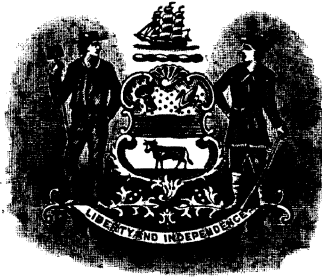


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Dover, Delaware, Jan. 2d, 1917.

At a meeting of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware convened and held at Dover on Tuesday the second day of January A. D. 1917, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first:

The following named members-elect were present and took their seats.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Walter Rash, of the First Representative District.

Andrew L. Cross of the Second Representative District.

Henry C. Downward of the Third Representative District.

John Edward McNabb of the Fourth Representative District,

Wm. N. Connelly of the Fifth Representative District.

George W. Webster of the Sixth Representative District.

Willard S. Gregg of the Seventh Representative District.

R. G. Buckingham of the Eighth Representative District.

W. Truxton Boyce of the Ninth Representative District.

Harry P. Ahern of the Tenth Representative District.

Thomas J. Green of the Eleventh Representative District.

J. Griffith Ellison of the Twelfth Representative District.

Martin B. Burris of the Thirteenth Representative District.

Joseph C. Hutchison of the Fourteenth Representative District.

Wm. L. Collins, of the Fifteenth Representative District.

KENT COUNTY

Hervey P. Hall, of the First Representative District.

John W. Tarburton, of the Second Representative District.

Daniel F. Loose, of the Third Representative District.

Edward C. Daly, of the Fourth Representative District.

Edward L. Jones, of the Fifth Representative District.

Cooper Gruwell of the Sixth Representative District.

George V. Kersey, of the Seventh Representative District.

John W. Killen, of the Eighth Representative District.

G. W. Swain, of the Ninth Representative District.

Albert B. Peet, of the Tenth Representative District.

SUSSEX COUNTY

John Prettyman, of the First Representative District.

Coulter Messick, of the Second Representative District.

Edwin H. Tindall, of the Third Representative District.

James T. Chipman, of the Fourth Representative District.

Samuel N. Culver, of the Fifth Representative District.

Silas J. Lewis, of the Sixth Representative District.

David C. Hall, of the Seventh Representative District.

George D. Marvel, of the Eighth Representative District.

Thomas J. Pritchett, Jr., of the Ninth Representative District.

William H. Welch, of the Tenth Representative District.

State House, Dover, Delaware, Jan. 2d, 1917.

The names of the gentlemen who had taken their seats were called, all of whom answered to their names.

House was called to order by Mr. H. P. Hall for temporary organization.

Prayer by Rev. John T. Bailey.

Mr. Daly nominated Mr. W. Truxton Boyce and Mr. Buckingham nominated Mr. Henry C. Downward as Temporary Speaker. The vote was then taken and Mr. Boyce was declared elected.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, Mr. Romulus Hopkins, Notary Public of Kent County, administered the oath to the Temporary Speaker, and the oath of office as a member of the House of Representatives.

State of Delaware, ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of temporary speaker of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware.

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sworn to this second day of January A. D. 1917.

ROMULUS A. HOPKINS.

Notary Public.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, Mr. Samuel N. Culver was nominated as Temporary Clerk. Mr. Downward nominated Mr. E. C. Pierce as Temporary Clerk. A vote was then taken and Mr. Culver was declared elected.

Mr. Daly moved that a Committee of three be appointed to notify the Judge that the House is ready to receive the certificate of the election of the members. The motion prevailed.

The chair named the following Committee: Mr. Killen, Mr. Tindall and Mr. Buckingham, which Committee reported

that the messenger with the certificates was present, and the certificates were then read.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss.:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Walter Rash was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number One in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the State of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this Thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Andrew J. Cross, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Two in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Henry C. Downward was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Three in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this Thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, John E. McNabb, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Four in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, William M. Connelly, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Five in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election

throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, George W. Webster, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Six in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of

our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Willard S. Gregg, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Seven in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Richard G. Buckingham was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Eight in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be

hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, W. Truxton Boyce was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Nine in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware Harry P. Ahern, was duly elected Representative for Repre-

sentative District Number Ten in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Thomas J. Green, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Eleven in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court of New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, I. Griffith Ellison, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Twelve in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Martin B. Burris, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number thirteen in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election

throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Joseph C. Hutchison, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Fourteen in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County

according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, William L. Collins, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Fifteen in said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this Thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Hervey P. Hall, was duly elected Representative for the First Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed

at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHARLES M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, John W. Tarburton, was duly elected Representative for the Second Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Daniel F. Loose, was duly elected Representative for the Third Representative District for said County in the General

Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on the thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Edward C. Daly, was duly elected Representative for the Fourth Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Edward L. Jones, was duly elected Representative for the Fifth Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Cooper Gruwell was duly elected Representative for the Sixth Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in the hundreds and election districts of the county, according all to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our

hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, George B. Kersey, was duly elected Representative for the Seventh Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of

Delaware, John W. Killen, was duly elected Representative for the Eighth Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, George W. Swain, was duly elected Representative for the Ninth Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Albert Brainerd Peet, was duly elected Representative for the Tenth Representative District for said County in the General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered; That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, John Prettyman was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number One in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto

set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Coulter Messick was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Two in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this Thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Edward H. Tindall was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Three in said County in

General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, James T. Chipman, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Four in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Samuel N. Culver, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Five in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Silas J. Lewis, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Six in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, David C. Hall, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Seven in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, George D. Marvel was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Eight in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Thomas J. Pritchett, Jr., was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Nine in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in

Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, William H. Welch, was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Ten in said County in General Assembly; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. One in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

WALTER RASH,

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,
W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Second District, in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

ANDREW J. CROSS.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,
W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Third District in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

HENRY C. DOWNWARD.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Four in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further or solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

J. E. McNABB,

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1916, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, from twelfth District No. Five in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

WM. M. CONNELLY.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Sixth District, No. Two in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

GEORGE W. WEBSTER.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Fourth District No. Seven in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

W. S. GREGG.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Eight in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

RICHARD G. BUCKINGHAM.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me.

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Nine in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Tenth District in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

HARRY P. AHERN.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Eleventh District in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

THOMAS J. GREEN.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Second District No. Twelve in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

I. GRIFFITH ELLISON.

Sworn to this second day of January A. D., 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Thirteen in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916 according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

MARTIN B. BURRIS.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Fourteen in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

J. C. HUTCHISON.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

New Castle County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from First District No. Fifteen in New Castle County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

W. L. COLLINS.

Sworn to this Second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Representative District No. One in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

HERVEY P. HALL,

Sworn to this Second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from First District No. Seven in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

JOHN W. TARBURTON.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Third District No. Two in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

DANIEL F. LOOSE.

Sworn to this Second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from the Fourth District in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered to promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

EDWARD C. DALY.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Fifth District in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

EDWARD L. JONES.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Second District No. Six in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

COOPER GRUWELL.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Seven in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

GEO. B. KERSEY.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from the Eighth District in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

JOHN W. KILLEN.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from First District No. Nine in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

GEORGE W. SWAIN.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Kent County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Representative District No. Ten in Kent County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

ALBERT BRAINARD PEET.

Sworn to this third day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of New Castle, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Election District No. One in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

JOHN PRETTYMAN.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Two in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

COULTER MESSICK.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of New Castle, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Representative District No. Three in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

EDWIN H. TINDAL.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Four in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

JAMES T. CHIPMAN.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Representative District No. Five in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office,

SAMUEL N. CULVER.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Six in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

SILAS J. LEWIS.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of New Castle, ss:

I do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Election District No. Seven in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

D. C. HALL,

Affirmed to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Eight in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

GEORGE D. MARVEL.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from District No. Nine in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

THOMAS J. PRITCHETT, JR.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

Sussex County,

The State of Delaware, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from the First District No. Ten in Sussex County, to which office I was elected at the General Election held in said State in the year A. D. 1916, according to the best of my ability; and I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute, any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

WILLIAM H. WELCH.

Sworn to this second day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

W. TRUXTON BOYCE.

All members present, having been sworn (or affirmed) and subscribed to the oath of office, the roll was called and the Temporary Speaker announced the House ready to proceed to permanent organization.

Mr. H. P. Hall moved that the House of Representatives now proceed to the election by viva voce vote on roll call of a permanent speaker for the session of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Delaware, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Daly nominated Mr. Hervey P. Hall and Mr. Buckingham nominated Mr. Henry C. Downward, and Mr. Marvel nominated Mr. William H. Welch for Speaker. The roll was called which resulted in Mr. H. P. Hall receiving 15 votes, Mr. Downward receiving 16 votes, Mr. Welch receiving 3 votes, one member not voting.

Neither one of the candidates receiving a constitutional majority, the Chair declared there was no election.

Mr. Daly moved we proceed to take another ballot, which resulted in Mr. H. P. Hall receiving 15 votes, Mr. Downward 16 votes, Mr. Welch 3 votes, one member not voting.

Neither one of the candidates receiving a constitutional majority, the Chair declared there was no election.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, recess was taken until 2.00 P. M.

Same day, 2 P. M.

The House re-assembled at the expiration of recess.

Mr. Ellison moved that the House proceed to ballot for speaker, which motion prevailed.

The House proceeded to ballot for speaker, which resulted as follows:

Mr. H. P. Hall receiving 15 votes, Mr. Downward receiving 16 votes, Mr. Welch receiving 3 votes, one member not voting.

Neither one of the candidates receiving a constitutional majority, the Chair declared there was no election.

Mr. Jones moved that the House adjourn until 11.00 A. M. January 3rd, 1917, which motion prevailed.

State House, Dover, Delaware.

January 3rd, 1917, 10:30 A. M.

House called to order by W. Truxton Boyce, Temporary Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. John T. Bailey.

Roll Call by Temporary Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hall, duly seconded, the House proceeded to ballot for Speaker. Three ballots were taken, resulting as follows:

Ballot No. 1:

Hall, 15; Downward, 16; Welch, 2; one absent; one not voting.

Ballot No. 2:

Hall, 15; Downward, 16; Welch, 2; one absent; one not voting.

Ballot No. 3:

Hall, 15; Downward, 16; Welch, 2; one absent; one not voting.

The Temporary Speaker announced the result of the ballot as no member having received the constitutional majority required by law, he declared no election.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, the House took a recess until 2:00 P. M. January 3rd, 1917.

Same Day—2 P. M.

House reconvened at the expiration of recess.

Upon motion of Mr. Daly, duly seconded, the House proceeded to take a ballot for Speaker, the vote resulting as follows:

Mr. H. P. Hall received 18 votes, Mr. Downward received 16 votes, Mr. H. P. Hall did not vote.

The Chair announced that Mr. Hall, having received the constitutional majority of votes, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Upon motion of Mr. Daly, duly seconded, the Chair designated Mr. Daly and Mr. Downward to escort the Speaker, Mr. H. P. Hall, to the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Hall made a brief but impressive address.

Upon motion of Mr. Daly, the Temporary Speaker was authorized and directed to administer the oath of office to the Speaker elect, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Boyce, Temporary Speaker, administered the oath of office as follows:

"I, Hervey P. Hall, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, according to the best of my ability.

Sworn to and subscribed on January 3rd, A. D. 1917, before me, W. Truxton Boyce."

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Connelly:

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives that the House now proceed to the nomination and election of the following officers to serve during the sessions of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly, the said election to be by viva voce on roll call:

Clerk of the House, Reading Clerk, Sergeant of Arms, Bill Clerk, Telephone Messenger, Chaplain and Page.

Mr. Daly nominated Mr. William H. Poore, Mr. Buckingham nominated Mr. Edward C. Pierce for Clerk of the House.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Poore received nineteen votes and Mr. Pierce sixteen votes. Mr. Poore having received the constitutional majority, he was declared elected Clerk of the House.

Mr. Ellison nominated Mr. William G. Janvier and Mr. Buckingham nominated Mr. Mousley for Reading Clerk of the House. After a ballot being duly taken the Speaker announced that Mr. Janvier received nineteen votes and Mr. Mousley received sixteen votes. Mr. Janvier having received the constitutional majority, the Speaker declared him duly elected Reading Clerk of the House.

Upon motion by Mr. Green, duly seconded, the House proceeded to the election of a Sergeant of Arms.

Mr. Green nominated Mr. L. Rosby McMullen and Mr. Buckingham nominated Mr. Williams, which nominations being duly seconded, after roll call, Mr. McMullen, having received the constitutional majority of votes, was declared elected Sergeant of Arms.

On motion of Mr. Culver, duly seconded, the House proceeded to the nomination and election of a Bill Clerk.

Mr. Tindall nominated Mr. Jesse L. Wainwright and Mr. Buckingham nominated Mr. Robert S. Wood, which nominations being duly seconded, after roll call, Mr. Wainwright having received the constitutional majority of votes, was declared elected Bill Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Tarburton, the House proceeded to the election of a Chaplain.

Mr. Tarburton nominated Reverend John T. Bailey and Mr. Buckingham nominated Reverend W. E. Gunby, which nominations being duly seconded after roll call, the Reverend John T. Bailey, having received the constitutional majority of votes, was declared elected Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. E. L. Jones, the House proceeded to the nomination and election of a Page.

Mr. Jones nominated William Allen and Mr. Buckingham nominated Charles F. Davidson, which motions, being duly seconded after roll call, William Allen having received the constitutional majority of votes was declared elected Page.

Mr. McNabb, moved that the Speaker be authorized to administer the oath of office to the Clerk of the House, the

Reading Clerk, the Sergeant of Arms, and other officers, as may be required to be sworn in during the session, which motion prevailed.

The Speaker proceeded to administer the oath of office as follows, to the duly elected officers of the House:

I, William H. Poore, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Clerk of the house of Representatives in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, according to the best of my ability.

WILLIAM H. POORE,

Sworn and subscribed to this third day of January, A. D. 1917.

HERVEY P. HALL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Reading Clerk in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware according to the best of my ability.

WILLIAM G. JANVIER.

Reading Clerk.

Sworn and subscribed to this third day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

HERVEY P. HALL,

Speaker of the House.

Upon motion of Mr. Culver, duly seconded, Mr. C. B. Cordrey was nominated for telephone messenger.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Cordrey was elected by acclamation.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the House adjourned until eleven o'clock, January 4, 1917.

WILLIAM H. POORE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Dover, Del., January 4th, 1917, 11 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Jones, Loose,

Mr. Jones acting Speaker declared there was no quorum present and adjournment was taken until Friday, January 5th, 11 a. m.

Dover, Del., January 5th, 1917, 11 o'clock, a. m.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Jones, Loose.

Mr. Jones acting Speaker declared there was no quorum and on motion of Mr. Loose adjournment was taken until Saturday, January 6th, 11 a. m.

Dover, Del., January 6th, 1917, 11 o'clock, a. m.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Jones, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker declared there was no quorum and on motion of Mr. Jones adjournment was taken until Monday, January 8th, 12 m.

Dover, Del., January 8th, 1917, 12 o'clock, N.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Boyce reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Connelly:

RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House appoint a Committee of five to serve with a like Committee of the Senate to arrange for the inauguration of the Governor-elect.

Messrs. Connelly, McNabb, Culver, Buckingham, Messick, were appointed.

Resolution offered by Mr. Connelly:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Speaker be and is hereby authorized to appoint four members of the House, who with the Speaker shall constitute a committee on Rules for the House, and be it further resolved That the Rules of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly be the Temporary rules until the said Committee on Rules shall have prepared and presented their report and permanent Rules shall have been adopted:

The Speaker appointed the following Committee:

Mr. Connelly, Mr. Culver, Mr. Downward and Mr. Messick.

Jesse M. Wainwright, Bill Clerk and T. Roseby McMullin, Sergeant-at-Arms, were sworn in.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Bill Clerk in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware according to the best of my ability.

JESSE M. WAINWRIGHT.

Bill Clerk.

Sworn and subscribed to this third day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

HERVEY P. HALL,

Speaker of the House.

State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware according to the best of my ability.

T. ROSEBY McMULLEN,

Sergeant-at-Arms.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this third day of January, A. D. 1917.

HERVEY P. HALL,

Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Jones, House recessed until 2 P. M.

Same day—2 o'clock, P. M. House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Daly offered:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Clerk of the House be and is hereby instructed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is duly and regularly organized

for the sessions of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly and has elected Hervey P. Hall, Speaker, and Wm. H. Poore, Clerk, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Daly above resolution was adopted.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir, I as President of the Senate will appear in the Hall of the House of Representatives, attended by the Senate, on Tuesday next, January 9, 1917, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to open and publish the returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November last, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State in that behalf.

COLLEN FERGUSON,

President of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the above resolution was adopted.

Mr. Connelly moved that the rules used by the Ninety-fifth General Assembly be adopted for the Ninety-sixth General Assembly.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, House adjourned until January 9th, 10:30 A. M.

Dover, Del., January 9th, 1917, 11:15 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, McNabb, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Jr., Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

Thirty-five members present.

The following House Resolution was offered by Mr. Connelly:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Speaker be and is hereby authorized to appoint a Clerk that shall serve at the discretion of the Speaker and perform such duties as he may direct.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, the above Resolution was adopted.

The President of the Senate accompanied by its members were admitted. The President presided over the Joint Session.

The temporary Secretary of the Senate called the Roll and all members were present except Senator Hickman.

Mr. Gormley moved the Clerks of each House compare their Journals.

Motion prevailed.

The comparison was made and found correct.

On motion of Senator Hollett the Joint Session was dissolved.

On motion of Mr. Connelly 500 copies of the Rules were ordered printed.

House Resolution offered by Mr. Welch:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Speaker, Chairman of Revised Statutes and Chairman of Appropriations, be authorized and are hereby directed to constitute a committee to arrange for the employment of stenographers and typewriters for the House, and the said committee shall have supervision over such employees during the present session.

Mr. Welch on motion for leave introduced the following House Resolution:

Relative to the employment of stenographers and securing typewriters for the present session. which on his motion was read.

Mr. Welch moved the adoption of the resolution.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the House?"

A vote was taken.

On motion of Mr. Welch the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Ahern, Downward, Lewis, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, —6.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the resolution, having received the required majority, was declared adopted.

Amendment to Mr. Welch's Resolution presented by Mr. Downward:

Be it Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Speaker, Chairman of the Committee on Revised Statutes and the Chairman of the Committee on Passed Bills, together with two members of the minority of the House, be authorized and are

hereby directed to constitute a Committee to arrange for the employment of stenographers and typewriters, for the House, and the said committee shall have supervision over such employees during the present session, and be it further Resolved that the State Librarian be and is hereby directed to furnish the said employees upon order from said Committee from the State supplies now on hand such supplies as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced the following Amendment to House Resolution:

Relative to the employment of Stenographers and securing typewriters for the present session, which on his motion was read.

Mr. Downward moved the adoption of the Amendment.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the House?"

A vote was taken.

On motion of Mr. Downward, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ahern, Buckingham, Burris, Cross, Downward, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Kersey, Lewis, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Webster,—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyce, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Jones, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—19.

So the question was decided in the negative and the Amendment not having received the required majority, was declared lost.

Mr. Downward offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the printing of Bills—all or a part as deemed advisable.

On a rising vote the resolution was lost.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the House recessed until 2 P. M.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Ellison House recessed for 15 minutes.

House met at expiration of recess.

The Speaker named the following Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

ACCOUNTS

Messrs. Killen, Chairman; Collins, Tindal, Loose, Webster, Kersey, Cross.

AGRICULTURAL

Messrs. Boyce, Chairman; Ellison, Tarburton, Marvel, Buckingham, Peet, Messick.

APPROPRIATIONS

Messrs. Jones, Chairman; Welch, Hall, H. P., Culver, Prettyman, Hutchison, Hall, D. C.

CHARITIES

Messrs. Loose, Chairman; Green, Gruwell, Daly, Gregg, Pritchett, Cross.

CLAIMS

Messrs. Connelly, Chairman; McNabb, Chipman, Swain, Rash, Downward, Ahern.

CORPORATIONS—MUNICIPAL

Messrs. McNabb, Chairman; Chipman, Connelly, Swain, Downward, Rash, Ahern.

CORPORATIONS—PRIVATE

Messrs. Welch, Chairman; Hall, H. P., Culver, Jones, Hall, D. C., Hutchinson, Prettyman.

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENT

Messrs. Killen, Chairman; Collins, Tindal, Loose, Gregg, Kersey, Webster.

EDUCATION

Messrs. Boyce, Chairman; Ellison, Tindal, Killen, Peet, Messick, Burris.

ELECTIONS

Messrs. Green, Chairman; Loose, Daly, Marvel, Gregg, Cross, Pritchett.

FEDERAL RELATIONS

Messrs. Gruwell, Chairman; Daly, Green, Loose, Pritchett, Lewis, Cross.

FISH AND OYSTERS

Messrs. Tarburton, Chairman; Ellison, Marvel, Boyce, Buckingham, Peet, Messick.

GAME

Messrs. Ellison, Chairman; Tarburton, Boyce, Marvel, Messick, Buckingham, Peet.

INSURANCE AND BANKING

Messrs. Daly, Chairman; Culver, Boyce, Tindall, Burris, Buckingham, Peet.

IMMIGRATION

Messrs. Gruwell, Chairman; Green, Loose, Collins, Gregg, Kersey, Webster.

JUDICIARY

Messrs. Collins, Killen, Tindal, Green, Lewis, Kersey, Webster.

LABOR

Messrs. Chipman, Chairman; Connelly, McNabb, Swain, Ahern, Downward, Rash.

MANUFACTURERS AND COMMERCE

Messrs. Connelly, Chairman; McNabb, Swain, Chipman, Rash, Downward, Ahern.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Messrs. Tindal, Chairman; Killen, Collins, Tarburton, Lewis, Kersey, Webster.

MISCELLANEOUS

Messrs. Culver, Chairman; Welch, Jones, Hall, H. P., Hutchison, Hall, D. C., Prettyman.

PASSED BILLS

Messrs. Culver, Chairman; Hall, H. P., Welch, Jones, Hutchison, Hall, D. C., Prettyman.

PRINTING

Messrs. Daly, Chairman; Ellison, Killen, Hall, H. P., Buckingham, Burris, Prettyman.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Messrs. Tindal, Chairman; Collins, Killen, Marvel, Gregg, Kersey, Webster.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Messrs. Swain, Chairman; Connelly, Chipman, McNabb, Ahern, Downward, Rash.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Messrs. Marvel, Chairman; Boyce, Ellison, Tarburton, Burris, Peet, Messick.

PUBLIC LANDS

Messrs. Collins, Chairman; Tindal, Killen, Gruwell, Webster, Kersey, Lewis.

REVENUE AND TAXATION

Messrs. McNabb, Chairman; Connelly, Chipman, Swain, Ahern, Downward, Rash.

REVISED STATUTES

Messrs. Welch, Chairman; Jones, Culver, Hall, H. P., Prettyman, Hall, D. C., Hutchison.

RULES

Messrs. Hall, H. P., Chairman; Connelly, Culver, Downward, Messick.

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

Messrs. Tarburton, Chairman; Collins, Killen, Tindal, Webster, Kersey, Lewis.

TEMPERANCE

Messrs. Loose, Chairman; Killen, Green, Daly, Hutchison, Pritchett, Cross.

In Journal of January 9th, 1917:

RULES OF ORDER

Rule 1. The House of Representatives shall meet every day (Sunday excepted) at 12 o'clock noon unless otherwise ordered.

Rule 2. Every day, before the House proceeds to other business, the Clerk of the House shall call the names of the members in alphabetical order and shall read the journal of the preceding legislative day, which may then be corrected by the House.

Rule 3. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, a majority of all the members elected to the House shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

Rule 4. The daily order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling of House to Order.
2. Prayer by Chaplain.
3. Calling of Roll.
4. Reading of Journal.
5. Communications from the Speaker and Presentation of Petitions and Memorials.
6. Reports from Standing Committees in regular order.
7. Reports from special committees in order of appointment.
8. Introduction of new business by districts and first and second readings of bills and resolutions when required by rules.
9. Business on the Calendar.
10. Miscellaneous.

DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER

Rule 5. He shall take the presiding officer's chair at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned and call the members to order, when he will have the Chaplain offer prayer and the Clerk call the roll and, if a constitutional quorum be present, the daily order of business shall be proceeded with.

Rule 6 He shall have general direction of the House Chamber and shall preserve order and decorum. In debate he shall prevent personal reflection and confine the members to the question under discussion. No member shall have the floor except when recognized by the Speaker.

Rule 7. He shall decide all questions of order or may submit the question to the House. An appeal from his decision may be made by any member, if properly seconded, but no debate shall be allowed thereon until appeal is taken.

Rule 8. He may name a member to perform the duties of presiding officer but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment, except when the Speaker obtains leave of

absence, in which case he may depute a member as Speaker pro tempore during such leave, which leave shall not exceed five days.

Rule 9. He shall sign all bills and resolutions requiring the signature of the Speaker in the presence of the House, after their titles shall have been publicly read immediately before signing, and the fact of the signing shall be entered upon the journal; all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by the House shall be signed by him and attested by the Clerk.

Rule 10. He shall determine the principal object of a bill or joint resolution and assign such bill or joint resolution to a committee to which such subject matter is appropriate.

Rule 11. He shall appoint all special committees unless otherwise ordered by the House.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 12. Every member shall be in his seat at the hour to which the House shall have been adjourned but any member desiring to be absent from a session may be excused by the presiding officer.

Rule 13. A member shall not be permitted to make a motion or address the Speaker unless such member be at his own desk and when about to communicate any matter to the House or to speak in debate, he shall rise and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker" confining his remarks to the subject before the House and avoiding personal reflections. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the House.

Rule 14. No member nor any other person shall be permitted to walk out or across the House while the Speaker is putting the question or addressing the House; nor in such case or when a member is speaking shall entertain private discourse; nor while a member is speaking pass between him and the presiding officer.

Rule 15. A member transgressing the rules of the House in debate shall be called to order by the Speaker or by any member through the Speaker; the member so called to order shall im-

mediately take his seat, unless permitted by the House to explain; the House, shall, if appealed to, decide on the case without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the Speaker shall be submitted to, and if the case requires it, the member so called to order shall be liable to the censure of the House.

Rule 16. A member shall not be interrupted when speaking, except to a call to order by the Speaker, or by a member through the Speaker, or by a member to explain (or by a motion for the previous question or to adjourn); nor shall any member be referred to by name in debate, unless for transgression of the rules of the House and then by the Speaker only.

COMMITTEES.

Rule 17. The standing committees of the House, consisting of seven members each, to be appointed by the Speaker and to continue during the session shall be as follows:

- A Committee on Accounts.
- A Committee on Agriculture.
- A Committee on Appropriations.
- A Committee on Charities.
- A Committee on Claims.
- A Committee on Corporations—Municipal.
- A Committee on Corporations—Private.
- A Committee on Crimes and Punishments.
- A Committee on Education.
- A Committee on Elections.
- A Committee on Federal Relations.
- A Committee on Fish and Oysters.
- A Committee on Game.
- A Committee on Immigration.
- A Committee on Insurance and Banking.

- A Committee on Judiciary.
- A Committee on Labor.
- A Committee on Manufacturers and Commerce.
- A Committee on Military Affairs.
- A Committee on Miscellaneous.
- A Committee on Passed Bills.
- A Committee on Printing.
- A Committee on Public Buildings.
- A Committee on Public Health.
- A Committee on Public Highways.
- A Committee on Public Lands.
- A Committee on Revenue and Taxation.
- A Committee on Revised Statutes.
- A Committee on Stationery and Supplies.
- A Committee on Temperance.

Rule 18. Committee meetings shall be held as far as possible when the House is not in session and committee meetings shall not be held while the House is in session without the consent of the Speaker.

Rule 19. Committee reports shall be printed, written or type written and, if so desired, the minority of a committee may make a report.

Rule 20. The Committee of the Whole shall proceed under the rules of the House as far as the same may be applicable.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Rule 21. Every bill and resolution shall be introduced by motion for leave, by order of the House or by report of a committee.

Rule 22. Every bill and resolution, to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly may be necessary,

shall be introduced in duplicate, one copy of which shall be marked duplicate and at all times shall be under the general supervision of the Bill Clerk of the House. Until its passage by the House, the original copy of every bill and resolution shall at all times remain in the custody of the Chairman of the committee to which it was referred or the Clerk of the House. All bills and resolutions shall be either printed or type written and backed and no erasures or interlineations shall be allowed.

Rule 23. Every bill and joint resolution, except as to style or form, shall receive three separate readings; the first and second reading shall be had on the same day, the second reading to be by title only.

Rule 24. A bill or joint resolution shall not be passed upon the same day it has been reported to the House by the committee having charge of such bill or resolution, nor in absence of the member who introduced the same without his written consent.

Rule 25. Any resolution carrying an appropriation or disposal of public moneys shall not be passed by the House on the same day that it shall have been introduced and read.

Rule 26. Every bill and resolution may be amended at any time before final action is taken, and in the substitution of a bill or resolution after it has been referred to a committee, the original bill or resolution shall receive its third reading before any action is taken on the substitute, if so requested by the member who introduced the original bill or resolution.

Rule 27. Every bill or joint resolution which shall have been in committee for a period of ten days or more, shall upon the request of eighteen members of the House, in writing, be reported to the House for a decision as to its further disposal.

Rule 28. Every bill and resolution, to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly may be necessary, shall upon its passage in the House be certified to by the Clerk of the House and the date of the passage of the same noted at the foot on the backing thereof. Said bill or resolution shall then be delivered by the Clerk as soon as possible into the custody of the Bill Clerk who shall attach a proper parchment backing to the same and initial, seal or stamp each and every page of each bill or resolution and immediately return the same to the Clerk of the House.

MOTIONS

Rule 29. Every motion, except to adjourn, shall be entered on the Journal with the name of the mover, and any motion, if so desired by the mover, and consented to by the seconder, may be withdrawn before amendment or decision thereon and the proceedings in relation to the same shall be expunged from the Journal.

Rule 30. Every motion, except for leave to introduce a bill or resolution or for reading of the same, the daily adjournment of the House or to refer or postpone any subject, shall, if required by the Speaker, or requested by any member, be reduced to writing by the mover, or may be type-written as the mover may prefer.

Rule 31. Every motion, if seconded, shall be repeated by the Speaker or presiding officer before debate or discussion thereon; and, if there has been any debate or discussion, the motion shall again be repeated distinctly by the Speaker or presiding officer before putting the question in the following form: "As many as are in favor of the question, say Aye," and, after the affirmative is expressed, "As many as are opposed, say No."

Rule 32. Every motion shall be decided in a fair and impartial manner by the Speaker or presiding officer, and the vote of a majority of the members present and voting shall prevail, unless contrary to these rules or in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution. The Speaker or presiding officer, if necessary for a fair decision, may cause, or any member may call for, a division, and the members voting in the affirmative shall be required to rise, and after the Clerk has counted and noted those so voting, the question shall be reversed. Excepting when provided by the Constitution, the yeas and nays shall be taken, only on motion that the names of those so voting be entered on the Journal.

Rule 33. Every motion to adjourn shall be in order (unless such motion has just immediately been decided, or the House is voting on another question) and shall be decided without debate.

Rule 34. The only motions, except as otherwise provided,

that shall be permitted to interrupt the business regularly before the House, are as follows:

A motion to amend, commit or postpone.

A motion to lay on the table.

A motion for the previous question.

Rule 35. A motion for the previous question shall not be entertained except at the request of five members rising for that purpose and shall be determined without debate; but, when the previous question has been called and sustained, it shall not cut off any pending amendment. The vote shall be taken without debate, first on the amendments in their order and then on the main question.

Rule 36. A motion for the reconsideration of a question which has been decided shall be made and seconded by a member who voted with the majority on the original question; and no motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made on the same day or one of the three next succeeding days of actual session of the House thereafter. In the application of this rule the word "majority" shall be construed to mean the number of votes that were sufficient to prevail in the decision of the original question.

CALENDAR

Rule 37. The Clerk of the House shall keep a calendar of business on which shall be placed the number and subject of all bills and resolutions referred to committee and the name of the introducer thereof; and, if reported from committee, the action of the committee thereon. Said bills and resolutions shall be kept on the calendars until final action is taken thereon and such as lie over and other matters undisposed of shall be placed in the order in which they are presented and a printed copy of the calendar of both Houses placed on the desk of each member at the opening of the morning session.

Rule 38. The business on the calendar shall be taken up at the hour of two o'clock on each day of the session and disposed of in the order in which it stands thereon, excepting that the unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment of the previous session shall have the preference

or unless there be an order of the day, and if so, as soon thereafter as the order of the day shall be disposed of. A vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required to take up any matter out of its order on the calendar or to make any matter the order of the day for a particular time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rule 39. Messages from the House shall be conveyed by the Clerk or a member, as the Speaker may direct, and when messages are conveyed to the House by a messenger from the Governor or by a member of the State Senate, the members of the House shall rise. Messages to the House shall not be received while the House is voting on a question or a member is speaking.

Rule 40. Before any petition or memorial addressed to the House shall be presented, a brief statement of the contents shall be made by the introducer, and upon motion shall be received at the Clerk's table and read; unless the reference is objected to by a member at the time the petition or memorial is read, it shall be referred without further motion.

Rule 41. The rules of the House shall not be changed or suspended except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, but in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules, the rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the House; and where the rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Roberts' Rules of Order are not applicable, the rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Jefferson's Manuel shall govern in so far as they may be applicable and not inconsistent with these rules.

The above rules are respectfully herewith submitted.

H. P. HALL,
Chairman.
WM. M. CONNELLY,
S. N. CULVER,
H. C. DOWNWARD,
COULTER MESSICK.

Adopted January 9, 1917.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss.

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Five Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-six votes were given for Lewis E. Eliason, for Lieutenant Governor; Five Thousand, Eighty votes were given for George M. Fisher for Lieutenant Governor; One Thousand, Thirteen votes were given for Jefferson Cooper for Lieutenant Governor; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Forty-one Hundred and Fifty-five votes were given for Lewis E. Eliason for Lieutenant Governor; Thirty-three Hundred and Eighty-four votes were given for George M. Fisher for Lieutenant Governor; Five Hundred and One votes were given for Jefferson Cooper for Lieutenant Governor; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount

of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware. Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-four votes were given for Lewis E. Eliason for Lieutenant Governor; Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-one votes were given for George M. Fisher for Lieutenant Governor; Nine Hundred, Seventy-five votes were given for Jefferson Cooper for Lieutenant Governor; Four Hundred, Eighty-eight votes were given for C. Barclay Spicer, for Lieutenant Governor; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be

hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Sussex County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Sussex County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-seven votes were given for James H. Hughes for Governor; Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-eight votes were given for John G. Townsend, Jr., for Governor; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Thomas Bayard Heisel and Henry C. Conrad, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1916.

T. B. HEISEL,

Associate Judge.

HENRY C. CONRAD,

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of

our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, for Kent County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Forty-one Hundred and Seventy votes were given for James H. Hughes for Governor; Thirty-eight Hundred and Thirty-nine votes were given for John G. Townsend, Jr., for Governor; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the county, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, Charles M. Curtis and William H. Boyce, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

CHAS. M. CURTIS,

Chancellor.

WM. H. BOYCE;

Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, New Castle County, ss:

Be it remembered, That at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Six votes were given for James H. Hughes for Governor; Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-seven votes were given for John G. Townsend, Jr., for Governor; Four Hundred and Ninety votes were given for Frank A. Houck for Governor; which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted for in all the hundreds and election districts of the County, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

In testimony whereof, We, James Pennewill and Herbert L. Rice, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in New Castle

County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said County, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said County on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES PENNEWILL,

Chief Justice.

HERBERT L. RICE,

Resident Associate Judge.

On motion of Mr. Killen, House adjourned until 12 o'clock, Jan. 10th.

Dover, Del., January 10th, 1917, 12 o'clock, M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchinson, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—34 members present.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Resolutions passed at the Mass Meeting held at the Majestic Theatre, Wilmington, by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage:

January 7, 1917.

WHEREAS, One half the citizens of the State of Delaware, although they fulfill all the obligations of citizenship, obey the laws, pay the taxes, are denied the right to self government, and

WHEREAS, The right to equal suffrage has been included in the National platforms of all the National parties in 1916, and

WHEREAS, The National platforms were unanimously endorsed by both our Republican and Democratic national delegates, and again unanimously re-indorsed in our State Conventions,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the sense of this mass meeting held in Wilmington, Delaware at the Majestic Theatre on January 7th, is that the members of the present legislature are bound by honor of their respective party pledges to support the amendment to enfranchise women, which is to be submitted at this session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the

House with the request that they be read and spread upon the minutes.

FLORENCE BAYARD HILLES

January 7, 1917, Wilmington.

Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Connelly duly seconded above communication was filed.

January 10, 1917.

To the President and Members of the Senate:

The House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly respectfully invites the President and members of the Senate to meet with the House in Representative Hall, at 1.30 p. m., Thursday, January 11th, to hear read the biennial message to the General Assembly of Governor Charles R. Miller.

HERVEY P. HALL,

Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Connelly duly seconded the above invitation was extended.

The Speaker appointed Herman C. Taylor to the position of Speaker's Clerk.

The Speaker administered the following oath to Mr. Taylor.:

FORM OF OATH

The State of Delaware, Kent County, ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Speaker's Secretary in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, according to the best of my ability.

HERMAN C. TAYLOR.

Sworn and subscribed to this 10th day of January, A. D. 1917, before me,

HERVEY P. HALL,

Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, House adjourned until tomorrow, January 11, 1917, at 12 o'clock, N.

Dover, Del., January 11, 1917, 12 o'clock, M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—35 members present.

On motion of Mr. Jones, reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Downward, H. B. No. 1 entitled: An Amendment to article 2, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware pertaining to the Legislature was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on the whole.

On motion of Mr. Connelly House Bill No. 1 was referred to the Committee of the whole.

Speaker appointed Mr. Connelly chairman of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, House Bill No. 1 was referred back to Mr. Downward. Motion prevailed. On motion of Mr. Boyce which prevailed the Committee of the whole was dissolved.

On motion of Mr. Rash, House recessed until 1.30 P. M. sharp.

The House reconvened at the expiration of recess.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Boyce, Mr. Culver and Mr. Burris as a committee to meet a like committee from the Senate,

consisting of Senators Wharton and Barnard to escort the Governor to the Speaker's desk, where he read his biennial message:

The following is the message:

TO THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

In compliance with the provision of the Constitution, which provides that the Governor shall give to the General Assembly information concerning the affairs of the State, together with such recommendations as he shall deem expedient, I submit you the following message:

In order that you may render a full measure of service to the people of the State, who sent you here, your actions should be open and free from partisan and political prejudice. The Public have a right to be informed as to the character of the legislation you may have under consideration; therefore, you should accord the representative of the Press every facility for obtaining correct information concerning the subjects upon which you propose to legislate.

THE BUDGET

It had been my intention to prepare and present for your consideration and approval at this session, a budget system for receipts and expenditures.

To establish a system of this character it is necessary that we have a uniform and established basis of taxation. Finding our methods of assessment and taxation chaotic and archaic and not possessing any features of uniformity, any attempt at this time to inaugurate a budget system would be a waste of time and effort.

The State of Maryland at the last Session of the Legislature, amended the State Constitution and established what has come to be known as the "Executive Budget." In general, under this system, the whole responsibility is placed upon the Governor and he is held accountable for all expenditures. This would appear to be a reasonable and sensible method of regulating State Expenditures.

By the time our next General Assembly convenes Maryland will have tried out this system and possibly we may be in a

better position to adopt to advantage the same, or some similar, character of legislation.

UNIFORM REVENUE COMMISSION

Believing that the Revenue Income of the State derived from present sources is liable to eventually suffer material reduction, thereby seriously affecting the financial requirements of the State, it would appear both advisable and prudent not to postpone the acquirement of knowledge and information on this important subject until the necessity arises.

To obviate such a condition, some specific plan or system of taxation should be prepared to be submitted to the General Assembly whenever the financial requirements of the State demand such legislation.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that the Governor be authorized to appoint a non-partisan commission, consisting of at least five representative citizens of the State, whose duty it shall be to take up the careful study and deliberate consideration of this question and report the result of their investigation to the next session of the General Assembly.

In the interest of efficiency, I further recommend that this Commission be made permanent, that the term of service of each member shall expire every two years in regular succession, and that in appointing the members of the first Commission the Governor shall designate the period for which each shall serve; namely, two, four, six, eight and ten years, thus insuring at all times a Commission, every member of which shall possess intimate personal knowledge concerning the various phases of the subjects which have been before the Commission for consideration.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

If not present, the time is not far distant when Delaware will be required to follow the example of many other States and place upon her Statute Books a workmen's compensation law.

This legislation should provide adequate compensation to workmen injured in the course of their employment without imposing unjust and unfair burdens upon the employer.

It should be framed in language which will admit of such easy interpretation so as to render remote the possibility of vexatious litigation, or of difficulties arising over its interpretation and application.

EDUCATION

One of the most important problems to which you should direct your careful attention at this session will be that of determining by what method we shall improve our present system of public education. The first of these problems is the solution of the question of financial resources.

Under the existing laws, the School Tax System does not yield its proportionate share of local support for the schools. The State is contributing nearly one-half of the revenue and, in many districts, much more than half.

Should the School Tax System be changed to render subject to school tax all values subject to County taxes, the entire assessment of every school district in the State would be increased four or five fold, then the school tax rate could be lowered. When this rate is lowered the taxpayers under the present system will have less taxes to pay, the owners of real estate will have their share of school taxes to pay, and the present school districts throughout the State will secure about double the amount which they at present receive.

The justification for this change is that it will distribute the payment of taxes among the people in accordance with their ability to pay. Therefore, such legislation should be enacted as will enable the retention of the best features of the present system.

I cannot impress upon you too strongly the necessity of increasing the County School Superintendent's salaries. Their duties and labors have increased each year. The cost of living has not only increased but multiplied, but their salaries still remain at \$1200 per year, an amount ridiculously small for the service rendered. Notwithstanding the discouraging features this condition has visited upon these officials, they have faithfully and conscientiously performed their duty.

Thousands of foreigners without education, many unable to speak our language, working in industrial plants, receive much

higher wages than our County School Superintendents receive in salaries, yet the latter are charged with the education of your boy and your girl. It is not fair to your children, the School Superintendent, or your State. I know of no other State where like conditions exist, and I trust you will remedy this wrong, which has been permitted to continue far beyond the limit of justice, by promptly and willingly voting each of these officials an increase of \$800, which will make their salaries \$2000 per year, an income still below the average paid for like services in other States.

It is important that you should authorize a system of health inspection of the school children. Unhealthy children cannot do good work in the schools. Improve the health of the children and you will have better school conditions, better children, and better citizens.

Most States have adopted a costly system of medical inspection of school children. It is proposed to inaugurate an economical system, requiring a small expenditure, which is believed will result in greatly improving the physical and mental condition of the school children.

When this subject is presented I trust you will not hesitate to vote the necessary funds and authority to enable the adoption of the system.

Intimately related to the health of the children is the necessity of devoting more attention to the proper heating and ventilating of school buildings. Unsanitary heating and ventilating conditions, whereby the health of many children of tender age is permanently impaired, should not be permitted to continue in this day and generation.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The State Board of Education will present to you certain proposals, which they desire you to enact into laws. The members of the Board have made a diligent and careful study of all school matters. What they may propose will be for the advancement and the improvement of your children, so that when these children grow to manhood and womanhood they will be the source of greater pleasure and happiness to you who are their parents.

I counsel you not to become prejudiced in advance against legislation which the Board may present for your consideration. Neither permit yourselves to be influenced by what others may say who have not read the bills, but rather first seek information from those familiar with their provisions.

Have the members of the Board explain to you all features of their proposed legislation—keeping constantly in your minds the fact, that they have no personal interests to serve in asking you for new legislation other than to assist your children to prepare themselves to become better men and better women than it is possible for them to become under the operation of the present school laws. The members of the State Board are better informed concerning these matters than you or I, and you should encourage them by enacting legislation which will enable them to effectively perform the duties for which they were appointed.

The changes now sought must come some day. Therefore, cast aside all selfish interests and make these changes at this session, and, if after a fair trial, they are found not to be beneficial they can be repealed by a subsequent General Assembly. It is impossible to determine the effect of any measure until it is tried out in the practical field of experience.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

The various school laws now on the Statute, which define the powers and duties of our school officials, are in the main, good, but the provisions which provide for their enforcement are unique and unsystematic and should be revised and codified so that the legislative, judicial and executive powers may be kept separate, and the powers and duties of the officials clearly defined. This object can be attained and the entire school system placed upon a higher plane of efficiency by making the Commissioner of Education and the County Superintendents executive officers, and delegating to the State Board of Education and the County Commissioners the legislative, advisory and judicial powers.

Under the present laws the defined powers of the Commissioner are too restricted and the powers of the State Board too broad, while, as between the County School Commissions the reverse holds true; namely, the powers of the Commissions are too restricted and those of the Superintendents too broad. If

you will employ the legal members of the State Board, who are familiar with this whole matter, to prepare amendments to and alterations of the present laws and then pass such legislation as they may propose, you will strengthen and render more effective the entire State Educational system of your State.

INSTRUCTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN

During the past few years our foreign born population has been increasing with great rapidity, until now there are thousands of these people residing in our State, especially in the City of Wilmington and districts adjacent thereto. A large number of these have already been naturalized, and, from time to time, many others will have conferred upon them the right of franchise.

The 1910 census credits Delaware with 17,420 foreign born white, equivalent to more than 10 per cent of our total white population. While a recent Government survey locates 4000 foreign born illiterates in the City of Wilmington, and 5000 foreigners who cannot speak the English language.

When we consider that a naturalized citizen enjoys the same privileges and assumes the same obligations as our native born citizen, the necessity for educating these people becomes forcibly apparent, for clothed with the right of franchise, this class of citizens is a menace to our Democratic institutions. The children of such parents have the opportunity to become acquainted with our American life and customs through the medium of the Public Schools, but the adults are denied this privilege by reason of their age and the necessity of working to support those dependent upon them. This latter class can only be reached through the night schools, and, as there are no Public Schools of this character in our State, it is impossible to extend any educational advantages to these adult foreigners. The records of the Bureau of Naturalization at Washington disclose the fact that the State of Delaware is the only State in the Union which does not furnish this character of instruction to its foreign born population.

In the early part of 1916, through private individual subscription, some night schools were conducted in Wilmington for a few months, and over 500 adult foreigners attended these schools. This emphasizes the necessity of doing something for

these people. As there is no law which will permit the school authorities to expend any of their funds for this purpose, and the need seems imperative, I suggest that the sum of \$3000.00 be appropriated for the conducting of night schools, to be divided under the direction of the proper school authorities, as circumstances demand, between the City of Wilmington and the New Castle district. This sum, it has been ascertained, will be sufficient at this time to produce effective results.

DELAWARE COLLEGE

The past two years have witnessed a great change in the physical condition of this Institution. Through the generous contributions of an interested donor, a complete modernization of the old buildings is now being made and new ones are under construction. Sufficient land has been acquired to provide for future extensions, which will make Delaware College one of the most efficient of the smaller colleges of our Country.

The titles to all of this property, including that of the Women's Affiliated College, are now vested in the State of Delaware in fee simple and constitute a most valuable asset. Upon the occasion of your official visit of inspection to both the Delaware and Women's Affiliated College, I recommend that you avail yourselves of that opportunity to become intelligently acquainted with the needs and requirements of these institutions.

During the past two years both Colleges have been operated under a separate Budget System, through the medium of which the Executives, Members of the Faculty and Board of Trustees are made familiar with every item of receipts and expenditures, and by this system the operation of the two Institutions have been kept within the limit of the expenditures prescribed by the budget.

WOMEN'S AFFILIATED COLLEGE

The development of this Institution has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its most enthusiastic advocates. Already the facilities are found to be inadequate to meet the needs and requirements of the students at present in attendance.

There are now 109 students attending the Women's College. Of this number 90 are from Delaware and the indications are that there will be an increasing number enrolled from our State. The

above results show that the advantages offered by this Institution are appreciated by the people of our State. When the construction of the College was authorized, accommodations were provided for fifty students. Thus, you will see that in less than three years the expected enrollment has practically been doubled.

A new dormitory for the accommodation of the young women has become a pressing necessity, and this you should provide. A long time bond issue with a small yearly sinking fund provision will enable you to supply this requirement without materially affecting the general fund of the State.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

I presume many of you are not familiar with the valuable service this Commission is rendering to hundreds of our people throughout the State, who reside in districts far removed from towns and villages, and would have no opportunity to procure books and other literature were it not for the periodical visit of the State Library Commission Book Wagon.

This Commission maintains more than 100 small collections of books known as "Traveling Libraries," which it loans to villages, towns, clubs, granges, lodges, day schools and Sunday schools, and other association of citizens who will agree to be responsible for the books, and who will consent to allow others who reside in their vicinity to read them. It has book wagons which deliver books from house to house through the country districts. In Sussex County there are five routes, covering over 150 miles. In Kent County six routes, which cover about the same mileage. In New Castle County three routes, covering some 75 miles, or a total of 375 miles in the three Counties.

In 1916 these wagons visited 550 households and loaned 11,832 books to individuals, who otherwise would have had no opportunity to obtain reading matter. The men and women who comprise the membership of this Commission contribute liberally of their time to carry forward this work, which is performed in an economical and efficient manner. No expenditure of State money confers greater benefit upon the people of the State than that which you appropriate to the State Library Commission.

COLORED COLLEGE

The affairs of this Institution are in charge of a competent Board of Trustees, composed of representative men of the State, all of whom take an active interest in the management.

Some changes and adjustments have been made in the course of study, with the view of increasing the efficiency of the academic features of the College.

The differences which have existed for sometime past between the Trustees and the National Government over the application of Government funds have all been satisfactorily adjusted.

MOTOR VEHICLES

The continual increase in the number of motor vehicles operated upon the public highways of our State require the amending of present laws and the adoption of additional laws, which will provide every reasonable safeguard for the protection of the traveling public.

A most dangerous, as well as annoying feature of night driving, is the headlight glare. The prevailing opinion in other States favors a standard requiring headlight rays to be 42 inches from the ground at a point 75 feet in front of the car. The same hold to the belief that the spot-light should be so regulated so as to prohibit the rays from it extending beyond the left of the center of the road and limited to 25 feet in advance of the car, and that its use be restricted to the right side of the car. That every kind and character of motor propelled vehicle (including trucks, vans, etc., but excepting motor cycles), be required to be equipped with front fender lights and that a single center light be prohibited.

MIRRORS

All motor vehicles with fixed top, or top raised should be equipped with a mirror so attached, that the operator can see at all times any one approaching from the rear.

LIGHTS ON VEHICLES

Traffic and travel upon the Public Highways has increased to an extent that it has become a necessity for safeguarding life

and property that all vehicles using the highways of the State should carry a light or lights after nightfall. This is a form of protection which prevents the automobilist from colliding with horses and carriages and other like vehicles and the passage of such a law should be not longer postponed.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The stealing of motor vehicles has become such a frequent and serious offense that I recommend the passage of a law, the provisions of which, if enforced, will tend to diminish and minimize this class of crime.

COUNTY CONSTABLES

In lieu of the increased number of automobiles being operated upon the public highways of our State which has multiplied the violations of the motor vehicle statutes, a law should be enacted, making it a misdemeanor, with forfeiture of office, for a County Constable to receive money from parties for alleged violation of the motor vehicle laws, until after a hearing has been had before a Judge or Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in such matters.

Motor vehicle drivers who are required under the law to exhibit an operator's license, when so requested by the proper officials should at the discretion of the court be given an opportunity to produce their operator's license before being fined—such license however to antedate the date of apprehension.

DEALER'S CLASS

To more equitably adjust the conditions of this class of licensees, it is suggested that the rate for the first set of dealer's license be fixed at \$10 and for each additional license, five dollars per set; and in addition every dealer shall be required to take out at least two sets of licenses. All dealers should be required to specifically designate the location of their place of business.

I suggest that the present law be amended to the effect, that for any license granted after September first in any one year, the fee shall be one-half that charged for the previous eight months of the year.

RECIPROCITY

I suggest that you amend the present law so as to make the reciprocal courtesies exchanged between the States uniform.

For upon the faithful maintenance of the reciprocity features of the various State Laws depends the comfort and convenience of the citizens of your State in interstate travel.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVE STOCK SANITARY BOARD

The supervision of all diseases affecting farm crops, fruits, vegetables and grains, and the inspection of seeds offered for sale come under the immediate control of this Board, requiring inspections to be made of orchards and nurseries, for the supervision of diseases and insect pests. There has been no general or serious epidemic of insect pests or plant disease during the years 1915-1916, with the exception of the blight affecting the pear and the apple trees, which has been quite prevalent. In this connection many orchards were inspected and the United States Department of Agriculture sent a special agent to the State to explain to the orchardists the nature of the disease, and the necessary measures to prevent its spread. Annual inspection of nurseries has been made in order that certificates of inspection might be issued, permitting the shipment of plants to the farms in Delaware and other States.

The Board designated its Secretary as Director of Farmers' Institutes, in order that these meetings throughout the State might be conducted under the direction and supervision of the State Board. Both the results obtained, and the numbers in attendance have been gratifying. In 1915 institutes of the entire State were held on twenty-three days of fifty-seven sessions, with 7744 in attendance, the cost of which was \$1000. In 1916 institutes were confined to Kent and Sussex Counties. Thirty-eight institutes were held of one hundred and eleven sessions with 16,187 in attendance, at a cost of \$1300. Quarterly bulletins, which furnish a summary of the methods pursued by successful farmers, expressed in plain and popular language, have been issued by the Board. These differ from the bulletins issued from the Experiment Stations, in that the latter give the results of agricultural research.

LIVE STOCK SANITARY BOARD

If it were not for the usual prevalence of the Hog Cholera, the years 1915-1916 would be conspicuous for the absence of contagious disease among the live stock of the State.

The restrictive measures exercised by the Board and the giving of what is termed the double serum treatment in 1916 have been productive of good results. A large number of hogs in Central New Castle, and through Kent and upper Sussex Counties have been inoculated and comparatively few have died following the treatment.

Anthrax has occurred on a few farms. To completely eradicate this disease appears difficult. However, the preventive treatment given in the Spring of the year to practically all the horses, cattle and sheep in the infected districts of the State seems to have almost entirely suppressed the disease.

Having attended regularly the stated and special meetings of these Boards, I am impressed with the diligent and faithful manner with which the Secretary and individual members have labored for the agricultural and animal interests.

In view of the serious epidemic of hoof and mouth disease in 1914, when the Live Stock Sanitary Board was without funds to combat the epidemic, I again recommend that you confer upon the Governor, State Treasurer, and Secretary of State, authority to provide funds to meet such necessities as may arise between the session of the General Assembly.

EPIDEMIC AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The present rapid facilities for travel furnished by the railroad and the automobile, together with the increase in our population, augment each year the dangers incident to the spread of infectious epidemics.

In the year 1914 the Hoof and Mouth Disease swept over the entire Eastern portion of our Country, and found the authorities of this State without funds at their disposal with which to combat the malady. Had it not been for financial assistance advanced from a private source, the entire farming interests in our State would have been subjected to great inconvenience and financial loss.

The past year "Anterior Polio Myelitis," commonly known as "Infantile Paralysis," became prevalent throughout the Eastern and Middle Atlantic States. Quarantines were established in all these districts. In Delaware there were 79 cases, of which number 32 were fatal.

The State Board of Health, through the approval of the Governor, have authority to expend up to \$3000 to combat diseases of this and similar character. \$2997.21 of this amount was expended in the "Infantile Paralysis" quarantine and the Board was enabled to keep within the \$3000 limit only by reason of an arrangement with the Pennsylvania State Board of Health, whereby the two States divided the cost of the guards employed upon the border line, otherwise, we should have been obliged to seek private financial assistance to protect the health of our citizens.

To permit any such conditions to continue longer will be grave reflection upon the Legislative Branch of our State Government and should be corrected at once by the present General Assembly.

Therefore, I cannot urge upon you too strongly the enactment of legislation whereby the Governor, State Treasurer, and Secretary of State be constituted a permanent commission with authority to provide such sum or sums of money as may be required in the future to enable the various State Boards charged with the protection of the lives and property of our citizens to promptly and properly perform the functions for which they have been created.

TUBERCULOSIS COMMISSION

The present law requires the Tuberculosis Commission to expend its appropriations in maintaining indigent tubercular patients in sanitoriums and for the support of dispensaries throughout the State.

These provisions are restrictive and mandatory. Much better results would be accomplished if the law permitted the Commission to introduce some educational work by furnishing instruction to patients in their homes.

An amendment, giving this Commission more discretionary powers will make both their efforts and the expenditure of the appropriations more effective.

The appropriation for the Colored Tuberculosis Hospitals should be increased. With a reasonable addition, the results from the present amount appropriated could be more than doubled.

EXPERIMENT STATION AND FARM

The Agricultural Experiment Station at Delaware College has attained a high standard of efficiency. The value of this station to the farming interests is manifested by the large attendance at the Annual Farmers' Day, from our own and adjacent States. Noteworthy contributions are being continually made to the welfare of the farmers of our State.

Through the activity of the agronomist, the growing of alfalfa has been greatly increased. The growth of this important forage plant is reflected in the improved condition of our farms and our livestock. Results obtained at the Farm demonstrate that peaches can be grown in Delaware as successfully and profitably as at any time in the past.

Special study is being made of the diseases peculiar to the sweet potato. A solution of the storage problem of this most important crop is receiving studious attention. In both of these subjects we have the co-operation of the United States Government and most encouraging results, which will be made public, have been obtained.

Two years ago the General Assembly accepted the provisions of the Federal Smith-Lever Act and appropriated funds to match those appropriated by the National Government. This legislation was intended to enlarge the scope of agricultural work in the various States. Through this service, agents are abroad in this State to furnish expert suggestions to the farmers on crop productions, feeding, pruning, spraying, etc. It is supported at public expense and is free to all citizens. Therefore, the individual farmer should not hesitate to embrace the splendid opportunities which this extension department offers.

In concluding this subject, it may be interesting for you to know that at the present time sixty-five students are pursuing the Agricultural course at Delaware College.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENT FARM

Because of the difference between the soils and climatic conditions of the Northern and Southern portions of the State, I suggest that it might be appropriate for you to consider the advisability of acquiring a property in Sussex County, upon which experiments could be conducted, with those crops which are almost exclusively raised in the lower section of the State, to which, for the reasons above stated, the results of experiments conducted at the Newark station cannot be applied.

This should be strictly a crop experimental farm, conducted with a view of benefiting the farmer in the lower part of the State and not with the idea or intention of interfering in any way with the broader or more diversified features of the Experiment Station Farm at Newark.

The location of such a property is a matter which should receive fair and careful consideration; soil conditions, benefit to be derived by the greatest number, and accessibility are all questions of supreme importance.

OYSTER PATROL BOAT

The General Assembly in 1915 authorized the Governor to appoint two persons to serve with him as a Commission to procure a suitable watch boat for the Oyster Revenue Service and appropriated Seven Thousand Dollars for this purpose.

After determining that to repair the old boat would serve only as a temporary expedient, plans and specifications were prepared for a new boat and bids for its construction invited.

These proposals were received and the Essington Shipbuilding Company of Essington, Pennsylvania, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract.

The new boat is yacht design, 70 feet long, 20 feet 3 inches beam, 5 foot draught. The hull is constructed of best quality

Chester County white oak; super structure white pine and cedar; sails 22 oz. Woodbury duck canvas.

The cost complete was \$6868.15.

The 36 horse power engine in old boat was transferred to the new boat. The old boat was offered at public vendue at Essington and bid up to \$725 and withdrawn, the bid being considered too low. It was afterwards sold at private sale for the sum of \$850 cash at Essington.

PATROL BOAT CREW

The wages of the Patrol Boat crew should be increased, as they are now much below the normal wage paid for like service.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

In order to procure the best ability for the office of Justice of the Peace, the number should be reduced so that only one shall be appointed in any town, except in the City of Wilmington, and those towns divided by county lines.

At present, where two are serving the revenues are reduced to such an extent that there is no inducement for a capable man to seek or accept the office.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY-GENERALS

The salaries of these officials in Kent and Sussex Counties is Five Hundred (\$500.00) a year, a compensation so low that no one qualified to discharge the duties of the office seeks the appointment, consequently these places are generally filled by a lawyer, who accepts the office as a personal favor to the attorney-general, with serious detriment to his individual practice.

There are some eighty odd thousand people in these two counties, and the official charged with the conduct of the criminal business arising from communities comprising this number of people should be better paid.

SURETY BONDS

The practice of permitting public officials to furnish individual bondsmen is a relic of antique business methods and, in the

past, has frequently been the cause of large sums of money being misappropriated and eventually lost.

Therefore, I recommend that progressive legislation be passed, which shall require State, County, Municipal, and all other public officers of every character, charged with the collection, custody and control of public funds, to furnish corporate surety bonds as, under the present law, there are many instances where public officials have at times in their possession sums of money and securities far in excess of the amount for which they are bonded.

I further recommend that legislation be enacted which shall compel such officials to furnish a bond sufficient to cover the largest amount which may be at any one time in their possession.

ADDITION TO STATE HOUSE

A pressing need exists for more room in the State House. The Board of Education and the State Commissioner have no permanent quarters nor place to keep the department records and property. The State Board of Health is compelled to keep all its valuable statistics and property in the house of the Secretary at Wilmington, and the State Library Commission is inadequately domiciled in two rooms in the County Court House.

The last General Assembly recognizing this undesirable condition of affairs directed the purchase of the Nicholson property adjoining the Capitol grounds on the South, but the effort was unsuccessful.

The State House Commission, after considering these matters, suggest that a one story addition (similar to the Library section) be made at the rear of the Senate wing. They have had prepared an outline plan and obtained tentative figures for such an addition as in their opinion will provide for these departments and such others as the future requirements may demand.

STATE COMPTROLLER

The State Auditor, under the laws which apply to the conduct of his office, is but little more than verifier of accounts.

This office should be raised to the dignity of that of Comp-

troller and the incumbent clothed with the power and authority exercised by such an officer.

Vesting him with this enlarged power, which will afford him a better opportunity to protect the interests of the State, should not require any additional salary.

STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

This Institution, located at Farnhurst, was created by the Legislature to care for the insane. It is a State institution and the State is specifically charged with its maintenance and support. The average daily population the past two years was 498, maintained at a cost of \$198,000. There is at present in this account a deficit of \$13,000. This deficit covers a period of four years and results from the fact that the 1915 General Assembly overlooked the previous two years' deficit and failed to appropriate funds to cover it.

You should understand that the number of inmates varies from time to time and the Trustees cannot determine two years in advance the number for which they will be required to provide. It has always been the custom of the Trustees to state to the General Assembly the exact amount needed for ensuing two years, which sum is based upon the number in the Institution at the time the appropriation is passed, and as this number varies there is generally a deficit, to cover which the General Assembly has always made an appropriation at the beginning of each session.

Approximately \$34,000 was received from pay patients, a larger sum than usual because several doubtful accounts were collected. \$25,000 is the sum estimated to be received from pay patients during the next two years. 515 patients is the estimate for the ensuing two years, assuming the cost per capita to be 55 cents per day (based on present wages and food prices) which will require \$206,772. Deducting the \$25,000 estimated receipts from pay patients, you have \$181,772, the exact sum which will have to be appropriated for the next two years maintenance.

These details are presented to give you the information you should possess since few members of the General Assembly read the reports submitted by the Trustees and, therefore, never obtain the knowledge you should have regarding the Institution.

You can readily understand that a large institution of this character suffers damage unless repairs and upkeep are looked after. For this purpose the Trustees will request an appropriation of \$5000. Considering the size and character of the buildings and the neglect to provide for this item in the past, the amount desired seems reasonable.

The overcrowded and resulting unsanitary conditions assumed such a serious aspect in 1914 that the General Assembly in 1915 authorized a bond issue of \$60,000, bearing 4 per cent interest, the proceeds to be applied to the construction of an additional building. At this low rate of interest the bonds could not be sold in the open market. They were finally disposed of in small blocks to individual investors. While these transactions were being consummated wages and material prices advanced with such rapidity that the contract price of the building increased over 25 per cent. The congested condition was such that the Trustees were compelled to proceed immediately with the erection of the new addition at the advanced figures.

Some plan should be adopted to issue additional bonds to provide for this excess cost. I recommend the immediate appointment by the Senate and the House of a small committee, who shall visit Farnhurst and confer with the Trustees upon matters affecting the efficiency and welfare of the Institution.

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

This subject presents a complex problem and constitutes a social menace of the most serious character, which must be considered and solved.

Neglected for years, the natural propensity of this class of defectives to propagate their kind, has been so long unrestrained that, if this condition is permitted to continue, it will be practically impossible to provide adequate means for the care and repression of this class of individuals.

The National Government, attracted by conditions in our State, has for the past two years been conducting an investigation of this subject, the results of which will be presented to you by a Commission composed of representative men and women, who

were appointed by the Governor to co-operate with the United States authorities.

I recommend that you give attentive consideration to the information which may be presented to you concerning this subject by the above mentioned Commission.

PLACED OUT CHILDREN

From carefully prepared statistics, furnished by request, from the United States authorities, I present to you the fact that there are 1087 placed-out children in Delaware. Of this number 660 have been sent here from other States, 315 are Delaware children, and 112 previous domicile undefined.

In placing this information before you, I deem it my duty to advise you that this State makes no provision for State supervision of placed-out children—either for Delaware children or those coming from other States. There is no law upon our Statute Books to prevent the importation of defective children into the State, for looking after the welfare of placed-out children, nor for protecting the communities against the burden of caring for such placed-out children as may become public dependents.

Some of these children are defective, diseased and feeble-minded. Many come from New York and other congested centers. Illegitimacy, unfit parents, dependent conditions and incorrigibility constitute the majority of causes for placing out these children.

Many States have enacted stringent laws to protect their communities against this dangerous practice, in most instances requiring the filing of a bond, ranging in amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000, against the indenturing adoption, or otherwise placing out, of children in homes within the State, who possess the above enumerated disabilities. Since Delaware offers no such restrictions, it has become a common practice for persons, corporations, associations and institutions in other States to place all kind and character of children in the rural homes of our State. Individual cases of unbelievable nature could be cited, but I believe enough information has been furnished to arouse the better sentiment of the people of the State to immediate action.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the present session you will probably be requested to consider matters affecting—

THE DELAWARE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

THE FERRIS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, and

THE JUVENILE COURT OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Each of these Institutions is exerting a potential influence over the social questions lying within its particular field of operation, and their presentments should receive your attentive consideration.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

There is a strong feeling throughout the State that the Direct Primary Election does not fulfil the object intended to be obtained by the enactment of this law.

The purpose and intention of this law was to confer upon the electorate a greater and more direct influence in the selection of party candidates for office by the people. Experience appears to have demonstrated that a considerable majority of the voters of the State neglect to avail themselves of this privilege.

Therefore, it might be considered advisable to inquire whether the best interests of the body politic are being conserved by the retention of this law upon our Statute Books.

POWER OF REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNOR

ARTICLE III, SECTION 9, of the State Constitution imposes upon the Governor the duty of appointing certain officials, while SECTION 13 of the Constitution withholds from him the power to remove any official except by and with the approval of two-thirds of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly.

Proceeding upon the theory that the above power of appointment makes the Executive responsible for the manner in which the appointees shall conduct themselves while in office, we find in practice, under SECTION 13, that it is impossible for the

Governor even to assume any such responsibility. Because, after an appointee has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties, the sessions of the General Assembly being biennial, he may neglect to perform those duties and even commit malfeasance in office and the Governor can neither compel a proper observance of his duty, nor remove him from office, without convening the General Assembly in special session, a procedure requiring a greater expenditure of money than the importance of any office in this State would warrant.

The power of removal by the Executive, acts as a restraint upon his appointees who may prove negligent or unfaithful, and exerts even a greater influence upon their efficiency than the power of appointment.

I regret to state that instances have occurred during the present administration in which the Governor would have been justified in removing the incumbent from office. Experience satisfies me that there can be no reasonable guarantee that appointive officials will faithfully and honestly perform their duties unless the Governor is vested with the power of removal, and no matter how desirous a Governor may be to recognize full responsibility for his acts, he cannot serve the best interests of the people of the State under the present operation of the organic law.

Should you conclude to amend the Constitution so that the Governor shall have the power of removal, the amendment should contain a provision which will prevent this power from being exercised for political or personal reasons. The right could be reserved to the official whose removal is desired to appeal to the Court to determine whether the action of the Executive was warranted.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

The National Guard of your State is at present in the Federal Service.

On June 18, 1916, the President of the United States called upon the authorities of this State to furnish two battalions of Infantry at war strength, approximately twelve hundred officers and men.

In compliance with this call, the National Guard, as recognized by the War Department, was mobilized at the State Rifle Range near New Castle and every effort made to recruit the Companies to war strength, but in this effort the military authorities were unsuccessful. Final muster into the United States service was completed July 12th and upon July 25th the troops departed for Deming, New Mexico, at which place they have since been stationed.

It is gratifying to report to you that the officers and men of the organization have faithfully discharged all duties allotted them and are entitled to credit. I, therefore, urge you to accord the National Guard the same liberal support bestowed upon it by your predecessors.

The National Defense Act, approved June 3, 1916, virtually federalizes the National Guard of all the States. This action upon the part of Congress will require that changes be made to effect conformity by this State with National requirements.

I, therefore, recommend that the Governor be authorized to make such changes from time to time as in his judgment may be necessary to properly establish conformity by this State with the National Military Law.

STATE ARMORIES

It has been the aim of the Military Authorities in building State Armories to limit the expenditures as nearly as possible to the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars. With this amount in mind the General Assembly of 1915 authorized the erection of a State Armory at New Castle for the use of the Company located at that place. For this purpose Mrs. Willard Saulsbury donated to the State of Delaware a desirable plot of ground located in the town of New Castle, the deed having been executed and delivered to the proper authorities. Plans and specifications were prepared and approved by the State Armory Commission and bids for the construction invited. Upon the opening of these bids, it was found, owing to the great increase in the cost of labor and materials during the past two years, impossible to erect the building within the amount appropriated, although a reduction in the size and plans had been made, with the expectation of overcoming the advance cost of these two factors.

I recommend that this appropriation be increased by the addition of Four Thousand Dollars. Should there be a decrease in the cost of labor and materials, only so much of the appropriation as may be necessary to construct the buildings will be expended.

The members of Company H located at New Castle have proven themselves to be a credit to the Organized Militia of your State and entitled to be provided with an armory.

The companies located in the City of Wilmington are greatly in need of a new armory as the one now in use there is old and dilapidated and no longer suitable for military purposes. Endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce of the City, a movement has recently been started to provide these Companies with a building suitable to their needs and requirements.

DEPARTMENTS AND REPORTS

Good order and conditions prevail in all departments of your State Government.

Frequent consultations with the several officials satisfies me that the heads of the various branches have been attentive to their duties and have faithfully and honestly discharged the responsibilities with which they were charged, and their successors in office should find no reasonable cause for complaint.

By referring to the reports filed by the officials of the State, which are transmitted with this message, you can obtain information concerning the details of their departments.

FEES

I recommend that all elective State officials be placed upon a flat salary basis and that all fees now paid to said officials shall accrue to the State and be paid in to the General Fund through the State Treasurer.

This Legislation will not become effective during the term of the present incumbents since ARTICLE 15, SECTION 4 of the Constitution prohibits the diminishing the salary or emoluments of any public official after his election or appointment.

FINANCES

At the close of 1914 the outgoing State Treasurer left unpaid bills which should have been paid during his term, amounting to \$56,848.80. This condition arose from causes entirely beyond his control.

The General Assembly authorized the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer to borrow up to \$50,000 to cover necessities in case the revenues were insufficient to meet the requirements. It did not become necessary to exercise this privilege as all obligations were fully discharged and the fiscal year ends with a substantial cash balance.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The printed estimate of receipts and disbursements, which the Governor was directed—by an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly—to furnish you, has been prepared and is herewith submitted with this message.

REPRIEVES, PARDONS AND REMISSIONS

In compliance with ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1, of the Constitution, I herewith transmit you a report of all pardons, reprieves and remissions granted by me during the past two years, and my reasons for such action.

CONCLUSION

As my term of office is about to expire, I wish to express my deep sense of appreciation for the cordial support and co-operation given me by those members of this Session with whom I have been associated here in the past, and I can bequeath to my successor no better legacy than the hope that his association with you and those who will follow you may be as profitable and as pleasant as mine has been with your predecessors.

CHARLES R. MILLER,

Governor.

Dover, Delaware, January the second, Nineteen hundred and seventeen.

On motion of Senator Gormley and duly seconded, which prevailed, a rising vote of thanks was given to Governor Miller.

On motion of Senator Gormley the joint conference separated.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the House adjourned until tomorrow, January 12, 1917, 12 o'clock, M.

Dover, Del., Jan. 12, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Mr. Jones, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker declaring there was no quorum, adjournment was taken until Saturday morning, January 13, 1917, at 12 o'clock. Noon.

Dover, Del., January 13, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Jones, Tarburton. Mr. Jones, Acting Speaker, declaring no quorum present, adjournment was taken until Monday, January 15, 1917, at 12 noon.

Dover, Del., January 15, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—33 members present.

Motion by Mr. Boyce, reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Offered by Mr. Cross:

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, That the Senate be requested to meet with them, in joint session, Tuesday, January 16th, 1917, at 11.30 o'clock, a. m. for the purpose of attending the inauguration of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Cross, the above resolution was adopted.

STATE OF DELAWARE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

To the Ninety-sixth General Assembly:

In pursuance of the authority vested in the Governor by the provisions of the Constitution I submit to you the following suggestions in addition to the recommendations contained in my annual message:

With the object of increasing the filing space in the vaults of the office of the Secretary of State and promoting the operating

facilities of that office I recommend that authority be given the Secretary of State to destroy all motor vehicle and operator applications for licenses on and after the first day of July following the year of issue.

I recommend a general examination of all charters now stowed in the vaults of the office of the Secretary of State and the filing and indexing of the same, in order that space may be economized and the labor of reference to these documents be simplified and decreased, unless some such authority is conferred it will not be long before an additional vault will be required for the use of this office. With the granting of this authority the present vault space will suffice for some years.

As it is difficult to determine a specific expense necessary to carry into effect these suggestions I recommend that the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer be authorized to employ a competent person to perform this work at a sum which in their judgment may appear reasonable and proper.

CHAS. R. MILLER,

Governor.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 2 entitled:

An amendment to Article 2, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, pertaining to the Legislature.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 3, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the education of foreign born adults, into the duties and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Downward, 100 copies of H. B. No. 2 were ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, Mr. Downward's motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Swain, House recessed until 2 P. M.

Same day 2 o'clock, P. M., House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Cross House recessed for 30 minutes.

House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Culver, The House adjourned until tomorrow, January 16th, 1917, 10.30 A. M.

Dover, Del., Jan. 16th, 1917, 10.45 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—33 members present.

On motion of Mr. Jones, reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Secretary of State being admitted, delivered a communication from the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, communication from the Governor was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, House recessed until 11.30 A. M.

Same day, 11.30 A. M., House met at expiration of recess.

JOINT SESSION

Meeting of the Senate and House in House Chamber.

Senator Newton moves that the Speaker of the House preside over joint session.

Senator Gormley moves the joint assembly proceed to the Opera House, to attend the Inaugural Ceremonies of Governor-elect Townsend.

Speaker of the House calls joint assembly to order.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Briggs.

Senator Walker moves the resolution convening the two Houses be read by the Clerk of the Senate, as follows:

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, that the Senate be requested to meet with them in joint session, Tuesday, January 16th, 1917, at 11.30 A. M., for the purpose of attending the inauguration of the Governor.

Administering oath to the Governor.

Inaugural Address by the Governor.

At the conclusion of the address of the Governor, Mr. Connelly of the House moves that the Journals of the two Houses be read and compared.

Pronouncing of benediction by Rev. Warren Burr.

Mr. Culver moves that the two Houses separate.

On motion of Mr. Daly adjournment was taken until tomorrow, January 17, 1917, 12 o'clock.

Dover, Del., January 17, 1917, 12 o'clock, M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—35 members present.

On motion of Mr. Boyce reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, House recessed until 2 P. M.

Same day, 2 o'clock P. M., House met at expiration of recess.

Resolution offered by Mr. Welsh:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, that James M. Tunnell, Esquire, is hereby selected, appointed and authorized to act and serve as the attorney and legal advisor, and also Robert G. Harman, Esquire, consulting and advisory attorney, for the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Welsh and duly seconded which prevailed, the above resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, adjournment was taken until tomorrow January 18th, 1917, 12 o'clock.

Dover, Del., January 18, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Jones, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Hall declared there being no quorum, adjournment was taken until tomorrow, Friday, January 19, 1917, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Dover, Del., January 19, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Jones, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker declaring there was no quorum present, adjournment was taken until tomorrow, January 20, 1917, 12 o'clock.

Dover, Del., January 20, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Jones, Tarburton. Mr. Jones Acting Speaker, declaring there was no quorum present, adjournment was taken until Monday, January 22, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon.

Dover, Del., January 22, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.—35 members present.

Motion by Ellison which prevailed, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Resolution by Mr. Welsh:

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives; that all lobbyists shall be compelled to wear the letter "L" in red, upon the lapel of the coat or upon left breast, while operating upon the floor of the House or the lobby thereof, during the 96th session of the Delaware Legislature.

Motion by Mr. Welsh and duly seconded that the above resolution be adopted.

Motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

Resolution by Mr. Welsh:

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the privilege of the floor be accorded to ex-members of the House of Representatives, members and ex-members of the Senate, the Governor and other State officers, Representatives in Congress, members of the Bar, women and representatives of the press, and that the Bar of the House of Representatives, during the sessions of the House of Representatives, shall be privileged to the members of the House of Representatives, members of the

Senate, the Governor, and other State officers, Representatives in Congress, and representatives of the press only, except on special motion when anyone may be accorded said privilege by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, upon motion of a member, at which time the length of duration of the privilege shall be stated in the motion.

Motion by Mr. Welsh and duly seconded that the above resolution be adopted. Motion prevailed and the resolution adopted.

Resolved by the House of Representatives that the Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and instructed to have an additional telephone booth placed in the Lobby, between the Senate Chambers and the House of Representatives, for the use of the House members.

Motion by Mr. McNabb and duly seconded that the above resolution be adopted.

Motion prevailed and the resolution adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Resolution by Mr. Swain:

Be it Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, that all lobbyists acting as such in the House of Representatives, or the lobby thereof, be compelled to file their names with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, together with the number and title of the Bill, for or against, which they are lobbying.

Motion by Mr. Swain and duly seconded the above resolution be adopted.

Motion prevailed and the resolution adopted.

January 17, 1917.

To the Speaker and Members of the House

Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Trustees, faculty and students of Delaware College and the Women's College of Delaware, I take pleasure

in inviting you most cordially to visit, at your convenience, these institutions during the present session, as in former years.

We shall all feel highly honored by your presence.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL C. MITCHELL.

Motion by Mr. Cross and duly seconded the above communication be adopted as read. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Ellison the House recessed until 2 o'clock P. M.

Same Day, 2 P. M.

House reconvened at the expiration of recess.

House Resolution offered by Mr. Welsh:

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives that the State Librarian is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the Attorneys, Chaplain, Stenographers and Clerks of the House of Representatives, from the State supplies now in his hands, supplies to the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars each.

Motion by Mr. Welsh and duly seconded that the above resolution be adopted. Motion prevailed and resolution adopted.

Mr. Cross on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 4 entitled:

An Act relating to the Liability of employers for injuries or Death sustained in the course of employment by their employees, Providing an Electric schedule of compensation for the accidental injury to, or death of employees—in certain cases and methods for the payment of the same. Establishing an Industrial Accident Board, Defining its powers, Regulating its proceedings and providing for a review of its awards.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Motion by Mr. Cross and duly seconded that there be 1000 copies printed of House Bill No. 4. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 5 entitled:

An Act to provide for the Health, Safety and Welfare of Children by regulating their employment under certain specified ages:

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 6 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relative to the regulation of the hours of employment of females.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. Downward, on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 7 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, pertaining to the Medical Council of Delaware and the qualifications of candidates desiring to become practitioners.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Mr. Downward, on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 8 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 27, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, pertaining to the Medical Council of Delaware and the granting of a certificate for a license to practice medicine and surgery.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Motion by Mr. Swain and duly seconded that there be 500 copies of House Bill No. 6 printed. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 9 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the assessment and Taxation of certain investments.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Motion by Mr. Buckingham duly seconded, to have 500 copies printed of House Bill No. 9. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 10 entitled:

An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, by striking out of said section all that part thereof which restricts the qualifications to vote at elections to male citizens.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 11 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware in relation to State Revenue, by striking out paragraph numbered 6 of section 124, Code Section 161 in relation to Inn or Tavern License.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Loose on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 12 entitled:

An Act to prohibit the shipment, transportation, delivery, ownership or possession, except as herein provided of intoxicating liquors in those portions of the State of Delaware where the sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited by law, providing for its en-

forcement and repealing all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the same.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Peet on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 13 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes of of the State of Delaware, making the property assessable for Free School purposes, the same as the property assessable for County purposes, and providing for the performance of certain official duties connected with the assessment of property for school purposes.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion by Mr. Peet and duly seconded to have 500 copies printed of House Bill No. 13. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Mr. Swain which prevailed to adjourn until tomorrow, January 23, 1917, at 12 o'clock.

Dover, Del., January 23, 1917, 12 o'clock Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—35 members present.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave, introduced H. B. No. 14 entitled:

An Act to Protect the Public Health and welfare by establishing certain Sanitary regulations for the protection of females employed in the State of Delaware in any mercantile, mechanical or manufacturing establishment, laundry, baking or printing establishment, dressmaking establishment, place of amusement, telephone or telegraph office or exchange, hotel, restaurant or office.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 15, entitled:

An Act Reducing a building restriction upon Certain Real Estate in the City of Wilmington.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 16, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the reorganization of the Levy Court of New Castle County.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statute.

Motion by Mr. Buckingham and duly seconded that there be 500 copies printed of House Bill No. 16. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Ahern on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 17, entitled:

An Act Authorizing the Mayor and Council of New Castle, to borrow Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of building or purchasing and furnishing a New School House for the Board of Public Education for the City of New Castle.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Ahern on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 18 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 54 Volume 15 of the Laws of Delaware as amended by increasing the amount that may be raised annually for the public Schools of New Castle.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Cross, the House recessed until 2 P. M.

Same day—2 P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 19 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to the killing of foxes in the State of Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Motion by Mr. Loose and duly seconded that 500 copies of House Bill No. 12 be printed. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 20, entitled:

An Act to Amend section 236, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being Chapter 199 of the same relating to licensing motor vehicles.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion by Mr. Buckingham and duly seconded that House Bill No. 16 be returned to him. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the House adjourned until tomorrow, January 24th, 1917, 12 o'clock M.

Dover, Del., January 24, 1917, 12 o'clock Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Ahern, Boyce, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—34 members present.

Motion by Mr. Ellison and duly seconded which prevailed, to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Connelly offered the following communication:

To the Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware:

Gentlemen:

A few bills have been presented to the House for the amendment or repeal of certain statutes by a method different from that set out in Chapter 157, 4906, Section 10, of the Revised Code of the State. It is highly important for the future usefulness and the ready and convenient reference of the said Code that the method therein prescribed be strictly followed. We would recommend that such bills as have been so introduced be returned to those presenting them for corrections in the manner as explained. The adoption of the resolution accompanying this letter, if the same meet with your approval, will take care of the future. We would suggest that no bills, or joint resolutions be received by the House unless the same first have been shown to the attorney for the House, or the Advisory Counsel for the House. We attach hereto verbatim copies of the said method for amending or repealing statutes as above explained, as the

same is contained in the Revised Code for the use of the Speaker and the members of the House.

Motion by Mr. Connelly and duly seconded which prevailed that the above Communication be filed.

Mr. Connelly offered the following resolution:

A Resolution Requiring All Bills or Joint Resolutions, Before they are Introduced in the House, to be Drawn in Accordance with the Method Prescribed by the Revised Code and be First Shown to the Attorneys for said House.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware:

First: That the House receive no bill or joint resolution for the amendment or repeal of statutes of the State unless the same be drawn in accordance with Chapter 157, 4906, Section 10, of the Revised Code of the State.

Second: That the House receive no bill or joint resolution unless the same shall first have been shown to either the Attorney for the House or the Advisory Counsel for the House.

Motion by Mr. Connelly and duly seconded, which prevailed the above resolution be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, The privilege of the floor was granted to Messrs Tunnell and Harman, Attorneys of the House to explain Mr. Connelly's resolution.

Mr. Connelly offered the following resolution:

Resolution Amending Rule 22, of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor, that Rule 22 be changed by striking the same out in toto and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Rule 22. Every Bill and resolution to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly may be necessary shall be introduced in quintuplicate, one copy of which shall be marked "Original," and at all times shall be and remain in the

custody of the Chariman of the Committee to which it was referred, or the Clerk of the House. One of the other four copies shall, at all times, be under the general supervision of the Bill Clerk of the House. The other three copies shall be placed in the custody of the Speaker of the House to do with as he may deem proper. All bills and resolutions shall be either printed or typewritten and backed and no erasures or interlineations shall be allowed."

Motion by Mr. Connelly and duly seconded the above resolution be adopted as read. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Ellison the House recessed until 2 P. M.

Same Day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 21 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 5, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by increasing the Contingent fund of the State Librarian.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Motion by Mr. Cross that the House recess until 2.45 P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same Day—2.45 P. M.

House reconvened at the expiration of recess.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced the following House Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

That the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such approved bills as are chargeable to the regular, usual and annual appropriations made by the General Assembly, which shall become due and payable between the date of the close of the fiscal year, ending January 11th, 1917, and the passage of the General Appropriation Bill.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Downward moved the adoption of the concurrent resolution and rules be suspended and given its third and final reading.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the House?"

A vote was taken.

On motion of Mr. Downward, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the concurrent resolution, having received the required majority was declared adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 1, entitled:

Providing for a committee for the reception of the Delaware troops on their return from the Mexican border.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

On motion of Mr. Rash, which prevailed, the House adjourned until tomorrow, January 25, 1917, 12 o'clock.

Dover, Del., January 25, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—34 members present.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Ellison on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 22, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 152, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, being an Act entitled An Act prescribing the fees for hunting and fishing licenses in the State of Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Fish and Game.

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 23, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating liquors within the State of Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 24, entitled:

An Act to Amend 2298 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the elections of County Superintendents of free schools.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 25, entitled:

An Act to increase the salaries of the Deputies Attorney General by amending Chapter 12, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by repealing 397, Section 9 and by substituting in lieu thereof a new section.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Gruwell on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 26, entitled:

An Act placing the jurisdiction in certain actions of trespass in Justice of Peace.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Rash the House recessed until 2 o'clock P. M.

Same Day—2 o'clock P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Tindall on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 27, entitled:

An Act to create and maintain a system of permanent record of free school pupils.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Tindall on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 28, entitled:

An Act to Provide for the giving of meritorious recognition and awards to all free schools, not having special powers by incorporation or consolidation, that attain a certain standard of excellence and efficiency.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Chipman on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 29, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 155, Volume 28, Laws of Delaware, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the town of Blades, by increasing the appropriation of the Levy Court of Sussex County for the use of Streets.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Culver on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 30, entitled:

An Act providing for an appointment of an additional Constable in Little Creek Hundred.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous.

Mr. Culver on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 31, entitled:

An Act to Amend an Act entitled, "An Act to Re-Incorporate the town of Delmar in Sussex County.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 32, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the licensing of peddlers of fish and oysters.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Fish and Oysters.

House Resolution offered by Mr. Downward:

A Resolution Concerning the Ventilation of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, on account of imperfect ventilation of the House of Representatives, the members are subjected to much discomfort, which may extend to the risk of their health, and

Whereas, provision has been made for ventilating said House, by the placing of windows in the lofts above the House Chamber, and to obtain said ventilation, it needs only that said windows be opened and closed at proper times therefor,

Be it Resolved, by the House of Representatives, that the Librarian be instructed to take the matter in charge, and see to it that the Janitor or person to whom the duty properly belongs attend to the matter.

The said windows should be opened during the noon recess, and after the adjournment of said House for the day.

The temperature in said House should be kept at about 70 degrees, never lower than 66 degrees, no higher than 74 degrees.

A thermometer or thermometers should be hung in the room of the House Chamber, in order that the House members may know the temperature of said room.

On motion of Mr. Downward and duly seconded to adopt the above resolution. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 33, entitled:

An Act requiring any Persons, Firms, Companies, or Corporations, engaged in the Business of Operating Street Railways in, on or along the Streets or Roads of the State of Delaware, to furnish seats to the Passengers riding in said Cars during certain hours of the day.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion Mr. Connelly, House Joint Resolution No. 1 was reconsidered. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Mr. Connelly the rules be suspended and the Resolution be given the third reading. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Connelly H. J. R. No. 1, entitled:

Providing for a Committee for the reception of the Delaware troops on their return from the Mexican border.

Was taken up for consideration and read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question "Shall the resolution pass the House"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—32.

NAYS—Mr. Gruwell.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the resolution having received the required constitutional majority, passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Welsh the House adjourned until tomorrow, January 26, 1917, 12 o'clock, M.

Dover, Del., Jan. 26, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Messick, McNabb, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Jr., Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—34 members present.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Boyce and duly seconded which prevailed, to read the following resolution received from the Senate.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring therein, that the President is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a committee of two on part of the Senate, and that a like committee of three be appointed by the Speaker of the House which committee is hereby instructed to notify the Governor that both Houses of the General Assembly are duly organized and ready to receive any communications he may send them; and the Secretary of the Senate is instructed to notify the House of Representatives of the adoption of this resolution, and the names of the Senators so appointed.

On motion of Mr. Jones and duly seconded the above resolution be adopted. Motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Daly, Mr. Welsh and Mr. Buckingham as the committee to notify the Governor that both houses of the General Assembly are duly organized and ready to receive any Communication he may send them.

Mr. McNabb, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 15, entitled:

An Act Reducing a Restriction upon Certain Real Estate in the City of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred H. B. No. 13, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, etc.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Cross, the House recessed until 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 34, entitled:

An Act Authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to dispose of certain property and make covenants in relation thereto.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee of the whole.

Motion by Mr. Downward and duly seconded which prevailed that bill No. 34 be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Mr. Rash and duly seconded which prevailed that Mr. Speaker act as the Chairman of the Whole.

Motion by Mr. Downward and duly seconded that the committee of the whole report House Bill, No. 34 be reported favorably and given the third reading. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Mr. Downward the Committee of the Whole be dissolved. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Speaker from the Committee of the Whole reported back with favorable recommendation H. B. No. 34, entitled:

An Act Authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to dispose of Certain Property and make certain Covenants in Relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. Downward that the rules be suspended, the bill just reported was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the House"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—34.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the bill having received the required constitutional majority, passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 35, entitled:

An Act Providing for the payment of Salaries of all employees of the City of Wilmington semi-monthly.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous.

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 36, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 42 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by giving additional power to the Collector of State Revenue as a Notary Public.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee.

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 37, entitled: