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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, April 10, 1941

The House met at 10 a. m.

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to grant Thy blessing upon all of this House of Representatives, its members, its officers, its visitors. As each journeys homeward may he be conscious of the fact that before he returns to this place, there will be great days observed within the Christian Church throughout the world. Grant, O God, that each might seriously consider that which marks Good Friday, and especially Easter Sunday. May the story of Easter Morn encourage us to seek to do Thy will in all things. Bless the homes represented within this House. Be with thy servants everywhere, and may we return, better men, than when we went away. Hear our prayer, we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

### JOURNAL APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the Journal of yesterday.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday, when, on motion of Mr. WAGNER unanimously agreed to, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

### BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. GRYSKEWICZ. HOUSE BILL No. 1178.

An Act providing that the compensation of tax collectors shall be fixed by the taxing authorities at least ninety days prior to their election.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. HUNTLEY. HOUSE BILL No. 1179.

An Act to amend section four of the act, approved the fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1595), entitled "An act relating to peace officers; providing for the qualifications and appointments of deputy sheriffs; regulating the manner of their selection and compensation; regulating the source of compensation for other peace officers; declaring void certain contracts inconsistent with the provisions hereof; providing penalties; and repealing inconsistent acts," by regulating also the appointment of special deputy sheriffs and prohibiting the use of such deputies as "strike breakers" in cases involving labor disputes but authorizing sheriffs to appoint and arm special deputies for certain purposes who may be compensated for their services, mileage and expenses out

of private funds or local, State or Federal appropriations, or by the proper county when appointed to preserve public peace or to patrol the highways in case of an emergency.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. MARKS. HOUSE BILL No. 1180.

An Act to further amend clause (j) of section two hundred and eight of the act, approved the fifth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (P. L. 2897, 1937), entitled "An act establishing a system of unemployment compensation to be administered by the Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions) selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay contributions based on pay-rolls to provide for the payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons; providing procedure and administrative details for the determination, payment and collection of such contributions and the payment of such compensation; providing for cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies; creating certain special funds in the custody of the State Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," by setting up preferences for veterans when promotions among eligibles are to be made.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Messrs. WEISS and MUNLEY. HOUSE BILL No. 1181.

An Act abating certain tax penalties and interest on unpaid county, city, (except cities of the first and second class) borough, town, township, school district, (except school districts of the first class), poor district and county institution district taxes, prohibiting the sale of real property for the nonpayment of any such taxes for a certain period, and preserving certain tax liens, and providing for the extension thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. DAVID P. REESE. HOUSE BILL No. 1182.

An Act to increase the usefulness of the Farm Show Building and Arena; providing for holding of various exhibitions and shows; creating State show commissions as departmental administrative commissions in various departments and agencies of the State government; and making appropriations.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COCHRAN. HOUSE BILL No. 1183.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Highways for the construction of a bridge over the Youghiogheny River at the City of Connellsville, and for the necessary approaches thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

By Mr. COCHRAN. HOUSE BILL No. 1184.

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Highways for the construction of a bridge over the Youg-

highgheny River between the borough of South Connells-ville and the borough of Dunbar, and for the construction and extension of the necessary approaches and connecting highway.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

By Messrs. GOODWIN and SHAFFER.

HOUSE BILL No. 1185.

An Act to further amend section five hundred and two and section five hundred and four 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," requiring submission of all plans for public improvements to the county planning commission for approval, and prohibiting the recording of plans and sales of lots before their approval, under penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Messrs. BONEY and KOMOROFSKI.

HOUSE BILL No. 1186.

An Act to amend clause (c) of section three of the act, approved the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1168), entitled "An act to protect the right of employes to organize and bargain collectively; creating the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, officers of the State government and colrts; providing for the right of employes to organize and bargain collectively; declaring certain labor practices by employers to be unfair; further providing that representatives of a majority of the employes be the exclusive representatives of all the employes; authorizing the board to conduct hearings and elections, and certify as to representatives of the employes for purposes of collective bargaining; empowering the board to prevent any person from engaging in any unfair labor practice, and providing a procedure for such cases, including the issuance of a complaint, the conducting of a hearing, and the making of an order; empowering the board to petition a court of common pleas for the enforcement of its order, and providing a procedure for such cases; providing for the review of an order of the board by a court of common pleas on petition of any person aggrieved by such order, and establishing a procedure for such cases; providing for an appeal from the common pleas court to the Supreme Court; providing the board with investigatory powers, including the power to issue, subpoenas and the compelling of obedience to them through application to the proper court; providing for service of papers and process of the board; prescribing certain penalties," redefining the term "employer" to include the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political sub-division thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. ACHTERMAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 1187.

An Act for conveyance to the United States of America of title in and to certain land compromising the Marcus Hook Pennsylvania Quarantine Station property, and ceding to the United States jurisdiction over said land.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Mr. O'BRIEN.

HOUSE BILL No. 1188.

An Act to amend section six hundred ninety-nine and four-tenths of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," increasing the penalties for performing worldly employment, games or diversion on Sunday.

Referred to the Committee on Law and Order.

By Mr. McLANE.

HOUSE BILL No. 1189.

An Act to further amend section two of the act approved the seventeenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, (P. L. 1012), entitled "An act regulating the business of loaning money in sums of three hundred (\$300) dollars or less, either with or without security, to individuals pressed by lack of funds to meet immediate necessities; fixing the rate of interest and charges therefor; requiring the licensing of lenders; and prescribing penalties for the violation of this act," by reducing the rate of interest on loans in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Banking.

By Messrs. WILLIAMS and O'NEILL.

HOUSE BILL No. 1190.

An Act relating to coal stripping operations; providing for the health and safety of persons employed therein; and for the inspection and regulation of such operations by the Department of Mines; requiring certain information and reports; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Messrs. McLANE and O'NEILL.

HOUSE BILL No. 1191.

An Act to further amend clause one of section three of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (P. L. 1043), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes, defining the uses and purposes thereof and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon board having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," by further extending the time for present employes, as defined in the act, to elect to be covered by the retirement system.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. ROSENFELD (By request).

HOUSE BILL No. 1192.

An Act licensing roller skating and ice skating rinks; conferring certain powers and duties on the Department of Revenue; and providing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on State Government.

By Messrs. CROOP and KOMOROFSKI.

HOUSE BILL No. 1193.

An Act to further amend section fifty of the act approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five (P. L. 448), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," further regulating the taking of eels.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. HARKINS.

HOUSE BILL No. 1194.

An Act to amend sections two and three of the act approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, (P. L. 275), entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of county and city inspectors of weights and measures; providing for their compensation and expenses; prescribing their duties; prohibiting vendors from giving false or insufficient weights; and fixing the penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof," as amended, by providing for the issuance of certificates of approval for weights and measures of county, city, and borough sealers.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. McFALL.

HOUSE BILL No. 1195.

An Act to amend article three 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," by authorizing the formation of State and county associations of assessors or other assessing and taxing officers; providing for the organization, operation and meetings thereof; and imposing the duty of paying certain expenses connected therewith upon counties.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. IMBRIE.

HOUSE BILL No. 1196.

An act to amend section two hundred nine and to add section three hundred twenty to article three of the act, approved the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (P. L. 364), entitled "An act relating to business corporations; defining and providing for the organization, merger, consolidation, reorganization, winding up and dissolution of such corporations; conferring certain rights, powers, duties and immunities upon them and their officers and shareholders; prescribing the conditions on which such corporations may exercise their powers; providing for the inclusion of certain existing corporations of the second class within the provisions of this act; prescribing the terms and conditions upon which foreign business corporations may be admitted or may continue, to do business within the Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties on the courts of common pleas, and certain State departments, commissions, and officers; authorizing certain State departments, boards, commissions, or officers to collect fees for services required to be rendered by this act; imposing penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to corporations," by regulating the depositing of certain funds of cemetery associations with a bank or banking institution as trustee and requiring such trustee to make reports and file a bond; and requiring the examination of securities in which such funds are invested by the Department of Banking.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations and Industry.

By Mr. HARKINS.

HOUSE BILL No. 1197.

An Act to amend Sections 201, 202, 204, 205, 211 and 805 of the act, approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (P. L. 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," changing certain provisions relating to the incorporation of new boroughs, and providing for the incorporation of boroughs from townships of the first class having a population of eight thousand or more, and for the organization of the government therein.

Referred to the Committee on Boroughs.

By Mr. HARKINS.

HOUSE BILL No. 1198.

An Act to add subdivision (e) to article two and to amend section eight hundred five of the act, approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (P. L. 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," providing for the incorporation of boroughs from townships of the first class having a population of eight thousand or more by referendum, and prescribing the procedure therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Boroughs.

By Mr. BOIES.

HOUSE BILL No. 1199.

An Act to further amend subsection (e) of section six hundred fifteen, clause (e) of section six hundred fifteen and one-tenth and section six hundred sixteen of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 905), entitled "An act for the pro-

tection of 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," further regulating the suspension of, and the deprivation of the privilege of applying for operators' licenses and learners' permits, and appeals to court from such suspension and deprivations.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

By Messrs. RONALD L. THOMPSON and GOODWIN.  
HOUSE BILL No. 1200.

An Act authorizing and directing the Legislative Reference Bureau to compile, edit and publish, a compilation of laws relating to townships of the first class; and making an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Townships.

By Messrs. WOODRING and LONGO.

HOUSE BILL No. 1201.

An Act relieving all counties and officers thereof of liability for damages sustained by persons in the Commonwealth to property, as a result of riots, strikes or illegal or improper conduct.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Messrs. WOODRING and EARLY.

HOUSE BILL No. 1202.

An Act to further amend section one thousand four hundred and eighteen 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 authorizing full reimbursement for free transportation of pupils in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Messrs. VOLDOW and ROSENFELD.

HOUSE BILL No. 1203.

An Act making an appropriation to the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for medical education.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HIRSCH.

HOUSE BILL No. 1204.

An Act to license and regulate and to promote competition in the business of purchasing contracts arising out of retail installment sales; prescribing the form of such sales; imposing said licensing and regulation in the De-

partment of Banking; imposing duties in and granting powers to the Department of Banking in the classification of retail installment sales and contracts arising therefrom, and in fixing and prescribing maximum charges for the extension of credit in retail installment sales; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Banking.

By Mr. KEENAN. HOUSE BILL No. 1205.

An Act to amend subsections (b) and (c) of section two of the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 626), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation of all subjects of taxation in counties of the second class; creating and prescribing the powers and duties of a Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and Review; imposing duties on certain county and city officers; abolishing the board for the assessment and revision of taxes in such counties; and prescribing penalties," to provide for the appointment of the members of the Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and Review in second class counties by the county commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. KEENAN. HOUSE BILL No. 1206.

An Act to amend sections five, eight, and nine of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (P. L. 965), entitled "An act defining commodities; regulating the sale thereof; and providing penalties for violation thereof," as amended, by eliminating the requirement of intent to defraud in violation under this act; by changing the penalties for violation hereof; and by providing for the seizure of commodities not labeled to conform to the provisions hereof.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

## SENATE MESSAGE

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SENATE BILL No. 285. (HOUSE BILL No. 1207).

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.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

SENATE BILL No. 80 (HOUSE BILL No. 1208).

An Act to further amend the act, approved the fifth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (P. L. 2897—1937), entitled "An act establishing a system of unemployment compensation to be administered by the Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions) selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons; providing procedure and administrative details for the determination, payment and collection of such contributions and the payment of such compensation; providing for cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies; creating certain special funds in the custody of the State Treasurer; and prescribing penal-

ties," changing the provisions thereof and the rights, obligations and procedure thereunder.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

SENATE BILL No. 1. (HOUSE BILL No. 1209).

An Act providing that when inmates of an orphans' home or other children's institution, or private home, are maintained at the cost of any county, and attend public school and are not legal residents of such school district, the county shall pay the tuition charges and collect the same from the school district liable therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SENATE BILL No. 24. (HOUSE BILL No. 1210).

An Act defining and prohibiting unfair sales providing remedies for violations thereof, and establishing penalties therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Special.

SENATE BILL No. 58. (HOUSE BILL No. 1211).

An Act to further amend section nine of the Act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred sixty-three), entitled "An act relating to the organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of the Orphans' Courts; the powers and duties of the judges thereof; and appeals therefrom," as amended on the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred forty-nine), by extending the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court to supervision and enforcement of gifts for charitable uses, even though such gifts have passed out of fiduciaries now subject to the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court directly to corporations or others charged with their administration.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

SENATE BILL No. 172 (HOUSE BILL No. 1212).

An Act to amend section eight hundred one and nine hundred seventy-six of the act approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (P. L. 1333), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," by further defining parties and political bodies providing procedure for rejection of nomination petitions papers or certificates in certain cases imposing duties on the Governor and the Attorney General and imposing additional duties on county boards of elections the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the courts.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

## RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Mr. SARGE. (Concurrent) RESOLUTION No. 75.

In the House of Representatives, April 8, 1941.

The vast number of bills introduced during a legislative session which are never reported to the House or Senate by the committee to which they were assigned has added tremendously to the cost of a legislative session.

During the session of 1935 three thousand five hundred and thirteen bills were introduced and only five hundred and eighty-seven were finally passed; during the 1937 session two thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine were introduced and only seven hundred and fifty-six were

passed; and during the 1939 session two thousand and seventy-three were introduced and five hundred and forty-nine were passed.

It often happens that at one session a half dozen bills bearing on the same subject and seeking the same remedy are introduced, which practice aids materially in increasing the number of bills that remain in committee.

During the past three regular sessions a total of eight thousand five hundred and eighty-five bills were introduced and one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two were passed.

This situation demands a remedy in order to cut down the useless cost of printing bills, and eliminates waste occasioned by the handling and filing of bills that should not have been introduced and printed.

In order to arrive at some remedy for this waste of money and work, a special study should be made of the condition by a commission charged with no other duty; therefore be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), 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 tempore of the Senate, and three persons to be appointed by the Governor, is hereby created whose duty it shall be to make a study of the question of the introduction of bills in the Legislature and endeavor to arrive at some method which could effectively be used in reducing the number of bills introduced and printed and to report its findings to the regular session of the legislature to be convened in January, one thousand nine hundred forty-three.

The said committee shall organize immediately after its appointment and elect a chairman and a secretary from its membership and appoint any clerks or stenographers 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 five thousand dollars shall be inserted in the general appropriation bill for the purpose of paying such expenses and the salaries of such clerks and stenographers, appointed by the committee.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. JEFFERSON. RESOLUTION No. 76.

In the House of Representatives, April 9, 1941.

Whereas, Music is the agency that synchronizes and soothes the feelings of mankind, and, at the same time, creates an emotional reaction that brings ease to the mind and solace to the soul; and

Whereas, Music, from time immemorial, has been intended by mankind to create an emotional response which is fitting and proper for particular occasions in man's life; and

Whereas, Music can be best appreciated when it is performed under proper circumstances; and

Whereas, The commercialism of today, and the resultant swing or jazz arrangements of certain music, is in absolute derogation of the composer's or creator's expression of such music; and

Whereas, The songs known as spirituals and folk songs have meant a great deal in the development of the American negro, and have been a great cultural contribution by him to the development of American music; and

Whereas, Spirituals are symbolic of the deep religious devotion of the American negro to his God and creator; and

Whereas, Today negro spirituals are being used by leading orchestras throughout the country in jazz and swing arrangements, which are nothing but ribald desecrations of such beautiful music; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives request all radio broadcasting stations in this Commonwealth to cooperate with it in its attempt to have the spiritual and folk song assume its proper place in our cultural life by limiting the use of such music to religious occasions or to programs of a religious nature on the Sabbath day or other religious holiday, and by also eliminating the jazz and

swing arrangements of such music which tend to desecrate it; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House mail a copy of this resolution to all radio broadcasting stations in this Commonwealth, in order to apprise them of the feeling of the membership of the House towards these great songs.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

#### PERMISSION GRANTED COMMITTEE TO MEET DURING SESSION

Mr. GERARD, asked and obtained permission for the Committee on Mines and Mining to meet during the session of the House.

#### SENATE MESSAGE

#### RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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 9, 1941.

Whereas, The future of this great Nation depends upon its youth and their capacity to uphold the standards established by their forefathers to safeguard the American way of life; and

Whereas, lean living and healthful sports are conducive to the development of both virility and morality, and the first essential of capacity to carry on is youth's physical equipment; and

Whereas, One who has lived in our midst for well nigh four score years has by his example and industry made it possible to develop in the ranks of clean sportsmanship exemplars of the value of physical development and clean living as standards for our youth; and

Whereas, The General Assembly desires to show its appreciation to the citizen who has dedicated his life to the development of youth and maintaining their ideals on high standards; therefore be it

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Legislature acknowledges the contribution made to our cultural development by endorsing the celebration of May 17, 1941 as Connie Mack Day; and be it further

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor of Pennsylvania, shall issue, publish and declare an appropriate proclamation to the people of Pennsylvania, designating for observance this year the 17th of May as Connie Mack Day.

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

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. O'NEILL, from the Committee on Professional Licensure, reported as amended, House Bill No. 671, entitled:

An Act to amend the act approved the ninth day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177) entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administration 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 in certain departments boards and commissions shall be determined" as amended by creating the State Board of Barber Examiners as a departmental administrative board in the Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. EDWIN F. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Professional Licensure, reported as committed, House Bill No. 678, entitled:

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

Mr. O'NEILL, from the Committee on Professional Licensure, reported as amended, House Bill No. 993, entitled:

An Act to further amend the act, approved the nineteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 589), entitled, as amended "An act to promote the public health and safety, by providing for the examination and licensure of those who desire to engage in the occupation of barbering; regulating barber shops and barber schools, and apprentices and students therein; regulating compensation for service rendered; conferring certain powers and duties on the Department of Public Instruction; and providing penalties," by changing the provisions as to fees charged apprentices and students; prohibiting advertising of prices by registrants; requiring all barber shops to be registered; transferring the administration of certain provisions of said act to the State Board of Barber Examiners; and prescribing additional penalties.

Mr. DAVID P. REESE in the Chair

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 470, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to article three of the Constitution, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto section thirty-five.

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. 891, entitled:

An Act to amend the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (P. L. 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by revising the provisions of said act to the issuance of licenses; and repealing certain sections.

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. 751, entitled:

An Act to amend section two thousand one hundred and

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

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. 800, entitled:

An Act providing that investment in shares of any savings or building and loan associations organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, shall be legal investments for certain corporations and certain funds.

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. 806, entitled:

An Act to further amend section two thousand five hundred fifty-nine of the act approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto" by abolishing tax collectors' right of distress and sale of goods and chattels for the collection of delinquent per capita, poll and occupation taxes.

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. 733, entitled:

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

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. 736, entitled:

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

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. 762, entitled:

An Act to further amend section twelve of the act, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (P. L. 522), entitled "An act relating to dogs, and the protection of live stock, poultry, and game birds raised in captivity from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs by the Secretary of Agriculture; providing for the enumeration of dogs by assessors; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of li-

censed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial show, and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game Commissioners; providing for the assessment of damages done to live stock, poultry, and game birds by dogs, and for live stock killed by, or dying from rabies, and for the illegal killing of licensed dogs, and the payment of such damages by the Commonwealth; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county, city, borough, town, and township officers and employes, directing the payment of all moneys collected into the State Treasury; and providing penalties," permitting dogs kept in a kennel to be taken out for training, exercise or entry in field trials.

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. 404, entitled:

An Act relating to marriage; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 949, entitled:

An Act to further amend section nine of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (P. L. 363), entitled "An act relating to the organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of the orphans' courts; the powers and duties of the judges thereof; and appeals therefrom," by imposing liability on executors, administrators or trustees for real estate broker's commissions in certain cases.

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

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the first reading and consideration of House Bill No. 764, entitled:

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

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. 668, entitled:

An Act to amend article thirty-two of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the laws relating thereto," by adding thereto section 3210.1; providing for exonerations of sewer assessments and the satisfaction of sewer liens and the discharge of properties covered thereby.

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. 1022, entitled:

An Act to amend section thirteen and to further amend

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

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

The SPEAKER (Elmer Kilroy) in the Chair.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Reese, for presiding.

#### BILL ON SECOND READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House Bill No. 505, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensing bonding and regulation of junk dealers and prescribing penalties

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. REUBEN E. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on State Government for the purpose of further study and 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. 252, entitled:

An Act to further amend clause nine of section eight of the act approved the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (P. L. 858) entitled "An act establishing a State employes' retirement system and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing State employes defining the uses and purposes thereof and the manner of payments therefrom and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds imposing powers and duties upon the heads of departments in which State employes serve excepting annuities allowances returns benefits and rights from taxation and judicial process and providing penalties" permitting employes to change from the one one-hundred-sixtieth to the one one-hundredth class of contributors to the State Employes' Retirement Fund within a certain time

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. 865, entitled:

An Act to amend section one of the act approved the fourth day of April one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (P. L. 38) entitled "An act relating to the parties to writs of scire facias sur mortgage in certain cases and to the title acquired by a sale on a judgment of foreclosure in such cases" making provision for cases where the original mortgagor is dead and validating past proceedings and titles acquired thereby

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. 1032, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture for use in controlling combatting or exterminating Japanese beetles

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. 1126, entitled:

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 depositor 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

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. 860, entitled:

An Act to amend sections nine hundred twenty-two and one thousand 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 that any candidate defeated for nomination to an office at a primary election shall not be a candidate for the same office at the succeeding election

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMITTED

Mr. MUNLEY, Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Elections for the purpose of further study and 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. 1098, entitled:

An Act to amend section four hundred eight of article four of the act approved the third day of June one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (P. L. 1449) entitled "An act establishing a court of record in the County of Allegheny for control care guidance treatment trial placement and commitment of delinquent neglected and dependent children under sixteen years of age and of persons over sixteen years of age contributing to or encouraging delinquency neglect or dependency of children defining the jurisdiction and powers of the court and regulating procedure therein providing for the transfer thereto of certain powers functions and duties from other courts providing for the election of judges thereof the appointment of probation officers other necessary staff officials and assistants providing for housing of same and providing for detention facilities making the contributing to or encouraging of the delinquency neglect or dependency of children a misdemeanor and providing penalties" to provide for the payment of the costs of maintenance of children under care of the Juvenile Court by the county institution district or by the city in which such child is residing at the time of assumption of jurisdiction by the court

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

Messrs. SARRAF and KEENAN. Mr. Speaker, We desire to offer the following amendments.

The amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend Section 1, page 3, line 13 by inserting after the word "district" the following: "In which the child is residing at the time of assumption of jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court."

Amend Section 1, page 3, line 19 by inserting after the word "district" the following: "In which the child resides."

The amendments were agreed to.

The section was agreed to as amended.

The second section and title were separately read and agreed to as follows:



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. 827, entitled:

An Act to further amend section nine hundred and two of the act approved the first day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (P. L. 103) entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class and amending revising consolidating and changing the law relating thereto" further regulating the adoption of the annual township budget the giving of public notice thereof and the filing of a copy with the Department 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. 482, entitled:

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

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. 1005, entitled:

An act to add section six hundred ninety-nine and six-tenth 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" making it unlawful for unauthorized persons to buy or exchange Federal food order stamps for currency and providing penalties

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. 1006, entitled:

An Act to add section six hundred ninety-nine and seven-tenth to the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872) entitled "An act to consolidate amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth" making it unlawful for any person to accept Federal food order stamps for other than food or surplus food as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture and providing penalties

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. 892, entitled:

An Act authorizing a commission to study recreational facilities available in first class cities imposing powers and duties on said commission and making an appropriation

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

#### BILL RECOMMENDED

Mr. MELCHOIRRE. Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be recommended to the Committee on Appropriations for the purpose of further study and 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. 1084, entitled:

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

And said bill having been read at length the 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. 437, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire by purchase gift lease or condemnation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ten acres of land adjacent to the Daniel Boone Homestead or so much thereof as may be necessary to properly honor the pioneer Daniel Boone on the spot where he was born providing for the control management supervision improvement preservation and maintenance thereof authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical Commission to make and enforce rules and regulations for the preservation and visitation thereof and making an appropriation

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. 434, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Pennsylvania Department of Highways for the improvement of roads and parking areas within the Daniel Boone Homestead

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. 426, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Pennsylvania Historical Commission to cover the expenses of restoring and maintaining the Daniel Boone Homestead

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. 911, entitled:

An Act making hospital records admissible in evidence

in civil proceedings without being proven by the persons who made the same

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. 365, entitled:

An Act to further amend section one of the act approved the ninth day of July one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (P. L. 794) entitled "An act providing that estates in building ground books curios pictures statuary and other works of art passing by will to any municipality corporation or unincorporated body for free exhibition within Pennsylvania shall not be subject to collateral inheritance tax and in certain instances the date when such tax shall become due" providing for additional exemptions and for exemptions from collateral inheritance and transfer taxes and extending the provisions of said act to property money and funds passing before or after the effective date of this act including property money and funds passing to any public educational institution museum or gallery of art of or under the control of or wholly or partially maintained or supported by the Federal Government

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. 467, entitled:

An Act to amend subsection (f) of section six hundred twenty-eight of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (P. L. 872) entitled "An act to consolidate amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth" requiring licenses issued under the "Uniform Firearms Act" to bear the fingerprints and photograph of the person to whom the license is issued

The first section was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the section?

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

The amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 628), page 3, line 1, by inserting after the word "hunter's" the following: "or fishing".

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 628), page 3, line 2, by inserting after the word "charged" the following: "nor shall the photograph or fingerprinting be required".

The amendments were agreed to.

The section was agreed to as amended.

The title was read.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the title?

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

The amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

Amend title, page 1, last line of title, by inserting after the word "issued" the following: "in certain cases".

It was 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. 1039, entitled:

An Act to further amend section one of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (P. L. 129) entitled "An act to empower boroughs and cities to establish a police pension fund to take property in trust therefor and regulating and providing for the regulation of the same" by further regulating retirement allowances and providing for the return of contributions in certain cases

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

Ordered, To be transcribed for a third reading.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, I notice that the Members have been introducing amendments generally without sending a carbon copy to the floor leaders. It would be well to follow the practice which was adopted at the last session, and which I think was meant to be followed at this session, of giving copies of the amendments to the floor leaders. Otherwise, the floor leaders may find it necessary to hold up the reading of the amendments until those interested in the bill have a chance to write them down. It will greatly delay the proceedings of the House. If the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Attorney General's office or whatever other places are preparing amendments do not furnish enough copies, arrangements ought to be made to supply sufficient copies to the members so that one copy can be furnished to each of the floor leaders, and each floor leader in turn can give it to the Members on his side of the House who are interested in the particular bill.

I call this to the attention of all of the Members of the House because from now on I think the House is going to be busy, and it would be bad practice for the House to take time to read and study the amendments from the desk. The work of the House will be carried on a lot easier if extra copies are prepared.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appreciates the remarks of the gentleman from Dauphin concerning amendments offered without the knowledge of the floor leaders. The Chair requests Members offering amendments to give a copy to each floor leader before they are considered. If you do not have a sufficient number of copies, request them from the Legislative Reference Bureau. The Desk requires four copies. The Reference Bureau can easily furnish six copies.

#### BILLS PASSED OVER

There being no objection House Bill No. 854, Printer's No. 253 was passed over at the request of Mr. ACHTERMAN.

There being no objection House Bill No. 236, Printer's No. 126, was passed over at the request of Mr. HARKINS.

#### BILL ON THIRD READING

Agreeably to order,

The House proceeded to the third reading and consideration of House Bill No. 1092, as follows:

An Act making an appropriation for the expenses of the committee of the House of Representatives created by House Resolution Serial Number forty-nine adopted the nineteenth day of February one thousand nine hundred forty-one

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

Section 1 The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specifically appropriated to the committee created by House Resolution Serial Number forty-nine adopted the nineteenth day of February one thousand nine hundred forty-one and authorized thereby to make an investigation of the causes and reasons for gas main explosions in the city and county of Philadelphia for the payment of the expenses of such investigation by the committee including the cost of subpoenas witnesses witness fees stenographic service the wages or other compensation of necessary clerical assistants and any other expenses of every kind and description which may be authorized by a majority of the committee in connection with the conduct of its work

Section 2 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. D'ORTONA. Mr. Speaker and members of the House, As Chairman of a Committee of this House, appointed to investigate a terrible catastrophe in South Philadelphia, which resulted in the death of five persons by explosion and burning, in injury to more than sixty persons, and vast destruction of property, I rise to ask support of this House for the appropriation requested by the Committee.

The Committee has proceeded with the investigation thoroughly and expeditiously. After organization we selected James F. Masterson, as counsel for the Committee, and sought expert engineering and chemical advice. We requested Mr. Wm. H. Gravell, an eminent engineer, and Dr. Louis Gershenfeld, professor of chemistry at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science to co-operate with the Committee. We explained to these gentlemen that no appropriation had been granted the Committee, but that we felt that this body would make an appropriation to compensate them for such services as would become necessary in making the investigation.

Our counsel and engineers have spent days and nights on this investigation. We held three all day public hearings and two public night hearings lasting until 11 P. M. We held these hearings during both the day and evenings to give the public an opportunity to be heard. We have heard every citizen we could locate or who volunteered who could throw any light on the subject matter under investigation. We gave the City of Philadelphia the same opportunity, and we have heard from responsible employes and officials who were in a position to know the true conditions. The testimony taken up to the present time covers approximately six hundred pages. We are now affording the Philadelphia Gas Works Company the same opportunity to produce whatever records or facts it has in its possession to show the cause of this frightful tragedy.

We have learned many things with respect to the conditions of the water system of the City of Philadelphia, and the gas main system of the Philadelphia Gas Works Company.

From the beginning of this investigation the Committee

has had in mind the idea that if at all possible such tragedies should be prevented in the future, and it is our purpose when the investigation is completed to recommend to this House legislation which may eliminate some of the fundamental, underlying causes which led to these explosions.

The 20th Century Fox Film Corporation took about six hundred feet of film of the scene, but most of it was so gruesome that the negative was not printed. However, the company agreed to show the negative to the Committee and when the Committee saw it, it was determined to have the negative printed and to purchase a copy so that it can be shown to this House when the report of this committee is made.

Our counsel and engineers have worked day and night in preparing the testimony which has been produced before the Committee, and that which remains to be heard. A great deal of physical investigation has been done including chemical analysis of the soil, physical examination of the scene, buildings, pipes, and investigations into the records of the City of Philadelphia with respect to alleged breaks in the water and sewer systems.

The members of the Committee having to be in Harrisburg in connection with their duties here, the work of preparation for the hearings naturally devolved upon our counsel and the engineers, and these men devoted practically all of their time from February 20th to April 4th to matters affecting this investigation.

It is believed that additional experts will have to be obtained upon the conclusion of the testimony of the Philadelphia Gas Works Company, as we propose upon the completion of the testimony to seek the advice of eminent gas engineers to see if improvements could be made in the manner of gas and water distribution, and what precautions can or should be taken to avoid any such future catastrophe.

It certainly requires no argument on my part to convince the members of this House, and without prejudging the investigation, that gas mains and water pipes laid 50 to 75 years ago cannot be in good condition, and the Committee intends to seek the advice of the best engineers available on the subject in order to protect, if possible, by law the lives and properties of the citizens against any recurrence of such a frightful tragedy.

In these days of safety drives to protect the lives and limbs of citizens from the operators of automobiles, railroads, industrial accidents, etc., it seems to this Committee that there should be some way of requiring by law, measures which science has developed to protect and guard the lives and properties of our people from damage and injury caused by pipes carrying gas and water under city streets, and into the homes of our people, who have elected us to provide laws for their safety.

I would, therefore, request that the House pass the appropriation bill as recommended by the Committee.

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 152

Achterman,	Minnerty,	Lovett,	Rhea,
Allmond,	French,	Malloy,	Riley,
Baker,	Gallagher,	Marks,	Rooney,
Balthaser,	Gates,	Maxwell,	Rose, S.,

Baugher,	Gerard,	McClanaghan,	Rose, W. E.,
Bentzel,	Goodwin,	McDermott,	Rosenfeld,
Boles,	Gryskewicz,	McFall,	Royer,
Boney,	Haberlen,	McGrath,	Rush,
Boorse,	Haines,	McIntosh,	Sarraf,
Bower,	Hall,	McLanahan,	Scanlon,
Bradley,	Hamilton,	McLane,	Schwab,
Breth,	Harkins,	McMillen,	Shaffer,
Brunner, C. H.,	Harmuth,	McSurdy,	Shaw,
Brunner, P. A.,	Harris,	Melchiorre,	Sollenberger,
Burns,	Heatherington,	Modell,	Stank,
Burris,	Hering,	Monks,	Stine,
Cadwalader,	Herman,	Moran,	Tarr,
Chudoff,	Hersch,	Moul,	Tate,
Cochran,	Hirsch,	Munley,	Turner,
Cohen, M. M.,	Holland,	Nunemacher,	Verona,
Cohen, R. E.,	Huntley,	O'Brien,	Vincent,
Cook,	Imbrie,	O'Connor,	Vogt,
Corrigan,	Jefferson,	O'Mullen,	Voidow,
Croop,	Jones, G. E.,	O'Neill,	Wagner,
Cullen,	Keenan,	Owens,	Weingartner,
Dalrymple,	Kenahan,	Petrosky,	Weiss,
Dennison,	Kline,	Pettit,	Welsh, E. B.,
DiGenova,	Knoble,	Polaski,	Welsh, M. J.,
Dix,	Kolankiewicz,	Polen,	Williams,
Dolon,	Komorowski,	Powers,	Wolf,
D'Ortona,	Krise,	Prosen,	Woodring,
Duffy,	Lee, T. H.,	Rausch,	Woodside,
Early,	Leisey,	Readinger,	Wright,
Eckels,	Lesko,	Reese, D. P.,	Yeakel,
Elder,	Levy,	Reese, R. E.,	Yester,
Elliott,	Leydic,	Regan,	Young,
Falkenstein,	Lichtenwalter,	Reynolds,	Kilroy,
Finestone,	Longo,		Speaker.

## NAYS 0

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

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

## BILL PASSED OVER

There being no objection House Bill No. 393, Printer's No. 235, was passed over at the request of Mr. VOLDOW.

## 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. 533.

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

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

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

## PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

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

Mr. Speaker, we have a Member of this House who by his genial personality, love for fair play and magnanimous generosity has endeared himself to every member of this august body. Although it is not generally known he never turns down a request for financial assistance whether it be large or small (exclusive of fellow members). Only last week he heeded a call and made a very worth while

bequest and not only did that but assured the recipients that he would be glad to increase his donation one hundred fold for the following year.

The Easter Season is upon us and the spirit of generosity gets into every person's anatomy. So in keeping with the spirit, Mr. Speaker, we the friends of the party referred to wish to express our appreciation. Will you therefore, Mr. Speaker, appoint a committee to escort Hon. Kenneth L. Leydic, the gentleman from Allegheny County, to the rostrum to receive said token of appreciation in the form of an Easter Basket.

The SPEAKER. The Chair at this time appoints Messrs. McMillen, and Helm, to escort the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Leydic to the rostrum.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the chair presents Easter Greetings, very much alive, to the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Leydic. I hope he has a very happy Easter holiday. The Members having asked the gentleman from Allegheny Mr. Leydic to make a speech, the Speaker yields.

Mr. LEYDIC. Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to be here on such a grand morning and to be presented with something that is near and dear to my heart. I am not so sure what is in the bottom of this basket. I wish you all a grand and glorious Easter.

## RESOLUTIONS

## SYMPATHY EXTENDED

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

The resolution was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, April 10, 1941.

From Washington flashes the news of the passing of another outstanding national figure, in the death of United States Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, widely known as the "Father of the Eighteenth Amendment," and as Chairman of the presently most important Senate Military Affairs Committee, having charge of all measures for national defense.

Senator Sheppard was a veteran in Congress, having first entered the House of Representatives in 1902, and having served without interruption in the House and Senate until the time of his death. His experience and knowledge of national affairs made his services invaluable, and his loss will be the more keenly felt. Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pay fitting tribute to the memory of a great statesman and patriot and an able leader in the affairs of the National Government; and that this commemorative resolution be spread upon the journal of this House, and a properly certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of the deceased and to the Senate of the United States in which he served at the time of his death.

## SENATE MESSAGE

## AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE

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

## HOUSE BILL No. 688.

An Act concerning reciprocal agreements for the Interstate Transportation and the support of poor and indigent

persons, and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

With the information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives, is requested.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the amendments.

The Clerk read the amendments as follows:

Amend Section 1, page 1, line 2, by inserting after the word "Assistance" the following: "(with respect to persons of the classes provided for in the Public Assistance Law) and the Department of Welfare (with respect to persons for whom the County Institution Districts are responsible under the County Institution District Law)"; also in line 3 by striking out after the word "General" the word "is" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "are"; also in line 6, by striking out after the word "persons" the following; "who do not require institutional care because of physical or mental infirmity"; also on page 2 line 4, by inserting after the word "Assistance" the words "and the said Department of Welfare"; also on page 2, line 5, by inserting after the word "state" the following: "All such reciprocal agreements entered into by the said Department of Welfare shall be binding upon the County Institution Districts of this state."

On the question,

Will the House concur in the amendments made by the Senate

#### MESSAGE AND BILL LAID ON TABLE

Mr. ACHTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message from the Senate, together with the bill be laid upon the table.

The motion was agreed to.

#### BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HOUSE BILL No. 583.

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

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

Whereupon,

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

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mr. HARKINS, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 199, entitled:

An Act to amend the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty (Act No. 4), entitled "An act transferring money from the Fire Insurance Tax Fund to the General Fund and providing for the subsequent return from the General Fund of the transferred money," by further defining moneys transferred to the General Fund.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported as committed, House Bill No. 663, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth to negotiate temporary loans to defray the current and other expenses of the State government during the two fiscal years beginning the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-one; evidenced by tax anticipation notes secured by and payable from current revenues, levied, assessed, collectable, and accruing during such two fiscal years; defining the powers and duties of the Governor, the Auditor General, and the State Treasurer in relation thereto; providing for the payment of interest on and the repayment of such loans; and making an appropriation.

Mr. SARRAF, from the Committee on Professional Licensure, reported as committed, House Bill No. 649, entitled:

To further amend subsection (c) of section seven of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (P. L. 1216), entitled "An act to define real estate brokers and real estate salesmen; and providing for the licensing, regulation, and supervision of resident and nonresident real estate brokers and real estate salesmen and their business," by providing for the granting of a real estate brokers license to certain persons without examination.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee on Municipal Corporations will meet Monday, April 14, 1941 at 8:30 p. m. (before the session) in Room 323.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Committee on State Government on House Bill No. 849 on Wednesday, April 16, 1941 at 6:00 p. m. in the Forum of the Educational Building.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Committee on Liquor Control on House Bill No. 259 on Tuesday, April 15, 1941 at 10 a. m. in the New House Caucus Room.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BOWER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, April 14, 1941, at 9 p. m.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 10:59 a. m.) the House adjourned.