal improvements and public buildings and all petitions for the annexation of a part of a township of the first class shall include a description of the part of the township sought to be annexed

Section 2 Until changed in the manner provided by law the annexed township of the first class or part thereof if not divided into wards shall constitute a separate new ward of [the] such enlarged city or of the enlarged borough if such borough is at the time divided into wards or of the enlarged annexing township if such township is at the time divided into wards and if the annexed township or part of a township at the time of the annexation was divided into wards then each ward of the annexed township or part of a township shall constitute a separate new ward of [the] such enlarged city or borough (if divided into wards) or annexing township (if divided into wards) and shall be numbered by the council of the annexing township consecutively beginning with the next highest number after the existing highest numbered ward of the annexing city [or] borough or township Until changed in the manner provided by law all election districts in the annexed township of the first class or part thereof shall remain as constituted at the time of the annexation and shall become election districts of [the] such enlarged city [or] borough or annexing township All election and other officers of such election districts in office at the time of the taking effect of the annexation shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms unless sooner removed as provided by law

Section 3 In the case of the annexation of an entire township of the first class all the indebtedness of the

township as well as the indebtedness of [the] such city [or] borough or other township of the first class to which the same is annexed shall be paid by the city [or] borough or annexing township as enlarged by such annexation and all territory included within the limits of the same shall be liable for the payment of the floating and bonded indebtedness and the interest thereon of all the territory included within such enlarged city [or] borough or annexing township. All taxes thereafter levied therefor shall be uniform throughout the territorial limits of [the] such enlarged city [or] borough or annexing township.

All of the public property owned by any such annexed township shall become and remain the public property of [the] such city [or] borough or township to which it is annexed.

Section 4 Where any part of any township of the first class is annexed to any such city [or] borough or other township of the first class the township officers of that part of the township not annexed and the annexing city or borough council or the annexing township commissioners shall make a just and proper adjustment and apportionment of all public property owned by the township part of which is being annexed at the time of annexation both real and personal including funds as well as of indebtedness if any to and between the township part of which is being annexed and the annexing city [or] borough or township. In making such adjustment and apportionment of the property and indebtedness the township and the annexing city [or] borough or other township shall be entitled respectively to share in a division of the property and indebtedness in the proportion that the assessed valuation of the land remaining in the township bears to the assessed valuation of the land annexed. The adjustment and apportionment as made shall be reduced to writing in proper form and duly executed and acknowledged by the proper officials and filed in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions in the county in which said annexing city borough or township is located.

Section 5 In case the council of the annexing city [or] borough or township and the authorities of the township [authorities] part of which is being annexed cannot make such amicable apportionment and adjustment of their property and indebtedness in compliance with this act within six months after any such annexation then the council or any officer of the township part of which is being annexed may present a petition to the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the annexed city [or] borough or other township is located whereupon the court shall appoint three disinterested commissioners residents and taxpayers of the county not residing in the annexing city [or] borough or township nor in the township part of which is being annexed who after hearing notice of which shall be given to the annexed city [or] borough or township and to the township [interested] part of which is being annexed as the court shall direct shall make report to the court making an apportionment and adjustment of all the property as well as indebtedness if any to and between the annexing city [or] borough or township and the township part of which is being annexed said report to state the amount if any that shall be due and payable from the annexing city [or] borough or township to the township part of which is being annexed or from [the] such township to the annexing city [or] borough or township as well as the amount of indebtedness if any that shall be assumed by the annexing city [or] borough or township or by the township part of which is being annexed or both of them.

Section 6 The commissioners shall give the annexing city [or] borough or township and the township part of which is being annexed at least five days' notice of the filing of their report and unless exceptions are filed thereto by the annexing city [or] borough or township or by the township part of which is being annexed within thirty days after filing thereof the same shall be confirmed by the court absolutely and any sum awarded by said report to the annexing city [or] borough or township or to the township part of which is being annexed shall be a legal and valid claim in its favor against the annexing city [or] borough or township or township part of which is being annexed charged therewith and the amount of debt if any

apportioned to any such city or borough or township shall be a legal and valid claim against such city or borough or township charged therewith and any property real or personal given and adjudged to the annexing city [or] borough or township or the township part of which is being annexed shall become and be the property of [the] such city or borough or the township to whichever one the same is given and adjudged and upon such report being confirmed such claim or indebtedness charged against any annexing city [or] borough or township or against any township part of which is being annexed may be collected in the same manner as a judgment is collected against any city or borough or township. Such commissioners shall be allowed five dollars per day for each day actually spent by them in the performance of their duties together with their actual necessary expenses. All costs and expenses of such proceedings shall be apportioned by the court to and between the annexing city [or] borough or township and the township part of which is being annexed as it shall deem proper.

In case exceptions are filed to the report of such commissioners the court shall dispose of the same taking testimony therein if deemed advisable and the decision of the court thereon shall be final and binding on the several cities boroughs and townships unless an appeal is taken within thirty days to the Superior or Supreme Court as in other cases.

Section 7 In cases in which such cities boroughs or townships of the first class are situated in two or more counties the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the annexing city [or] borough or township is located shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the matter but the same shall be heard by a judge not a resident of either of the judicial districts affected who shall be called to preside specially in the matter and in such case the court shall appoint the commissioners hereinbefore provided for from both or all of such counties.

Section 8 When an election is held on the question of annexation under the provisions of this act and the township of the first class proposed to be annexed or in which the territory proposed to be annexed is located votes against such annexation the question of such annexation shall not again be voted upon for a period of two years from the date of such election.

Section 9 All proceedings for the annexation of a township of the first class or a part thereof to any such city [or] borough or other township of the first class under the provisions of any existing law that are pending and not finally disposed of on the effective date of this act shall [in the discretion of the courts before which they are pending or if not pending in any court upon petition of any city borough or township affected to the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the township is located] be discontinued and vacated and all proceedings for the annexation of any township of the first class or part thereof to any such city or borough or other township of the first class shall thereafter be had only under the provisions of this act.

Section 10 The following acts and parts of acts and their amendments are hereby repealed so far as they relate to the annexation of a township of the first class or a part thereof to a city other than a city of the first class or a borough or other township of the first class.

The act approved the twenty-eighth day of April one thousand nine hundred and three (P. L. 332) entitled "An act for the annexation of any city borough township or part of a township to a contiguous city and providing for the indebtedness of the same".

The act approved the thirty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (P. L. 473) entitled "An act authorizing the annexation to cities of the second class of portions of townships not exceeding one hundred acres in area and totally surrounded by said cities and providing for the division of the assets and liabilities of said townships".

Article four of the act approved the fourth day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (P. L. 519) entitled "An act concerning boroughs and revising amending and consolidating the law relating to boroughs".

Article five 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"

All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or supplied by this act are hereby repealed

Section 11 The provisions of this act shall be severable and if any of the provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this act It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

Section 12 This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment

Section 2 The act approved the nineteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 430) entitled "An act providing a method of annexation of parts of townships of the first class in counties of the second class not in excess of twenty per centum of the assessed value of any such township in counties of the second class to contiguous cities of the second class boroughs or other contiguous townships of the first class and regulating the proceedings pertaining thereto" is hereby repealed absolutely

Section 3 This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third reading?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I desire to interrogate the sponsor of this bill the gentleman from Allegheny Mr. Goodwin.

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

Mr. GOODWIN. I shall, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask whether this bill would permit the city of Philadelphia to annex townships in the counties of Delaware, Montgomery and Bucks.

Mr. GOODWIN. Mr. Speaker, as this bill has been amended, I would say that first class cities are excluded.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS—121

Achterman,	Gallagher,	McDermott,	Rose, S.,
Allmond,	Gerard,	McFall,	Rosenfeld,
Baker,	Goodwin,	McLanahan,	Sarraf,
Balthaser,	Greenwood,	McLane,	Scanlon,
Baughner,	Gryskewicz,	Melchiorre,	Schwab,
Bentley,	Hall,	Milam,	Shaffer,
Bentzel,	Hamilton,	Modell,	Shaw,
Boles,	Harkins,	Monks,	Shepard,
Bcney,	Harmuth,	Mooney,	Stank,
Bradley,	Harris,	Moran,	Stine,
Breth,	Heatherington,	Moul,	Tarr,
Brown,	Herman,	Munley,	Tate,
Brunner, P. A.,	Hersch,	Nagel,	Thompson, E. F.,
Burns,	Hirsch,	Nunemacher,	Thompson, R. L.,
Chudoff,	Holland,	O'Brien,	Vincent,
Cochran,	James,	O'Connor,	Vogt,
Cohen, M. M.,	Jefferson,	O'Mullen,	Voidow,
Cohen, R. E.,	Jones, P. N.,	O'Neill,	Weingartner,
Corrigan,	Keenan,	Owens,	Weiss,
Croop,	Kenehan,	Petrosky,	Welsh, E. B.,
Cullen,	Kolankiewicz,	Pettit,	Welsh, M. J.,
DiGenova,	Komorofski,	Polaski,	Wilkinson,
Dolon,	Leonard,	Poten,	Williams,
F'Ortona,	esko,	Powers,	Wolf,
Duffy,	Levy,	Prosen,	Woodring,
Early,	Longo,	Rausch,	Wright,

Finestone,	Lovett,	Readinger,	Yester,
Finnerty,	Malloy,	Reese, R. E.,	Young,
Fleming,	Marks,	Regan,	Kilroy,
Flynn,	Maxwell,	Reynolds,	Speaker.
French,	McClanaghan,		

NAYS—56

Auker,	Gates,	McKinney,	Stambaugh,
Boorse,	Gross,	McSurdy,	Stockham,
Bower,	Gyger,	Muir,	Taylor,
Brunner, C. H.,	Habbyshaw,	O'Dare,	Trout,
Cadwalader,	Haines,	Reagan,	Turner,
Cook,	Helm,	Reese, D. P.,	Van Allsburg,
Cooper,	Hewitt,	Rhea,	Voorhees,
Cordier,	Imbrle,	Royer,	Wagner,
Dalrymple,	Jones, G. E.,	Rush,	Watkins,
Dennison,	Kline,	Sarge,	Winner,
Dix,	Knoble,	Serrill,	Wood, L. H.,
Eckels,	Lee, E. A.,	Simons,	Wood, N.,
Ely,	Leydic,	Snyder,	Woodside,
F'iss,	McDowell,	Sollenberger,	Yeakel,

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.

MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. The Chair welcomes back to the fold the gentleman from Lawrence, Mr. Jones, after an absence of several weeks due to an operation.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Mr. PRESLEY N. JONES asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House, I do appreciate very sincerely the consideration you have shown me during my absence. I want to extend my heartiest thanks to each and every one of you.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker and members of the House, in the heat of debate in this House, sometimes are made, from time to time, statements which are misinterpreted, sometimes deliberately, and sometimes unintentionally by the press and others. I have in reference a statement made by me in the heat of the argument last Tuesday, April 1st, on a bill to increase the weights of trucks.

I stated in debate that the bill was not reported out by the House Motor Vehicle Committee until after a \$25,-000.00 words spread was held in Harrisburg. Of course, in the heat of a debate, sometimes figures are exaggerated, but I do want to convey to this House that this amount mentioned, was not mentioned in a way that anyone would infer that money was actually passed out among Members of this House.

I spoke about a banquet that is held by the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and has always been held in the four sessions that I have attended this House. But it seems that some of the papers have written up the statement to insinuate that some of the Members of this House have secured actual cash.

I did not in any way attack the integrity or the honesty of any Member of this House, whether he be Republican or Democrat, and I want to clear up this impression that has been given to the public.

We may differ on bills and legislation, but I have faith that the Members of this House have that difference based on their own convictions, and are not influenced by any banquet that may be given.

I am convinced that no Member of this House was given any cash consideration or anything else of value for the purpose of influencing their vote on this legislation, and I am surprised that anyone would have construed my statements to so mean.

### RESOLUTION

#### SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Messrs. NORMAN WOOD, TROUT and ROYER, offered the following resolution and asked and obtained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, April 7, 1941.

The Members of the House of Representatives have learned with a profound sense of sorrow of the passing of Oliver E. Martin on Friday, April 4.

Mr. Martin was well known and beloved by all the Members of the House of Representatives because of his service as Reading Clerk in the Assembly for a period of twenty years.

During the time he officiated, his voice would spread throughout recesses of the Chamber so that all Members in their seats and in the hall of the House would, in spite of all the buzz and activity going on in the House, have their attention called to the important matters before the House for their consideration.

During his mature life Oliver E. Martin was active in politics and served for many years as County Committeeman in Providence Township, Lancaster County and was extremely active in the affairs of the Republican Party, in the county.

During his entire life he was active in the church activities of his community and often would assist the Members of the House in their determination on matters in which the church was interested.

At the time of his death he was teaching in the school-room of New Providence and he died in the line of duty.

His lifetime stands as a symbol to those who, engaged in the political arena because of his devotion to his community, his county and his State, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House send a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased as a token of the sincere heartfelt sympathy of the Members of the House of Representatives, to them in their great bereavement.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, for some considerable time in the past the Secretary of Labor and Industry has been playing politics with the Unemployment Compensation system in the state of Pennsylvania, rather small politics, annoying politics, perhaps I should say destructive politics to the end that finally the entire program has reached a climax that was carried in the press on Sunday.

I feel I would be remiss in not making some comment on the situation that has been created by the Secretary of Labor and Industry for the sole purpose apparently of taking advantage of patronage and advancing what he feels might be his party interest to the expense of a system that has been established not only in this State but in the United States, and that has met the approval I should say of this entire country.

To that end, Mr. Speaker, I have prepared a statement which I now desire to read into the record. That statement, Mr. Speaker, is as follows:

Lewis G. Hines, Secretary of Labor and Industry, is threatening the entire unemployment compensation system of the Commonwealth.

In his zeal to jam through wage increases for 209 favorites, he has violated the Federal Social Security Regulations with the result that Washington has advised him that no further administrative funds will be forthcoming.

Hines' superior, Governor James last week shrugged off the situation by doubting Washington's willingness to act. Governor James and Secretary Hines received their answer today. But what is most tragic is that not they but innocent employes of the Unemployment Compensation Bureau are threatened with loss of pay and the tens of thousands of jobless now dependent upon their weekly payments are in danger of losing their only income.

This is not a sudden or captious decision Washington has made. Hines was warned on December 15 that the raises were not in accordance with civil service regulations, but he has proceeded to disregard this notice.

Hines has also withheld between 1500 and 2000 promotions from men and women entitled to them, hoping, I suppose, that their pressure would bring the Federal Social Security Board to relax its stand against his favorites' increase.

The only bright spot in the entire picture is the statement by leaders of the unions to which many employes belong that they will continue their work without pay in order that the jobless may receive their benefits.

We have tonight another brilliant illustration of that honesty, integrity, and efficiency in government of which our Governor claims to be such a magnificent example. Another section of our State Government has been turned into a shambles under his direction and the small beginnings of a merit system in our government, made a huge joke and a plaything for unscrupulous underlings.

What shall we see next? Our State Hospitals are riddled with political incompetents; a high-principled business man is forced out of the cabinet because he refused to play peanut politics; by his own admission the Secretary of Health is incompetent to protect the people of the State against unsanitary milk production.

Latest development is this nasty mess in the Department of Labor and Industry with charges of favoritism, disregard of civil service regulations and disruption of office morale widespread.

The James Administration is in a state of collapse. I am sincerely grieved that at a time so crucial as this, Pennsylvania should have an Administration so limited in vision, so lacking in courage, and so incompetent in direction.

"Fortunately for the people, they will have to endure only twenty more months.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, the majority floor leader has attempted to cover all of the field of this administration. In two minutes he has picked out all the things that he thought were wrong with the administration and ended up by suggesting that it was in a state of collapse.

Mr. Speaker, the thing that provoked it seems to be the contest between the National Government and the State Government concerning certain employees in the Department of Labor and Industry. According to the information in the press, in the morning papers, I understand the Secretary of Labor and Industry has written demanding an investigation by the Congress of the United States. The gentlemen on the other side and the public well know that the Congress of the United States is in the hands of the Democrats, that it is the National Government and represents the National Government. Certainly if he is not afraid of an investigation by that group there must not be anything wrong with the state's position. I might also call attention of the gentleman who made reference to the Department of Health; not so long ago Dr. McElroy, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh who is recognized I think throughout the state as one of the leading medical authorities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had this to say concerning Dr. Shaw of the present Department of Health; he said that never, never in the history of the Commonwealth has the Department of Health occupied the high place that it does today nor has the Department of Health ever done as good a job as it is doing today.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. AUKER, from the Committee on Municipal Corporations, reported as committed, House Bill No. 527, entitled:

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

Mr. MELCHIORRE, from the Committee on Rules, reported as amended, House Resolution No. 66.

#### RESOLUTIONS RE-REFERRED

Mr. READINGER returned from the Committee on Rules with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation House Resolution No. 62.

The SPEAKER. The resolution is re-referred to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation.

Mr. MELCHOIRRE returned from the Committee on Rules with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Welfare House Resolution No. 63.

The SPEAKER. The resolution is re-referred to the Committee on Welfare.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, supplementing the remarks I just made concerning the Department of Labor and Industry, I have since speaking been able to check something that I thought of but had not known definitely, and that was concerning a resolution that was introduced in the Senate today, asking for an investigation of the contest, as you might call it, now existing between the Department of Industry of Pennsylvania and the Federal Government, so that the people of Pennsylvania may know the true facts concerning this situation.

That resolution is a concurrent resolution and was laid

over under the rules of the Senate for printing and I think will receive consideration of the Senate in the very near future so that the people of Pennsylvania can know what the true situation is in this matter.

#### INTERROGATION

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I desire to interrogate the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Woodside.

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

Mr. WOODSIDE. I shall, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Woodside, if I understand that it is a concurrent resolution with equal membership on both sides of the House?

Mr. WOODSIDE. Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the resolution and I do not know the drift of it but I am advised that it is a concurrent resolution.

Mr. ACHTERMAN. I thank the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Speaker. I wish to assure the gentleman from Dauphin that we certainly have no objection to an investigation that will be impartial and fair, and I trust that the Senate in this particular resolution will show more speed and a greater desire of having a resolution passed than apparently they are showing concerning the hospital resolution passed by this House several weeks ago. I realize in that particular resolution that the Governor of Pennsylvania said, "No, we have nothing to hide, we are not fearful, we welcome an investigation." We have been waiting to hear the Senate speak.

I haven't forgotten the attitude of the Members on the other side of the House when the resolution was called. Of course there was no roll call but it was with surprise I heard a large number on the other side of the House oppose the resolution. Mr. Speaker, I indeed am anxious to see how the two resolutions fare, whether the Members on the other side and whether the Republican Senate is willing to have the activities of their administration investigated. I assure them that we will not hesitate to see that there is a fair and impartial investigation of everything with which we have any part to play or anything to do, and we the Members on this side of the House do hope that this Republican administration does not proceed to pickle or to place in the Committee resolutions seeking to investigate thoroughly the manner in which the Republican administration has taken care of the sick and the ill of this Commonwealth.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committee meetings were announced:  
 Appropriations, Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30 a. m. in Room 327.  
 Cities, First Class, Tuesday, April 8 at 12 noon in Room 521.  
 Cities, Second Class, Tuesday, April 8 at 11:30 a. m. in Room 521.  
 Elections, Tuesday, April 8 at 11 a. m. in Room 323.  
 Judiciary General, Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a. m. in Room 246.  
 Judiciary Special, Tuesday, April 8 at 11 a. m. in Room 246.  
 Law & Order, Tuesday, April 8 at 12:45 p. m. in Room 331.  
 Liquor Control, Tuesday, April 8 at 12:30 p. m. in Room 325.



Motor Vehicles, Tuesday, April 8 at 12 noon in Room 324.  
State Government, Tuesday, April 8 at 11:30 a. m. in Room 325.

Townships, Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a. m. in Room 329.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Committee on Professional Licensure on House Bills Nos. 684, 685 and 707 on Tuesday, April 8, in the New House Caucus Room.

The Second Term Members from Philadelphia for the first time will meet in the same place where the First Term Members met the second time.

All members are urged to be present this time, on time; there will be some hope then that the question raised the last time will be settled for all time.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, in relation to the remarks just made by the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Woodside, in relation to a resolution placed in the Senate, I just learned that

the author of the resolution was interrogated on the floor of the Senate. He was asked whether the resolution intended to have an investigation in relation to the present difficulties, and the gentleman unfortunately didn't know. May I state, Mr. Speaker, that we await with great curiosity the arrival of that resolution from the Senate.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, now that the "Purity League" is on the job everything will be all right during the rest of the session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, April 8, 1941, at 1 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and at (11:25 p. m.) the House adjourned.