

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 231, entitled:

An Act Appropriating Ten Thousand Dollars to the State Board of Trustees of the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst for repairs.

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

The Speaker announced the signing of House Bill No. 7.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the State, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Joint Resolution No. 4:

Joint Resolution:

Appropriating Thirty-two Hundred Dollars to Pay for Additional help and Expenditures in the Office of The Secretary of State.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 232, entitled:

An Act Appropriating Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars and Eighty-two cents to the State Board of Trustees of the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst for the purpose of meeting the deficiency in the appropriation for the expenses of the State Board of Trustees of the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst for the past fiscal year.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 233, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Revised Code, relative to the Contingent Fund for the use of the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

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

On motion of Mr. Connelly, H. B. No. 15, entitled:

An Act reducing the building restriction upon certain real estate in the City of Wilmington.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—27.

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.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, House adjourned until tomorrow 10.30 A. M.

Dover, Del., February 16, 1917, 10.30 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, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32 members present.

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

On motion of Mr. Welsh the President Pro Tem presided over the Joint Session.

On motion of Mr. Speaker in consideration of this being the last day for new business that the time of hearing of H. B. No. 10 be until 12 Noon.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burris and duly seconded which prevailed, Mrs. Hilles was given the privilege of the floor.

On motion of Mr. Burris, Miss Anna McCue was given the privilege of the floor.

On motion of Mr. Burris, Joint Session dissolved.

To the Members of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware:

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of the City of Wilmington do earnestly urge your honorable body to grant the

right of Suffrage to the women of this our State, by passing the bill for their enfranchisement, known as An Act proposing an Amendment to Section 2 of Article 5 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.

Ellen Samworth, 1508 Lancaster Ave.

Margaret Wigglesworth Bacon, 1323 Maryland Ave., Wilmington, Del.

Rachel Smith Howland, 712 West St.

Marie T. Lockwood, 602 West.

Mary R. de Vou, 1311 Delaware Ave.

Martha J. Schofield, 24 S. Clayton St.

Mary R. Schaffer, 1506 Lancaster Ave.

Eliza E. Ross, 1506 Lancaster Ave.

Franc K. Foulk, 305 Rodney St.

Helen L. Hukill, 119 Fulton St.

Caroline C. Fogg, 816 Washington St.

Hugh G. Carter, 609 N. Franklin St.

F. T. Everson, 111 N. Connell St.

J. R. Farra, 1209 W. Second

Alice H. McSorley, 101 W. 23d St.

Mrs. L. C. Yingling, 221 N. Connell St.

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Lucy B. Lofland, 412 W. 23rd St.

Miss Anna R. Opdycke, 126 W. 20th St.

Anna L. Boddy, 1000 Adams St.

Lydia E. Cloward, 704 W. 20th St.

Kathryn E. Cloward, 906 Jefferson St.

Elizabeth F. Everson, 111 N. Connell St.

Cecil H. Grant, 620 V. Nan Buren St.

Helen J. Collins, 806 du Pont St.

Howard S. Collins, 806 du Pont St.

Mildred L. Denney, 820 Maryland Ave.

Mrs. Clarence E. Jones, 19 S. Clayton St.

Anna M. Cloward, 906 Jefferson St.  
 Alice E. Brown, 1617 Franklin St.  
 Harry M. Willis, 1010 W. 8th St.  
 Clarence E. Jones, 19 So. Clayton St.  
 M. W. Hurley, 1119 W. 6th St.  
 Florence B. Sharpe, 905 Adams St.  
 Anna T. Gatley, 1222 West St.  
 Mrs. O. H. Beardslee, 1400 Van Buren St.  
 Marion T. Gatley, 1222 West St.  
 Matilda May Holloway, 802 N. Franklin St.  
 Thomas P. Holloway, 802 N. Franklin St.  
 Laura M. Hall, 517 Delamore Place.  
 Fred Samworth, 517 Delamore Place.  
 Mrs. S. A. Scotten, 517 Delamore Place.  
 Mrs. Mary G. Haley, 821 Clayton St.  
 Florence S. Goff, 821 Clayton St.  
 Fred W. Samworth, 1319 W. 4th St.  
 Mrs. E. H. Samworth, 517 Delamore Place  
 C. L. Crew, 401 N. Rodney St.  
 Nellie H. Wyatt, 1619 Rodney St.  
 Lydia E. Roberts, 1621 W. 13th St.  
 Mrs. Miles Bortner, 516 Grant Ave.  
 Phebe Quinby, 800 West 9th St.  
 Sarah C. McMahon, 34 Rockford Rd.  
 Cecelia Friel, 817 E. 17th St.  
 Margaret Splan, 2105 Jefferson St.  
 Mary E. Kelly, 1701 Delaware Ave.  
 Florence M. Seward, 910 West 9th St.  
 Elizabeth Ellums, 910 W. 9th St.  
 Mary A. Seward, 910 W. 9th St.  
 Bedelia E. Healey, 203 N. Broome St.  
 Dan Sparks, 910 West 9th St.  
 Wm. R. Seward, 910 West 9th St.  
 Emily Lewis, 908 Maryland Ave.  
 Florence P. Samworth, 1508 Lancaster Ave.

Ernest W. Samworth, 1508 Lancaster Ave.  
Antonina Mackewici 1126 Beech St.  
Helena Marchlak 1124 Beech St.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, communication was accepted and filed.

On motion of Mr. Boyce that 500 copies of House Bill No. 295 be printed.

Rehoboth Beach, Del., February 15, 1917.

Hon. Wm. H. Welch, Representative of Dist. No. 5, Sussex Co., Delaware.

Honorable Sir:

At the regular meeting of The Home and School Association held January 19, 1917 at the Rehoboth Beach School, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, (1) The State Board of Education deems it wise to ask for legislation to

1. Re-construct the School Tax System of Delaware.
2. Re-apportion the Payment for non-resident pupils.

And Whereas, (2), this organization has considered these measures, therefore be it

Resolved (1), That this organization endorses and supports this proposed legislation;

(2) That it ask the Representative from this district to vote and to work for these measures so as to secure their enactment into law.

(3) That the officers of this Association transmit these Resolutions to our Representative as the expression of opinion of the majority of citizens and voters of this town.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. PALMER, President.

MRS. JOHN V. TRACEY, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, communication was accepted and filed.

On motion of Mr. Connelly and duly seconded that all bills presented today will be read only by title and first section of the bill. Motion prevailed.

Dover, Delaware, February 16, 1917.

To the Members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Trustees of The State College for Colored Students desires to extend to you a cordial invitation to be the guests of the Board at a luncheon to be served at the College on February 22nd.

Very respectfully yours,

W. C. JASON,

President.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, communications were accepted and filed.

Mr. Rash on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 234, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Code of Delaware, 1915 to enable the Governor to make such changes as may be necessary to conform with the Federal Statutes governing Military organization.

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

Mr. Cross on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 235, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware relative to the holding of Teacher's Institutes.

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

Mr. Cross on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 236, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 84 of the Revised Code by repealing 2985, Section 37 to 2988, Section 40, inclusive, thereof.

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. 237, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 188, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware by taking from the Street and Sewer Department all legislative powers and transferring them to the office of Building Inspector and Clerk of the Market.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 238, entitled:

An Act to repeal Chapter 122, Vol. 28, Laws of Delaware relating to compensation that the City Council of the City of Wilmington may have authority to allow the Board of Assessment, Revision and Appeals, for work that said Board may do in the future.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 239, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 120, Vol. 28, Laws of Delaware relating to the assessors and collectors of taxes for the City of Wilmington by allowing the present delinquent tax collectors until the 30th day of June A. D. 1918 in which to collect outstanding taxes.

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

Mr. Boyce on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 240, entitled:



An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code relating to the Roads and Bridges of New Castle County by requiring the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad Company to eliminate a certain grade crossing.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 241, entitled:

An Act in relation to the renewal of Charters of Corporations.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 242, entitled:

An Act providing for the Submission to the Vote of the Qualified Electors of that District of the State designated in Section 2, Article XIII, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware as "The remaining part of New Castle County" (and being that part of New Castle County now lying outside of the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington).

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

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 243, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware with reference to unfair discrimination in trade.

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

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 244, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Code of Delaware by providing for the licensing of engineers of portable steam boilers in the City of Wilmington in the State of Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by

title only, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corps.

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

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Same day, 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 245, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes of Delaware relative to the attendance of Teachers at Teachers' Institutes and fixing a minimum salary for teachers in the free schools payable monthly.

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

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 246, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent County to borrow \$750,000, to be expended for the permanent improvements of the public highways of Kent County.

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

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 247, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to salaries of certain County officials.

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

Mr. Downward offered:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

Be it Resolved by the House, the Senate Concurring therein that a Joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives be held in the House Chamber on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 10.30 o'clock A. M. for a hearing on House Bill No. 10.

Resolution adopted by Senate and House.

And returned the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Downward and duly seconded that H. C. R. No. 12 be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 248, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code by providing for the holding of all County or State Teachers' Institutes during the first week in September in each year.

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

Mr. Swain on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 249, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware with relation to deeds changed prior to January 1, 1915.

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

Mr. Swain on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 250, entitled:

An Act providing for the creating of a State Highway Department.

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

Mr. Swain on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 251, entitled:

An Act requiring any person, firm, company or corporation engaged in the business of operating a railroad in the State of

Delaware to construct underground passageways under its tracks in Kent County under certain conditions.

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

Mr. Prettyman on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 252, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 20 of the Revised Code providing for a license from the Insurance Commissioner for all Fraternal orders doing an insurance business in the State of Delaware and providing for the maintenance of a reserve by such Fraternal orders.

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

Mr. Prettyman on motion for leave introduced H. B. 253, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 20 with reference to State Banks and Trust Companies in the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 254, entitled:

An Act to entitle United School Districts No. 8, 12, 93, 153 and 160 of Milton in Sussex County to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$4,000, to be applied to outstanding bonds and mortgages.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 255, entitled:

An Act in relation to the renewal of charters of corporations.

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

Mr. Welsh, on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 256, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 65 of the Revised Code of Delaware being Corporations Laws of said State.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 257, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware providing for the equalization of taxes.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 258, entitled:

An Act providing for a County surveyor for Sussex County.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 259, entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in relation to registration of voters.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 260, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in relation to the Judiciary.

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

An Act proposing an Amendment to Section 2, of Article seven of the Constitution of the State of Delaware with relation to Pardons.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 261, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to Section 2, of Article Seven of the Constitution of the State of Delaware with relation to Pardons.

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

Mr. Rash on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 262, entitled:

An Act providing for the payment to owners of property, either real or personal, which is now used in any business licensed or permitted under the laws of this State, of compensation for loss by reason of any law prohibiting its further use for the present purposes, the damage to be measured by the differences in value of said prohibitory law.

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. 263, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 67, of the Revised Code, by Providing for a public wharf 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. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 264, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to the Time of sale of certain second hand personal property.

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. 265, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Levy Court of New Castle County to sell certain real estate situate in said county.

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

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 266, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the use of Bridges in New Castle County.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 267, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 44, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing an income tax.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 268, entitled:

An Act providing for registration of Titles to real estate in New Castle County.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 269, entitled:

An Act to encourage the building of Piers, Docks, and Terminal Facilities abutting on the Delaware or Christiana Rivers opposite or adjacent to 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. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 270, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Levy Court of New Castle County to borrow Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of erecting and constructing a bridge across the Christiana River in Wilmington, for the purpose of connecting Beach Street on the west side of said river with "D" street on the south side of said river, as a continuous thoroughfare for general public travel.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 271, entitled:

An Act making it unlawful for any electric light company or any other public service company or corporation doing business in the State of Delaware to charge for electric current or services, or both, not actually used.

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

Mr. Webster on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 272, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 71, of the Revised Code, with reference to bonding clerks of school districts.

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

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 273, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Secretary of State to procure a new press and seal of office.

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

Mr. Boyce on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 274, entitled:

An Act in relation to the use of money appropriated by the



United States of America for the improvement and encouragement of good roads.

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

Mr. Green on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 275, entitled:

An Act making it unlawful for an unmarried person to have sexual intercourse with a married person knowing such person to be married.

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

Mr. Ellison on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 276, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the construction of certain roads or streets in incorporated towns being kept up by the Levy Courts of the several counties.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 277, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 101 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to the New Castle County Workhouse.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 278, entitled:

An Act to amend Sections 68 and 69 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the deposit of certain County monies.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by

title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 279, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Deputy Recorder of Deeds, etc., of the State of Delaware, in and for Kent County, to revise, correct and index the Marriage, Birth and Death records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, etc., in and for Kent County, and State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 280, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 25, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in respect to the Board of Health of the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 281, entitled:

To amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code, with reference to Muskrats.

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

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 283, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to Section 1 of Article XIII of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in relation to the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquor.

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

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 283, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to Free Schools.

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

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 284, entitled:

An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to Marydel School, District Number 115, Kent County, to cover an insufficiency in the amount allowed to said district in the distribution of the State School Funds.

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

Mr. Daly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 285, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 142, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the removal from demised premises of Hay, Straw, Corn-husks, or Manure.

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

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 286, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to the Salary of the Deputy Sheriff of Kent County.

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

Mr. Swain on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 287, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 60 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to Female Employees in Kent and Sussex Counties.

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

Mr. Swain on motion for leave introduced H. N. No. 288, entitled:

An Act to amend An Act entitled "An Act to re-incorporate the town of Harrington" being Chapter 209 of Volume 24 of the Laws of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 230 of Volume 26 of the Laws of Delaware, by affixing the amounts that may be raised by Taxation.

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. 289, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 17, of the Revised Code, with reference to the election of deputies to the Attorney General.

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

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 290, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Volume 11, Laws of Delaware, relating to the sinking fund and City Debt of Wilmington.

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

Mr. Rash on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 291, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for a State Athletic Commission 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. Green on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 292, entitled:

An Act relating to the License of Auctioneers doing Business in the State of Delaware.

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. 293, entitled:

An Act regulating Trade 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. Cross on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 294, entitled:

An Act to provide for the maintenance, discipline and regulation of the Naval Militia of the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 295, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 21, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the employment of a State Milk Inspector and appropriating money to pay his salary and expenses, and the taking out of a license to produce and sell milk and cream.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 296, entitled:

An Act to Amend Sections 68 and 69 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the deposit of certain County monies.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 297, entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 11, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in relation to the Orphan's Court.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 298, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 57, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for four members of the department of Elections in the City of Wilmington instead of five.

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

Mr. Boyce on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 299, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to the Roads and Bridges in New Castle County, by requiring the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company to increase the clearance in height of a certain bridge.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 300, entitled:

An Act providing for a Court of Common Pleas for New Castle County and vesting it with Civil Jurisdiction up to five hundred dollars and conferring upon it some criminal jurisdiction.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 301, entitled:

An Act making it unlawful for brewers or Wholesale Liquor Dealers or anyone having any interest in Breweries of the Wholesale Liquor Business to own or have an interest in or lease any licensed tavern or saloon 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.

Mr. Pritchett on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 302, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to the Roads of the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 303, entitled:

An Act providing for the Protection of property along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, at the Town of Rehoboth, Sussex County, and the appropriation by the State of ten thousand dollars for that purpose.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 304, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Secretary of State to sell pamphlet copies of the General Corporation Laws.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 305 entitled:

An Act relative to the Publication of the General Corporation Laws.

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

Mr. Ellison on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 306, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 34, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, with reference to the fees of constables.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 307 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 207, Volume 17 Laws of Delaware, relating to the Boundaries of 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. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 308, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 73, Volume 20 Laws of Delaware, whereby the Mayor and Council of Wilmington is to pay premiums on bonds required to be given by certain officials.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 309, entitled:

An Act to Amend the Charter of "The Mayor and Council of Wilmington" (Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware), and all acts amendatory thereof, by, among other things, creating new offices and abolishing old offices, changing the present method of holding primary elections and by giving to the city of Wilmington general home rule powers.

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

On motion of Mr. Downward that 500 copies of H. B. No. 309 be printed.

Motion prevailed.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Concurrent Resolution:

Be it Resolved by the House, the Senate Concurring therein, that a Joint Session of the Senate and House of Representatives



be held in the House Chamber on Tuesday the 20th inst., at 10.30 o'clock A. M., for a hearing on House Bill No. 10.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 310, entitled:

An Act providing for assessment against abutting properties in the City of Wilmington of portions of the Whole of the value of street Roadway Pavements now in existence.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 311, entitled:

An Act to Amend an Act entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the City of Wilmington," passed at Dover, April 13, 1883, the same being Chapter 207, Volume 17 Laws of Delaware, and relating to the salaries of the members of the Council.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 312, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 153 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to offences against religion, morality and decency by defining adultery and making the same a misdemeanor.

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. 313, entitled:

An Act repealing the office of coal oil inspector for the City of Wilmington and making provisions as to the offices of Clerk of Council and Bailiff of Council for said City.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 314, entitled:

An Act providing for assessment against abutting properties in the City of Wilmington for improvement of street roadways.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 315, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the valuation and assessment of property.

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

On motion of Mr. Ellison, House recessed for half hour.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 316, entitled:

An Act to Amend Paragraph 3 of 161, Section 124, of Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the filing of a certificate with an application for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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

Mr. McNabb on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 317, entitled:

An Act to Amend Paragraph 2 of 165, Section 128, Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing additional penalties for the sale or purchase of intoxicating liquors.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by

title only, and referred to the Committee on Crimes and Punishments.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 318, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 57, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for a permanent registration Board 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. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 319, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, with relation to lights on automobiles.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 320, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing that no special constables shall be appointed, as provided for in 1405, Sec. 9, of the Revised Code, from 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. Loose on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 348, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Revised Code by regulating the sale of insecticides and fungicides.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 321, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 20 of the Revised Code of Delaware, 1915, in relation to the payment of Fire Insurance Premiums.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 322, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 65 Revised Code of Delaware.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 323, entitled:

An Act to increase the revenue of the State by the registration and taxation of midwives, non-registered nurses and persons who massage and manipulate the joints and muscles for compensation.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 324, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to the Valuation and Assessment of Property.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 325, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the County Treasurer and the Collection of Taxes.

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

Mr. Kersey on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 326, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 58 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to primary elections.

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

Mr. Chipman on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 237, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 76, Volume 28, Laws of Delaware, by providing that the Causeway between Seaford and Blades shall be kept in repair by the Levy Court of Sussex County

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 328, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware relative to Merchant's License.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 329, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware relating to license for Branch stores, Warehouses and Distributing departments doing business in this State.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 330, entitled:

An Act creating a Department for the collection and disposition of bottles for 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. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 331, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 75, of the Revised Code of Delaware, 1915, in relation to Fish, Oysters and Game.

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

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 332, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 20, of the Revised Code, with relation to companies doing Fire Insurance Business in this State.

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

On motion of Mr. Pritchett, H. B. No. 333, entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Article 15, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, in relation to the duties of coroners.

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

On motion of Mr. Pritchett, H. B. No. 334, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, in relation to the office of coroner.

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

On motion of Mr. Culver, H. B. No. 335, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 358 Volume 22, Laws of Delaware, by levying of taxes on Real Estate for school purposes on the real value rather than on the rental value in School Districts Nos. 163, 163½ of Sussex County, known as the Delmar Public Schools.

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

On motion of Mr. Jones, H. B. No. 336, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by Providing for an additional clerk for the Recorder of Kent County.

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

On motion of Mr. Connelly, H. B. No. 337, entitled:

An Act to further amend, "An Act to confer Banking Powers on the Liberty Trust Company, a Corporation of the State of Delaware," approved March 29, A. D. 1907.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, H. B. No. 338, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware in relation to the registration of motor vehicles. (Revised Statutes.)

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

On motion of Mr. Burris, H. B. No. 339, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915 in relation to the inheritance Tax, (Revised Statutes.)

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

On Motion of Mr. Burris, H. B. No. 340, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Code of Delaware in relation to the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, (Revised Statutes).

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

On motion of Mr. Downward H. B. No. 341, entitled:

An Act Repealing Chapter 588, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware, the same relating to the harbor commissioners of the City of Wilmington (Municipal Corporations.)

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

On motion of Mr. Downward, H. B. No. 342, entitled:

An Act Relating to the Harbor Commissioners of the City of Wilmington the same being Chapter 588, 17 Laws of Delaware.

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

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 343, entitled:

An Act to Amend Paragraph 871, Section 16, Chapter 28 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing further safeguards to the vending of certain articles included in the provisions of An Act of Congress Approved June 30, 1906.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 344, entitled:

An Act to Amend 234 Section 197 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware in relation to the fees to be paid for the registration of Motor Vehicles.

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

Mr. Ahern on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 345, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Revised Code of Delaware relating to 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 Statutes.

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 346, entitled:



An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware relating to legal holidays.

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

Mr. Prettyman on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 347, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code by providing for licensing additional occupations.

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

On motion of Mr. Swain and duly seconded House C. R. No. 13 be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 349, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 185, Volume 24, Laws of Delaware relating to the Police Pension Fund of 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. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 350, entitled:

An Act making it unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation engaged in the gas business in the State of Delaware or in any other public service business to refuse to furnish gas or any other public service to any building or room thereof until the bill or indebtedness of a prior delinquent or occupant of said building or room be first paid.

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

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 10, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the election laws.

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

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 11, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Education to have printed the school laws of the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 12, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the Constitution of the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Buckingham on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 13, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the General Corporation Law as amended.

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

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, House recessed for 15 minutes.

Motion prevailed.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 14, entitled:

A Joint Resolution providing for the Budget System in appropriations by the present General Assembly.

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

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 15, entitled:

A Joint resolution appointing directors for the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware for the Branch at Wilmington.

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

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 16, entitled:

A Joint Resolution appointing Directors on the part of the State for the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Georgetown.

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

Mr. Jones on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 17, entitled:

A Joint Resolution appointing Directors on the part of the State for the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, at Dover.

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

On motion of Mr. Welsh and duly seconded that all bills now under construction and in the hands of the House Attorneys or may be at 5 P. M. of this date shall be deemed to be introduced in this House, as of February 16, 1917.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Welsh and duly seconded that House reconsider his previous motion. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Kersery on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 18, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Auditor of Accounts of this State to provide the General Assembly with an Inventory of the school text books now in the hands of the Clerks and Commissioners of the various public school districts within this State outside of the City of Wilmington.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 19, entitled:

A Joint Resolution relative to the Master Plumbers Association and the Plumbers Supply Co.'s in the City of Wilmington in restraint of trade.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. J. R. No. 20, entitled:

A Joint Resolution Authorizing the Governor to appoint a Commission to investigate the Oyster and Clam Laws.

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

Mr. Jones introduced the following:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13.

A Concurrent Resolution providing for the appointment of a committee from the General Assembly to inspect the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 352, entitled:

An Act Authorizing the Superior Court of the State of Delaware to hold two sessions of the said Court at one and the same time and to assign to one or more Judges thereof such matters, business arguments and cases as it may deem proper.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 353, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915 relating to Fish, Oysters and Game.

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

Mr. Burris on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 354, entitled:

An Act in relation to the Indices of Judgments and Mortgages in New Castle County.

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

Mr. Tarburton on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 355, entitled:

An Act to regulate the business of keeping hotels or lodging houses within the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 356, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 101 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for parole of prisoners confined in any State Penitentiary or Prison in this State.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 357, entitled:

An Act providing for the Initiative and Referendum for 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. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 358, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 206, Volume 26, Laws of Delaware relating to the Board of Utility Commissioners for 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. Loose on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 359, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Revised Code by regulating the sales of commercial feeding stuffs.

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

Mr. Killen on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 360, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, by adding new sections thereto to be known as Section 24, Section 25, Section 26, Section 27, Section 28, Section 29 and Section 30, providing for the budget system in appropriations by the General Assembly.

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

On motion of Mr. Downward and duly seconded, House recessed for 10 minutes to allow the Speaker to confer with the Attorneys. Motion prevailed.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 361, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915 providing for the Bonding of Clerks of School Districts.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 362, entitled:

An Act to provide for the erection of a State Armory for the City of Wilmington and making an Appropriation for same.

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

Mr. Boyce on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 363, entitled:

An Act to Amend Title 7 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915 by imposing a tax upon certain investments and providing for its assessment and collection.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 364, entitled:

An Act providing for a Public Utility Commission for Sussex County.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 365, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by increasing the salary of the Coroner of Sussex County.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 366 entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in reference to indictments and information.

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. 367, entitled:

An Act increasing the salary for the Coroner of New Castle County.

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

Mr. Welsh on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 368, entitled:

An Act Amending Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of Delaware making it unlawful to catch, maim or molest or kill otters in the State of Delaware for ten years after the passage of this Act.

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

Mr. Connelly on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 369, entitled:

An Act to regulate the safety and sanitation of women workers in Delaware.

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

Mr. Loose on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 370, entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 11 of Chapter 119, Volumes 28, Laws of Delaware, entitled An Act to provide for the Collection of taxes for 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. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 371, entitled:

An Act to Amend 2321 Section 49 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 372, entitled:

An Act to Amend 566, Section 2 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by



title only, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 373, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware A. D. 1914, by repealing 219, Section 182 thereof.

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

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 374, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 100 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, A. D., 1914 by repealing 3568, Section 133 thereof 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 Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Downward on motion for leave introduced H. B. No. 375, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 79 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to Mechanics liens?

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

On motion of Mr. Jones, House adjourned until Monday, February 19th, 1917, at 12 Noon.

Motion prevailed.

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

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, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—34 members present.

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

#### DOVER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Dover, Del., February 19th, 1917.

To the Honorable House of Representatives, Mr. Hervey Hall, Speaker:

Gentlemen: This brings to your Honorable Body greetings, from and the action of 163 representative people of my congregation in Dover and Leipsic yesterday, Sunday, February 18th, who anxiously and enthusiastically arose to their feet to give to you a rising vote of thanks for passing House Bill, No. 12. Gentlemen we believe that in the passage of this bill you have helped us who are only a small part of the great company who are at work earnestly for the advancement of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the earth; and to help the other fellow in whom the habit is bigger than the man. Which undoubtedly is the greatest work in the world.

This number given above includes every adult of my audiences yesterday except two who according to the common course

of nature will not be able to vote any where much longer upon this earth.

REV. J. T. BAILEY,

Pastor of the Congregations referred to.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, communications were accepted and filed.

Mr. Killen on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishment to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 51, entitled:

“An Act to Amend 4836, Section 31, Chapter 155, of the Revised Code, approved October 19, A. D., 1914, entitled “General Provisions concerning crimes and punishments,” abolishing whipping as a punishment for crime.”

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Killen on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishments to whom had been referred House Bill No. 87, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 101, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the employment of prisoners confined in the Kent County Jail.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Killen on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishments to whom had been referred House B. No. 44, entitled:

“An Act providing for permanent prison commission for the State of Delaware.”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tarburton on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters, to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 128, entitled:

An Act to encourage fish and oysters in the waters of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tarburton, on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters to whom had been referred H. B. No. 99, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by Removing the Restriction on the Taking and Catching of Oysters in Certain Creeks and Rivers in Kent County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tarburton on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters, to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 226, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, with reference to the Diamond Back Terrapin,

Reported the same back to the House favorably on its merits.

Mr. Ellison on behalf of the Committee on Game to whom had been referred H. B. No. 136, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 74, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by changing the date for the killing of muskrat in New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with Substitute.

Mr. Ellison on behalf of the Committee on Game to whom had been referred H. B. No. 199, entitled:

To amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by further protecting the dove as a game bird.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Culver on behalf of the Committee to whom had been referred H. B. No. 132, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 100, Article 29 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to the regulation of small loans by extending the provisions thereof to loans not in excess of five hundred dollars, where the same are repayable in weekly or monthly installments.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Culver on behalf of the Committee to whom had been referred S. J. R. No. 10, entitled:

To ascertain if the Board of Health of the State of Delaware is being conducted on an economical basis.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Culver on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred H. B. No. 115, entitled:

An Act to regulate the holding of Camp Meetings.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriation to whom had been referred H. J. R. No. 9, entitled:

An Act to Appropriate money to pay the expenses of the General Assembly, the Governor and his staff, and the Organized Militia of Delaware in attending the ceremonies of the inauguration of the President of the United States.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

Motion prevailed.

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

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee to whom had been referred H. B. No. 68, entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in relation to revenue and Taxation.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred H. B. No. 116, entitled:

An Act providing for Life imprisonment instead of capital punishment in certain cases.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Daly action on H. B. No. 24 was deferred.

On motion of Mr. McNabb H. B. No. 37, entitled:

An Act providing for the payment of the salaries of all employes of the County of New Castle semi-monthly.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—33.

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.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, Mr. LeFevre was granted the privilege of the floor to explain House Bill No. 38.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, Dr. Wagner was granted the privilege of the floor to explain House Bill No. 38.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, H. B. No. 38, entitled:

An Act to provide all free schools of the State of Delaware with Supervising Teachers.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Green, Gregg, McNabb, Peet, Rash, Mr. Speaker—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Chipman, Downward, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh—19.

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

On motion of Mr. Daly, Prof. Carrol was granted the privilege of the floor for five minutes to talk on House Bill No. 48.

On motion of Mr. Daly, H. B. No. 48, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 350, Vol. 22, of the Laws of Delaware, by Providing for the Allowance of School Funds for Two Teachers in School District Number 115, in Kent County.

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

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

The nays 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, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

NAYS—None.

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

Ordered the to Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 74, be given a hearing on Friday, February 23, 1917, 2 P. M.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. J. R. No. 9, entitled:

Joint Resolution relative to medals for Delaware Soldiers.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 44, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 149 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to crime of robbery.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 59, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware with reference to hunting wild fowls in the Assawaman Bay and Tributaries.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 53, entitled:

An Act providing for the Creation of a Revenue and Taxation Commission and for an Appropriation to pay the Expenses and Compensation thereof.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:



S. B. No. 49, entitled:

An Act to confer upon the Municipal Court of the City of Wilmington exclusive original jurisdiction to hear, try and determine certain offenses against the laws of this State alleged to have been committed within the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 56, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled An Act authorizing the Council of the Town of Milton to borrow money and issue bonds, to secure payment of the same for the purpose of providing a supply of water and sewerage system for the Town of Milton, being Chapter 256, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, by increasing the powers of the Town of Milton with regards to said water works and sewerage system.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Chipman, Collins, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—27.

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.

On motion of Mr. Messick, House adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow, February 20, 1917.

Dover, Del., February 20, 1917, 10.30 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, Gregg, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, McNabb, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Jr., absent, Rash, Tarburton, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—33 members present.

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

On motion of Mr. Downward, S. J. R. No. 9, entitled:

Relative to Medals for Delaware Soldiers.

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

On motion of Mr. Downward S. B. No. 44, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 149 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to Crime of Robbery.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Downward, S. B. No. 49, entitled:

An Act to confer upon the Municipal Court of the City of Wilmington exclusive original jurisdiction to hear, try and determine certain offenses against the laws of this State alleged to have been committed within the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Downward S. B. No. 53, entitled:

An Act providing for the Creation of a Revenue and Taxation Commission and for an Appropriation to pay the Expenses and Compensation thereof.

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

On motion of Mr. Downward S. B. No. 59, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware with reference to hunting wild fowls in the Assawaman Bay and Tributaries.

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

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriation, to whom had been referred H. J. R. No. 14, entitled:

Providing for the Budget system in appropriations by the present General Assembly.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, Speaker Hall presided over the Joint Session.

On motion of Mr. Connelly and duly seconded Mrs. Henry B. Thompson was given the privilege of the floor to talk on H. B. No. 10. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Wharton the privilege of the floor was granted to Miss Price to talk on House Bill, No. 10.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Connelly the Joint Session was dissolved.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Welsh H. B. No. 57, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 193, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, by giving additional powers to the Council of the Town of Milton.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Culver, Mr. Tunnel was granted the privilege of the floor to explain H. B. Bo. 64.

On motion of Mr. Culver, action on H. B. No. 64, was deferred until this P. M. at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, House recessed until 1.30 P. M. Motion prevailed.

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Same day, 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

House met at the expiration of recess.

Wilmington, Del., February 10th, 1917.

The Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives,  
Dover, Del.

Gentlemen:

The Philanthropic Committee of Wilmington Monthly Meeting of Friends—West Street, in session 2nd mo. 16th, 1917, by unanimous action directed that a letter be sent to the Senate and House of Representatives, protesting against the passage of the

Bill which seeks to inaugurate Military Training in the schools of Delaware.

By direction of the Committee,

BENJ. K. SMEDLEY,

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. McNabb, communication was accepted and filed.

On motion of Mr. Jones, H. B. No. 87, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 101 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the employment of prisoners confined in the Kent County Jail.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

NAYS—Mr. McNabb.

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.

On motion of Mr. Jones, H. B. No. 88, entitled:

An Act Appropriating Three Thousand Dollars to the Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters, a Corporation of this State, for the maintenance and support of the Old Folks Home at Dover.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. 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, Rash, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

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.

On motion of Mr. Killen H. B. No. 90, entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware providing for the Initiative and Referendum.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh,—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Burris, Gregg, Mr. Speaker—3.

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.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, action on House Bill, No. 64, was deferred until tomorrow February 21, 1917, at 2 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Killen the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Magee for five (5) minutes to explain House Bill No. 91.

On motion of Mr. Killen H. B. No. 91, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Felton Bank.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Buckingham H. J. R. No. 9, entitled:

To appropriate money to pay the expenses of the General Assembly, the Governor and his Staff and the Organized Militia of Delaware in attending the ceremonies of the Inauguration of the President of the United States.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman,

Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—29.

NAY—Mr. Welsh—1.

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. Webster, House Bills Nos. 103 and 106 were recommitted.

Mr. Boyce moved that House take action on S. J. R. No. 10.

Mr. Boyce withdrew the above motion.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following: as amended:

H. B. No. 41, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware (as amended by Chapter 28 Laws of Delaware) by changing the term of office of members of the Board of Assessment of Sussex County from 4 to 6 years, and fixing the salary of the members of the said Board of Assessment of Sussex County.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 24, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware as amended by Chapter 211, Volume 28, Laws of Delaware, Providing for the Admission of Insane Persons to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

And presented the same to the House.



Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 106, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of Delaware Regarding License Fees for Peddlers and Auctioneers not Citizens of State.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 110, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 121 of the Revised Code by giving to Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in cases of trespass by live stock and poultry, on the land other than their owners.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Burris moved that 1000 copies of House Bill No. 339 be printed.

Motion prevailed. '

On motion of Mr. Rash, House adjourned until tomorrow 11 A. M. 21st inst.

Dover, Del., February 21, 1917, 11 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, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—34 members present.

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

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 288, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled: "An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Harrington" being Chapter 209, of Volume 24, of the Laws of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 230, of Volume 26, of the Laws of Delaware by Affixing the Amounts that may be raised by Taxation.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 94, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 186, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, being An Act entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Ellendale," by authorizing the Town of Ellendale to borrow One Thousand Dollars and to issue bonds to secure payment thereof.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 97, entitled:

An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Laurel.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 129, entitled:

An Act Empowering the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to Acquire Water Rights by Purchase or Condemnation.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 163, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 82, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 59, Volume 25, Laws of Delaware," entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 66, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, providing for an additional Constable in New Castle County."

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 180, entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Mayor and Council of Laurel to Borrow Five Thousand Dollars to purchase a Fire Engine and Equipment for the Town of Laurel and to provide for the payment therefor.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 173, entitled:

An Act authorizing certain improvements in and upon the Streets of the Town of Smyrna and making provision for the raising of funds to pay the cost thereof by the abutting property

owners of the said town, and authorizing the making of notes and issuing of bonds.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 78, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 44, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to the valuation and assessment of property by exempting property of incorporated Relief Associations or Volunteer Firemen.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 69, entitled:

An Act deferring the Assessment upon New Buildings or upon additions to old buildings in the City of Wilmington until the same are fully constructed and fit and ready for occupancy and providing that where the total cost of construction shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars the assessment shall be deferred until one year thereafter, the same being an amendment to Section 8, Chapter 121, 28 Laws of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 307, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware, relating to the Boundaries of the City of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred House Bill No. 341, entitled:

An Act Repealing Chapter 588, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware, the same relating to the Harbor Commissioners of the City of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 342, entitled:

An Act relating to the Harbor Commissioners of the City of Wilmington, the same being Chapter 588, 17 Laws of Delaware."

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with Substitute.

Mr. Killen on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishment to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 125, entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 18, of Chapter 43, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the cost of maintenance of prisoners in New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 96, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the raising of more tax in the School Districts in Sussex County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred, House J. R. No. 18, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Auditor of Accounts of this State to provide the General Assembly with an Inventory of the School Text Books now in the hands of the Clerks and Commissioners of the various Public School Districts within this State outside of the City of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Green on behalf of the Committee on Elections to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 211, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 60, of the Revised Code of the

State of Delaware, by providing an additional section at the end thereof to be known as 1854 A, Section 135.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Tindall on behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 89, entitled:

An Act Amending Chapter 71, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for Military Training of the School Boys of this State.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Swain on behalf of the Committee on Public Health, to whom had been referred H. B. No. 43, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Capitol Hospital of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Amendment.

Mr. Killen on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishment to whom had been referred House Bill No. 126, entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 16 of Chapter 101 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the Cost of Maintenance of prisoners in New Castle County. .

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

On request of Mr. Downward H. B. No. 2 was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Rash H. B. No. 44, action be deferred on the vote until 2.30 P. M.

On request of Mr. Rash the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Jones, Attorney, to explain H. B. No. 95.

On motion of Mr. Messick H. B. No. 95, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 76, of Volume 28, Laws of Delaware entitled: "An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Levy Court of Sussex County, by re-organizing said Levy Court, Defining its Powers and Duties with Respect to the Management and Control of the Affairs of said County and the Construction and Maintenance of the Roads and

Bridges therein, and to Repeal certain Sections of said Revised Statutes relating to said Levy Court," by providing for the placing of Finger Boards at Road Crossings in Sussex County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

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. Tarburton offered a Substitute Bill for House Bill No. 99.

On motion of Mr. Boyce that the Substitute for House Bill, No. 99 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, H. B. No. 99 with Substitute, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by Removing the Restriction on the taking and catching of Oysters in certain Creeks and Rivers in Kent County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. 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—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.

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

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Same day, 1.30 P. M.

House reconvened at the expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Welsh H. B. No. 102, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the Appointment of one person in each Representative District to annually report the names of persons, firms and corporations required by law to pay an Annual License Fee to said County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Kersey, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—30.



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, February 21, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 116, entitled:

An Act providing for Life Imprisonment<sup>4</sup> instead of Capital Punishment in certain cases.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Cross, Daly, Downward, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyce, Collins, Connelly, Culver, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Loose, Tindall, Webster—10.

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, February 21, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Downward, H. B. No. 128, entitled:

An Act to encourage Fish Culture in the Waters of Delaware.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg,

Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Huchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

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, February 21, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Connelly H. B. No. 132, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 100, Article 29 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the regulation of small loans by extending the provisions thereof to loans not in excess of five hundred dollars where the same are repayable in weekly or monthly installments.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. 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—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.

On motion of Mr. Rash, H. B. No. 44 was withdrawn from the Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, a Substitute Bill for House Bill No. 136, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ellison H. B. No. 136, with Substitute, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by Changing the date for the killing of Muskrat in New Castle County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Culver, H. B. No. 64, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 60 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, with reference to the hours for holding a general or special election in the Second Election District of the Fifth Representative District of Sussex County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis,

Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckingham, Burris, Prettyman,—3.

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.

On motion of Mr. Jones H. J. R. No. 14, entitled:

A Joint Resolution providing for the Budget System in appropriations by the Present General Assembly.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. 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—34.

NAYS—None.

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, February 21, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Downward the privilege of the floor was granted to Dr. Frantz for ten minutes to explain S. J. R. No. 10.

On motion of Mr. Downward S. J. R. No. 10, entitled:

Whereas, it is desirable to ascertain if the Board of Health of the State of Delaware is being conducted on an economical and

effective basis, therefore, Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met; Section 1, That a committee, consisting of two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President pro tempore, and three members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker be appointed to investigate the office of the Board of Health of the State of Delaware, with a view to ascertain if that office cannot be administered upon a more economical basis, without impairing its efficiency and whether or not, in the judgment of the Committee, the office should not be transferred from its present quarters in a private building, to the State House or County Building, at Dover. Section 2, The Chairman of said Committee is hereby authorized to issue process to compel the attendance of witnesses before said Committee, and to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses at hearings of said Committee, and any summons or other process may be served by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate or House.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. 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, Mr. Speaker—33.

NAYS—Mr. Welsh—One.

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

Ordered the Senate be informed thereof and the resolution returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Buckingham, H. C. R. No. 14 was adopted.

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, 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.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

The Speaker appointed the following Committee, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Burris, and Mr. Connelly on S. J. R. No. 10.

The Speaker announced the signing of H. C. R. No. 4.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 119, entitled:

A Bill to Authorize First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Delaware; Incorporated, to Convey Certain Real Estate.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tindall on behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs to whom had been referred House Bill No. 234, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 8, of the Revised Code of Delaware, 1915, to enable the Governor to make such changes as may be necessary to conform with the Federal Statutes Governing Military Organization, etc.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

To the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware:

The undersigned, being a Committee to view and report on the condition of the Public Road leading from the town of Little Creek in Kent County, to Port Mahon's, submit the following report, viz:

We found that the public road in question, which is used by the Oyster Planters and for the benefit and convenience of those engaged in that business exclusively, is in such condition that, unless some rebuilding is done at once, will be entirely destroyed within a very few months by the tides of the Delaware Bay and storm seas that break over it.

The road in question is now cared for by Kent County with the assistance of an appropriation of four hundred dollars annually. This has heretofore been sufficient, together with what has been appropriated by the Levy Court of Kent County, but under the existence of present conditions, this falls very much short of the needs of the road.

The State being the only beneficiary of the Revenue derived from the Oyster Trade, your Committee deems it proper that an appropriation of at least twenty-five hundred dollars be made by the State for the purpose of assisting Kent County in the rebuilding and straightening of this road, provided, however, that Kent County shall bear one-third of the entire cost of said road.

JOHN W. TARBURTON,  
WILLIAM H. WELSH,  
W. TRUXTON BOYCE,  
WILLARD S. GREGG,  
GEO. B. KERSEY.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, report of Committee was accepted and filed.

On motion of Mr. Buckingham that when we adjourn we meet at 10.30 A. M.

Motion prevailed.

Mr. Welsh from the Committee on Revised Statutes, reported back with favorable recommendation H. B. No. 41, with Senate amendment, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware (as amended by Chapter 28, Laws of Delaware), by changing the term of office of members of the Board of Assessment of Sussex County from four years to six years, and fixing the salary of the members of the said Board of Assessment of Sussex County.

On motion of Mr. Welsh that the rules be suspended, the amendment and 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. Boyce, Burris, Chipman, Collins, Connelly, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—30.

NAYS—None.

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

On motion of Mr. Jones that House Bill No. 43 be given a hearing at 2.30 P. M.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, House adjourned until tomorrow, February 22d, 10.30 A. M.    •



Dover, Del., February 22, 1917, 10.30 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, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32 members present.

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

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Concurrent Resolution, No. 14:

House Concurrent Resolution, providing for a Joint Session of Senate and House of Representatives on Thursday, February 22, at 11.30 A. M. in Commemoration of the Birth of George Washington.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. C. R. No. 3, entitled:

Providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee to confer with the Levy Court of Kent County with regard to the Purchase by the State of the County Building in the Town of Dover.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted,

informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. C. R. No. 5, entitled:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Designating Committee to Audit Accounts of State Treasurer and other State Officers.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations to whom had been referred H. J. R. No. 8, entitled:

A Resolution appointing a Committee to move the graves of Daniel Rogers and Joseph Haslet, late Governors of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 286, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to the salary of the Deputy Sheriff of Kent County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 222, entitled:

An Act appropriating Five Hundred Dollars to the Robbins Hose Company of Dover, Delaware, and to the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company of Newark, Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 284, entitled:

An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to Marydel School District Number 115, Kent County, to cover an insufficiency in the amount allowed to said district in the Distribution of the State School Funds.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

The Speaker announced the signing of House Bill No. 41.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred H. B. No. 195, entitled:

An Act to Establish a Board of Education for the Town of Lewes.

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. 224, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71, of the Revised Code with reference to teaching of nursing and First Aid to the Injured in certain public schools of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. Gruwell on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 62, entitled: An Act in relation to the Renewal of the Charters of Corporations.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Culver on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred H. B. No. 30, entitled:

An Act providing for an Appointment of an Additional Constable in Little Creek Hundred.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Swain on behalf of the Committee on Public Health, to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 152, entitled:

To Amend Chapter 25, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being An Act Relating to the Indexing of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 176, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 182, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled "An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Wyoming," by increasing the appropriation by the Levy Court for repairs of Roads and Streets.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred H. B. No. 63, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to salaries of County Officers.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred H. B. No. 59, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to salaries of County Officers.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Senate and House met in Joint Session on motion of Mr. Ellison.

President Pro Tem presided over the Joint Session.

Mr. Connelly read George Washington's Farewell address.

The Joint Body sang one verse of America.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, Joint Session was dissolved.

On motion of Mr. Downward, 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.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Burris, Connelly, Cross, Downward, Gregg, Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Loose, Messick, Peet, Pritchett, Swain, Webster—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Boycé, Chipman, Collins, Culver, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Killen, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Prettyman, Tarburton, Tindall, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—16.

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

The Speaker announces the signing of S. J. R. No. 10.

Mr. Connelly offered Substitute for House Bill No. 14, on motion of Mr. Connelly, the Substitute was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, action on House Bill, No. 14 was deferred until tomorrow, 23d inst., 2.30 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Messick, House recessed until 2.30.

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Same Day, 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Welsh 1000 copies of H. B. No. 257 were ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Allison, House adjourned until 12 Noon tomorrow, February 23d.

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

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, 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—33 members present.

On motion of Mr. Cross reading of Journal was dispensed with.

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

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

House met at expiration of recess.

To the Members of the House:

Whereas, the women wage earners of our State have enjoyed for four years the benefits of the Ten Hour Law; and

Whereas, no State has given it up;

Therefore be it Resolved that we, members of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, representing twenty-four hundred women of the State, deplore the attempt to repeal the present Ten Hour Law in Kent and Sussex, thus exposing our women and girls to the injuries of the unlimited working day; and we

also earnestly protest against the attempt to do such an injury to the reputation of our State.

RAY HAYDRICK, D. S. F. W. C.  
 EMALEA P. WARNER, Wilmington  
 CORNELIA B. HOLIDAY, Dover  
 EMILY P. BISSELL, Wilmington  
 MARY C. POOL, Middletown.  
 MARIE T. LOCKWOOD, Middletown  
 MRS. JOHN M. COLLINS, Laurel  
 MARY E. MASON, Laurel  
 FRANCES SLAYMAKER, Wyoming  
 ELIZABETH G. ROBINSON, Wilmington  
 SARAH B. REYNOLDS, Smyrna.  
 EVELYN T. BRYN, Smyrna.  
 MARGARET M. LINDALE, Wyoming  
 SARAH C. COOPER, Camden  
 FRANCES M. CUBBAGE, Wyoming  
 MRS. O. C. DRAPER, Wilmington  
 NORA V. BRENDLE, Wilmington, Del.  
 JOSEPHINE M. HITCHENS, Harrington  
 MRS. J. R. BRITTINGHAM, Harrington  
 MRS. G. W. DORSEY, JR.,  
     State Pres. Del. Div. Int. Sunshine Soc.  
 CLARA SOUTHARD,  
     Exec. Secy. Consumers' League of Del.  
 MRS. E. H. ATKINSON, Dover  
 MRS. S. SLAUGHTER, Dover  
 MRS. N. B. SMITHERS, Dover  
 MRS. R. H. NANNIE B. VAN DYKE,  
     Dover  
 ANNA W. FULTON, Dover.

On motion of Mr. Boyce communication was accepted and filed.

Be it Resolved, That the Honorable Chauncey P. Holcomb, a former Speaker of the House of Representatives be invited to

give his illustrated lecture on the subject of "China," in the Hall of the House of Representatives at Dover, Delaware, on the evening of February 27, 1917, and that the members of both Houses of the General Assembly be requested to attend such lecture.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, communication was accepted and filed.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation to whom had been referred H. B. No. 328, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to Merchant License.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation to whom had been referred H. B. No. 329, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware relating to License for Branch Stores, Warehouses and Distributing Depots doing business in this State.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Welsh the privilege of the floor was given to Mrs. Deemer to talk on B. H. No. 4.

Mr. Hill was granted the privilege of the floor to talk on H. B. No. 74.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 74, entitled:

An Act to establish a home for the care and training of the Feeble minded of Delaware and Providing for the legal commitment of Feeble Minded Persons and for other purposes.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, 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—33.

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.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, the privilege of the floor was given to Miss Sherron to thank the members for vote on H. B. No. 74.

Mr. Jones offered amendment for H. B. No. 43, on motion of Mr. Jones, amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the privilege of the floor was granted to Drs. O'Day, Cooper, Floris Fernwerda and Harbordt, to talk on H. B. No. 43, for five minutes each.

On motion of Mr. Jones H. B. No. 43, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Capitol Hospital of Delaware.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—30.

NAY—Mr. Burris—One.

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. Connelly offered amendment to H. B. No. 14.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, the Amendment to H. B. No. 14, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Connelly 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, place of amusement, telephone or telegraph offices, or exchanges, hotel, restaurant or office.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, 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, Mr. Speaker—32.

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.

On motion of Mr. Burris, Miss Lucy Branham was granted the privilege of the floor for 5 minutes to talk on H. B. No. 10.

On motion of Mr. Burris H. B. No. 10, entitled:

An Act to propose an Amendment to Section 2, Article 5, 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 the election of male citizens.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Butris, Cross, Daly, Downward, Green, Gregg, Hutchison, Killen, Swain, Tarburton, Welsh—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyce, Chipman, Connelly, Culver, Ellison, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Jones, Kersey, Lewis, Loose, Marvel McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—21.

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

On motion of Mr. Loose, 1000 copies of Sub. H. B. No. 12, were ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, 1000 copies of H. B. 363 were ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, House adjourned until 12 Noon Monday, February 26th.

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

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, 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—33 members present.

On motion of Mr. Green, reading of Journal was dispensed with.

ADMIRAL S. F. DU PONT POST, NO. 2

Department of Delaware, G. A. R.

Wilmington, Del., February 24, 1917.

To Hon. Members of House of Representatives of Delaware.

Dear Sirs:

At regular muster of Admiral S. F. du Pont Post, No. 2, Dept. of Del., G. A. R., I was instructed by unanimous vote of the Post to send communication asking your support to the enclosed Resolution favoring workmen's Compensation.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. MENDENHALL,

Adjutant.

Wilmington, Del., February 23, 1917.

To the Hon. Hervey Hall, Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Dover, Del.

Dear Sir:

At a conference of 150 official members of twenty churches of

the City of Wilmington, co-operating in the church efficiency campaign, the following action was taken and ordered communicated through you to your honorable body:

"We heartily endorse the passage of the Anti-Shipping Bill by the House of Representatives and respectfully petition the House to give the same favorable consideration to all other legislation proposed in the interest of securing state-wide prohibition particularly that providing for a special election in November, 1917, in New Castle County and the City of Wilmington on "license or no license."

(Signed) J. H. BURNS,

Secretary.

# DELAWARE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Wilmington, Del., February 24, 1917.

To the Hon. Hervey Hall, Speaker House of Representatives,  
Dover, Del.

Dear Sir:

At the regular winter meeting of the Executive Committee of the Delaware State Sunday School Association, representing over 50,000 officers, teachers and scholars, held in the Y. M. C. A. Building, February 22, 1917, the following action was taken and ordered communicated through you to your Honorable body:

"Having learned of the most commendable action of the General Assembly in passing the anti-shipping bill:

Therefore be it Resolved,

"That we hereby extend our sincere thanks for rendering this valuable service to the boys and girls as well as to the adults of Kent and Sussex Counties,

And further be it Resolved, That we earnestly appeal to the members of the General Assembly to pass favorably on all dry measures presented.

Also to pass the anti-cigarette bill and thus help to save the youth of our State.

(Signed) J. H. BURNS,

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Culver, communications were accepted and filed.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 29, entitled:

An Act Providing for the Termination of Certain Leases or Demises of Real Estate in Kent County, Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 84, entitled:

An Act to Vest Title in Certain Real and Personal Property in Oriental Lodge No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Delaware, at Newark.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following 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.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Substitute for H. B. No. 12, entitled:

House Substitute for House Bill No. 12:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being in relation to spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in those portions of the State of Delaware where the sale of such liquors is prohibited by law.

And returned the same to the House.

Wilmington, Del., February 25, 1917.

Mr. Loose:

I was asked in church this morning to write you about the election on the whisky question.

WE DO WANT THE CHANCE TO VOTE ON IT.

Do all you can to get same.

Yours,

[Seal]

W. TOWNSEND JEFFERSON.

Wilmington, Del., February 25, 1917.

Dear Mr. Loose:

I am a Democrat who believes the majority should rule. That the people of Wilmington should have a chance to vote this Fall on "Wet or Dry."

Yours,

T. B. CARTMELL.

On motion of Mr. Rash, communication was accepted and filed.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 290, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 186, Volume 11, Laws of Delaware, relating to the Sinking-Fund and City Debt of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 175, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Hartly, Kent County, Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred Senate B. No. 12, entitled:

An Act Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars to "The Board of Education of the Frederica Public

Schools," being United Districts Numbers 32, 75, 76 and 78 in Kent County, Delaware, to Cover an Insufficiency in the Amount allowed to said Districts in the Distribution of the State School Funds.

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. 117, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relative to the Salary of the Commissioner of Education.

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. 82, entitled:

An Act to Authorize the School Committee of School District No. 73, in New Castle County to Borrow Money and Issue a Bond or Bonds to Secure the Repayment thereof.

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. 254, entitled:

"An Act to Entitle United School Districts Numbers 8, 12, 93, 153 and 160 of Milton, in Sussex County, to Borrow a Sum of Money, not exceeding four thousand dollars, to be applied to outstanding Bonds and Mortgages.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tarburton, on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 353, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915, relating to Fish, Oysters and Game.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Tarburton on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters to whom had been referred H. B. No. 123, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the



State of Delaware by making it lawful to take oysters from Blake's Channel during certain seasons.

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with Substitute.

Mr. Tarburton on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 351, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915, relating to Fish, Oysters and Game.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred H. B. No. 193, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by Providing for the Filing of Notes, Bonds, and Other Papers upon which Judgment is entered by Confession.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred H. B. No. 198, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 150, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by Providing for the Repeal of the Requirements for Restitution.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, H. B. No. 196, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 93, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by excluding Legatees and Devisees as Witnesses to a Last Will and Testament.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Welsh on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred H. B. No. 259, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to Section 4, of Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in relation to Registration of Voters.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Jones, S. B. No. 84, entitled:

An Act to Vest Title in Certain Real and Personal Property in Oriental Lodge No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Delaware, at Newark.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Jones S. B. No. 29, entitled:

An Act Providing for the Termination of Certain Leases or Demises of Real Estate in Kent County, Delaware.

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

On motion of Mr. Killen. S. C. R. No. 5 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ellison S. B. No. 24, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware as amended by Chapter 211, Volume 28, Laws of Delaware, Providing for the admission of insane persons to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Charities.

On motion of Mr. Ellison S. B. No. 106, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of Delaware regarding license fees for peddlers and auctioneers not citizens of State.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Daly S. B. No. 110, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 121 of the Revised Code by giving to Justices of the Peace, Jurisdiction in cases of trespass by live stock and poultry on the lands other than their owners.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The House adopted the following S. C. Resolution:

S. C. R. No. 5.

Designating Committee to Audit Accounts of State Treasurer and other State Officers.

Introduced by Senator Joseph.

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

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Same Day, 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Daly H. B. No. 24, entitled:

An Act to Amend 2298 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by Providing for the Election of County Superintendents of Free Schools.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Daly, Green, Gruwell, Jones, Kersey, Loose, Marvel, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckingham, Burris, Culver, Ellison, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Killen, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Tindall, Webster, —13.

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

On motion of Mr. Culver H. B. No. 30, entitled:

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

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—29.

• 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.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton H. B. No. 59, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to salaries of county officers.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

The Speaker announced the signing of H. B. No. 12.

On motion of Mr. Peet, H. B. No. 62, entitled:

An Act in relation to the renewal of the charters of corporations.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Messick H. B. No. 63, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to salaries of county officers.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Burris, Connelly, Cross, Daly, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyce, Chipman, Culver, Ellison, Green, Gruwell, Killen, Tindall—8.

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.

On motion of Mr. Killen, H. B. No. 70 was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Cross H. B. No. 78, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in Relation to the Valuation and Assessment of Property by Exempting Property of Incorporated Relief Associations for Volunteer Firemen.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

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.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, Mr. Hoffecker was granted the privilege of the floor to talk on House Bill No. 115.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, H. B. No. 115, entitled:

An Act to regulate the holding of Camp Meetings.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—32.

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.

On motion of Mr. Rash, House adjourned until 12 Noon, tomorrow, February 27th.

Dover, Del., February 27, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, 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—32 members present.

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

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following H. J. R. No. 9, entitled:

To appropriate money to pay for the expense of the General Assembly, the Governor and his Staff and the Organized Militia of Delaware in attending the ceremonies of the Inauguration of the President of the United States.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 55, entitled:

Authorizing and directing the New Castle County Building Commission to pay to the Treasurer of New Castle County all funds heretofore placed to its credit by the County Treasurer of New Castle County and which has not been expended by it in erecting and furnishing the new County Building for New Castle County.

And presented the same to the House.



Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 57, entitled:

An Act for the improvement of the School Houses for Colored Children in this State, and making an Appropriation therefore.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 58, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Clayton Public Schools to borrow money and issue bonds therefor.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 78, with Amendment, entitled:

An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Seaford.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Jones, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 72, entitled:

An Act Appropriating the sum of Eleven Hundred and Twenty-one Dollars and Twenty-cents to District No. 181, in Sussex County, to Cover an Insufficiency in the Amount Applicable out of the sum appropriated to carry out the provisions of "An Act Providing Graded School Facilities for the Children of this State."

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation to whom had been referred H. B. No. 13, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Code of Del. relating to the abatement of County taxes in New Castle County

on payment within certain times and providing a penalty for non-payment.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 274, entitled:

An Act in relation to the use of money appropriated by the United States of America for the improvement and encouragement of good roads.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred House B. No. 189, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of Delaware, by abolishing the office of the New Castle County State Highway Commissioner,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 190, entitled:

An Act to Amend 235, Section 197 of Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of Delaware, in relation to the fees to be paid for the registration of motor vehicles.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 103, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the Roads of New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred House B. No. 106, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the Roads of New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 188, entitled:

An Act to Amend 2078 Section 164 and 2079, Section 165 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in reference to Corporations, by Providing that the State Highway Department shall maintain Roads conveyed to the State by Boulevard Corporations.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 109, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the Roads of New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 100, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by defining what highways shall be deemed to be public roads.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 134, entitled:

An Act to Amend Sections 1 and 31 of Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the roads and bridges of New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On request of Mr. Downward H. B. No. 51 was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Prettyman H. B. No. 94, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 186, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, being An Act entitled An Act to Incorporate the Town of Ellendale by Authorizing the Town of Ellendale to Borrow One Thousand Dollars and to issue bonds to secure payment thereof.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, 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—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Tindall H. B. No. 96, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by providing for the Raising of more Tax in the School Districts in Sussex County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, 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—31.

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.

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

Same day, 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Downward the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Tunnel to talk on H. B. No. 119.

On motion of Mr. McNabb action was deferred on H. B. No. 119 until tomorrow at 2. P. M.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, Substitute for H. B. No. 123 was adopted.

On request of Mr. Jones, the privilege of the floor was given to Capt. Buckson for five minutes to talk on House Bill No. 123.

On motion of Mr. Tarburton, Substitute for H. B. No. 123, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by making it lawful to take oysters from Blake's Channel during certain seasons.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Chipman, Connelly, Daly, Ellison, Gregg, Jones, Kersey, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckingham, Burris, Cross, Culver, Downward, Hutchison, Lewis, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash,—11.

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.

On motion of Mr. Kersey, Substitute for H. B. 176 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kersey Substitute for H. B. No. 176, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 182, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: "An Act to Reincorporate the Town of Wyoming" by increasing the Appropriation by the Levy Court for Repairs of Roads and Streets.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—30.

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.

On motion of Mr. Culver H. B. No. 180, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Laurel to borrow Five Thousand Dollars to purchase a fire engine and equipment for the Town of Laurel and to provide for the payment therefor.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, 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—32.

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.

On request of Mr. Swain, Mr. Tunnel was granted the privilege of the floor to explain H. B. No. 193.

On motion of Mr. Welsh H. B. No. 193, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the filing of notes, bonds and other papers upon which judgment is entered by confession.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, 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—32.

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. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the

concurrence of the House in the following Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 101 entitled:

An Act to Incorporate Seaford Trust Company.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 99, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Bank of Milford, Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 117 entitled:

An Act Prohibiting Corporations from cutting down Poles planted along the public roads.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 128, with amendment, entitled:

An Act to incorporate the Peoples Bank and Trust Company.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 135, with Amendment, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Farmers and Merchants Trust Company of Seaford.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested



the concurrence of the House in the following S. J. R. No. 5, entitled:

Authorizing and Requiring the Secretary of State to furnish to each member of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly a permanently bound copy of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, and of Volume 28, Laws of Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had not concurred in the following House Substitute for H. B. No. 39, entitled:

House Substitute for H. B. No. 39.

An Act to Abolish the Office of Collector of Oyster Revenue and Placing the Duties of that Office in the Captain of the Oyster Watch Boat.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 195, entitled:

An Act to Establish a Board of Education for the Town of Lewes.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, 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—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Jones, H. B. No. 222, entitled:

An Act Appropriating Five Hundred Dollars to the Robbins Hose Company, of Dover, Del., and to the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, of Newark, Del.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, 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—32.

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.

The Speaker announced the signing of H. B. No. 8, H. C. R. No. 14, H. C. R. No. 2, H. C. R. No. 12, H. C. R. No. 10, H. C. R. No. 5, H. J. R. No. 5, H. C. R. No. 8, H. C. R. No. 9.

On motion of Mr. Boyce Substitute for H. B. No. 224 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Killen H. B. No. 224, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code with reference to teaching of nursing and first-aid to the injured in certain public schools of the State of Delaware.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Daly, Jones, Rash,—3.

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.

On motion of Mr. Rash H. B. No. 234, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Code of Delaware, 1915, to enable the Governor to make such changes as may be necessary to conform with the Federal Statutes governing Military organizations.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchinson, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. Welsh H. B. No. 254, entitled:

An Act to entitle United School Districts Nos. 8, 12, 93, 153, and 160 of Milton, in Sussex County, to borrow a sum of

money not exceeding \$4,000, to be applied to outstanding bonds and mortgages.

Was taken up consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Lewis, Loose, Marvel McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—30.

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.

On motion of Mr. Daly, H. B. No. 284, entitled:

An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to Marydel School, District Number 115, Kent County, to cover an insufficiency in the amount allowed to said district in the distribution of the State School Funds.

Was taken up for consideration and 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 follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—30.

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.

On motion of Mr. Jones, H. B. No. 286, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 53 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to the salary of the Deputy Sheriff of Kent County .

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Swain, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—21.

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.

On motion of Mr. Swain H. B. No. 288, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled "An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Harrington," being Chapter 209 of Volum 24 of the Laws of Delaware as amended by Chapter 230 of Volume 26 of the Laws of Delaware by affixing the amounts that may be raised by Taxation.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

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.

On motion of Mr. McNabb Substitute for House B. No. 290, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 186, Volume 11, Laws of Delaware relating to the sinking fund and City Debt of Wilmington.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, 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—31.

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.

Motion by Mr. Rash to adjourn.

Motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Ellison action deferred on H. B. Nos. 351 and 353.

On motion of Mr. Kersey H. J. R. No. 18, entitled:

An Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Auditor of Accounts of this State to Provide the General Assembly with an inventory of the School Text Books now in the hands of the Clerks and Commissioners of the various Public School Districts within this State outside of the City of Wilmington,

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Burris, Culver, Ellison, Hall, D. C., Jones, Kersey, Killen, Loose, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall,—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckingham, Chipman, Cross, Gregg, Lewis, Marvel, Peet, Prettyman, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—10.

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

Mr. Welsh moved House adjourn at 5.30 P. M.

Motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Prettyman H. J. R. No. 8, entitled:

Whereas the grave of Daniel Rodgers who served as Governor of Delaware from 1797 to 1799 located on private land in South Milford and the grave of Joseph Haslet who served as Governor of Delaware from 1811 to 1814 and for a second time in 1823, located near the Village of Cedar Creek in Sussex County, are both neglected and the tombstones in the enclosures surrounding said graves are falling into decay.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Burris, Chipman, Cross, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Welch, Mr. Speaker—25.

NAYS—None.

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. Cross House adjourned until 12 M. tomorrow, February 28th.



Dover, Del., February 28, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Boyce, Buckingham, Chipman, 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—32 members present.

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

Georgetown, Del., February 19, 1917.

Mr. James Thomas Chipman, Laurel, Del., Representative.

Dear Sir:

You will please find enclosed a list of names of those in this District 122 who were either in favor of a change in the tax law or just the same, as you will see that the majority are in favor of no change.

Please present this to our interest in the House of Representatives.

Yours,

IRA H. LAMBDEN.

# IN THE MATTER OF TAXATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

We, the undersigned, taxables of School District No. 122 of Sussex County do not desire a change in the laws as to the

manner of assessment for School Purposes and prefer that the present laws in this particular remain as they are.

PETER C. SHORT,  
 SARAH C. SHIRT,  
 HAROLD B. SHORT,  
 THOMAS F. B. SHORT,  
 ELI S. WILKERSON,  
 DANIEL S. DOWNES,  
 SHEPARD TYNDLE,  
 HARLEY DOLBY,  
 W. I. DOLBY,  
 EDWARD W. TYNDALL,  
 CARL S. TYNDALL,  
 ARTEMAS DICKERSON,  
 JOHN W. LAMBDEN,  
 LINA B. DOLBY,  
 JOHN W. WILLIAMS,  
 RUFFUS D. BRYAN,  
 IRA H. LAMBDEN.

#### IN THE MATTER OF TAXATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

We, the undersigned, taxables of School District No. 122 of Sussex County, desire a change in the manner of assessment for School purposes. Said Change to conform to the suggestions made in the circular distributed by Charles A. Wagner, State Commissioner of Education.

ROBERT H. LAMBDEN.

On motion of Mr. Rash communications were accepted and filed.

#### THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Delaware Red Cross, under its charter, aids in any fight against pestilence, and therefore urges the passage of House Bill

No. 120. We submit to you the reasons why the Red Cross upholds the enclosed bill as a claimant for your support and your vote.

1. This bill is statewide and not local. It is not for any local hospital which the locality itself can help. The State Tuberculosis Commission must take care of the whole State.

2. This bill is intended to benefit the negro consumptive. At present the negroes—comprising one-fifth of the population—have not an adequate number of hospital beds. As one-fifth of the population, they have a right to consideration.

3. This measure will return value to the State, in its effect on public health. Each destitute consumptive cured means a citizen restored to industry and self-support. Each advanced case isolated during the last stages means other cases prevented. Economically, tuberculosis appropriations are a permanent investment in State betterment. The Red Cross itself maintains two hospital beds at Hope Farm this year.

4. This bill is necessary and supersedes all unnecessary or only partly necessary appropriations. Substitute "small-pox" for "tuberculosis," and perhaps you will recognize the necessity in that case. But tuberculosis is a far more deadly disease than small-pox. There is little small-pox in Delaware, and only one out of four cases is fatal. There are hundreds of cases of consumption in Delaware, and almost all end fatally. This bill is of immediate necessity, and demanded for the protection of Delaware homes.

We submit all these reasons for your consideration, and are persuaded that you will admit their force and truth.

#### THE DELAWARE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

February, 1917.

House Bill No. 120, introduced by Representative Downward, provides that the State Tuberculosis Commission, in addition to its present powers, shall have authority to do educational work throughout the State and study conditions; that it shall report annually to the Governor; that it shall receive five thousand dollars for the care of white consumptives, and also five thousand dollars for colored consumptives, in addition to its present annual appropriation.

Any patients able to pay in part for their maintenance may be aided by the Commission to complete the amount necessary.

On motion of Mr. Rash communication was accepted and filed.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 245, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, relative to the attendance of teachers at teachers' Institutes, and fixing a minimum salary for teachers in the free public schools, payable monthly.

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with Substitute.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred House Bill No. 183, entitled:

An Act to Authorize and Empower Laurel Public Schools to procure a site and erect thereon a new public school building; to borrow money to pay for the same; to issue bonds to secure said loan, and to levy a tax to pay said bonds.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred House Bill No. 361, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code of Delaware 1915, providing for the bonding of clerks of school districts.

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with substitute.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred House Bill No. 73, entitled:

An Act to regulate the Importation of Dependent Children.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 235, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 71, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, relative to the holding of Teachers' Institutes.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Green on behalf of the Committee on Election to whom had been referred, House Bill No. 165, entitled:

An Act providing for the Submission to the vote of the qualified electors of the City of Wilmington as one district, and to the qualified electors of the remaining part of New Castle County as one district, as mentioned in Section 2, Article XIII, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, the question whether the manufacturer and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed or prohibited within the limits of the said two districts in accordance with said Article XIII, of said Constitution and Fixing Penalties for the illegal manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in either of said districts wherein there shall be a majority of votes cast against license.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 239, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 120, Vol. 28, Laws of Delaware, relating to Assessor and Collectors of Taxes for City of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 238, entitled:

An Act to Repeal Chapter 122; Volume 28, Laws of Delaware relating to Compensation that the City Council of the City of Wilmington may have authority to allow The Board of Assessment, Revision and Appeals for work that Board may do in the future.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tindall on behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs to whom had been referred H. B. No. 164, entitled:

An Act providing for the Establishment of a Commission for the erection of a monument to the Soldiers of the State of Delaware, who served in all the wars of the country from the Revolution to the present time.

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with Substitute.

Mr. Culver on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred H. B. No. 45, entitled:

An Act Prohibiting the sale of Cigarettes and Cigarette Papers in the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Swain on behalf of the Committee on Public Health to whom had been referred H. B. No. 120, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 26, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to Delaware State Tuberculosis Commission.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

On motion of Mr. Chipman S. B. No. 135, with Amendment entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Farmers and Merchants Trust Company of Seaford.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 55, entitled:

Authorizing and directing the New Castle County Building Commission to pay to the Treasurer of New Castle County all funds heretofore placed to its credit by the County Treasurer of New Castle County and which has not been expended by it in erecting and furnishing the new County Building for New Castle County.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 58, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Clayton Public Schools to borrow money and issue bonds therefor.

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

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 57, entitled:

An Act for the Improvement of the School Houses for Colored Children in this State, and making an Appropriation therefor.

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

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, Senate Sub. for S. B. No. 99, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate "The Bank of Milford, Delaware."

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 117, entitled:

An Act Prohibiting Corporations from cutting down Poles planted along the public roads.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 101, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate "Seaford Trust Company."

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 128, with Amendment entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Peoples Bank and Trust Company at Laurel, Del.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 78, with Amendment entitled:

An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Seaford.

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

On motion of Mr. Tarburton House recessed until 1.30 P. M.

Same day, 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

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

House met at expiration of recess.

# STATE OF DELAWARE

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Dover

February 28th, 1917.

To the Speaker, House of Representatives:

At the request of Mr. E. S. Taite of the Hotel du Pont I am handing you photos of Delaware boys at the recent dinner given there by the State.

I ask that you kindly deliver same to the members.

JOHN D. TOWNSEND, JR.,  
Governor.

On motion of Mr. Rash communication from Governor was accepted and complied with.

On request of Mr. Downward action on H. B. 119 was deferred until Wednesday, March 7th, at 2 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Mr. Welsh the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. W. H. Cooper to explain H. B. No. 68.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

Senate Substitute for H. B. No. 47, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 155 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to requisition of fugitives from justice.

And presented the same to the House.



Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. C. R. No. 6, entitled:

Providing for a Joint Hearing of the General Assembly on Senate Bill No. 98.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

S. B. No. 27, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled, "An Act to Incorporate 'The Equitable Guarantee and Trust Company,' " passed at Dover, April 23, 1899, by changing the name of said corporation to "Equitable Trust Company."

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following:

Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 43, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to witness fees.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following:

H. B. No. 48, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 350, Vol. 22, of the Laws of Delaware, by Providing for the Allowance of School Funds for two teachers in School District Number 115, in Kent County.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following:

H. B. No. 91, with Senate Amendment, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Felton Bank.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following:

H. B. No. 136, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by Changing the date for the killing of Muskrat in New Castle County.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 68, entitled:

An Act proposing an Amendment to section 7 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, in relation to Revenue and Taxation.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Boyce, Buckingham, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Swain, Tarburton, Webster, Welsh—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Jones, Kersey, Killen, Pritchett, Tindall, Mr. Speaker—6.

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

On request of Mr. Hall, the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Tunnell to explain H. B. No. 72.

On motion of Mr. D. C. Hall, H. B. No. 72, entitled:

An Act appropriating the sum of Eleven Hundred and Twenty One Dollars and Twenty One Cents to District No. 18, in Sussex County to cover an insufficiency in the amount applicable out of the sum appropriated to carry out the provisions of An Act providing Graded School facilities for the children of this State.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—28.

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.

On motion of Mr. Culver H. B. No. 97, entitled:

An Act to Reincorporate the Town of Laurel.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—27.

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.

On motion of Mr. Culver and duly seconded. There being two sections 63, in House Bill No. 97. He was allowed to change one section of 63 to Section 64. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Messick, Substitute H. B. No. 100, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by defining what Highways shall be deemed to be Public Roads.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—27.

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.

On request of Mr. Webster the floor was granted to Mr. Speakman to explain H. B. No. 103, 106 and 109.

On motion of Mr. Webster H. B. No. 103, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the Roads of New Castle County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—25.

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.

The Speaker announced the signing of S. C. R. No. 5, also Senate Con. R. No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Webster H. B. No. 106, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the Roads of New Castle County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—24.

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.

On motion of Mr. McNabb when we do adjourn we commence business where we leave off.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Webster H. B. No. 109, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the roads of New Castle County.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Connelly, Culver, Downward, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Mr. Speaker—25.

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.

On request of Mr. Welsh the floor was granted to Mr. Tunnell to explain H. B. No. 196.

On motion of Mr. Welsh H. B. No. 196, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 93 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by extending legatees and devisees as witnesses to a last will and testament.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Culver, Ellison, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—22.

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.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, H. B. No. 198, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 150 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the repeal of the requirements for restitution.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Culver, Ellison, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Jones, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Tarburton, Tindall, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—20.

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.

On motion of Mr. Welsh H. B. No. 199, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by further protecting the "Dove" as a game bird.

Was taken up for consideration and 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. Buckingham, Chipman, Ellison, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Tarburton, Tindall, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Culver, Jones—2.

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.

On motion of Mr. Killen, House adjourned until tomorrow, March 1st, 12 Noon.



Dover, Del., March 1, 1917, 12 o'clock, Noon.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Members present: Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Burris, Chipman, 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—33 members present.

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

Mr. Jones on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations to whom had been referred H. B. No. 205, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 17, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to the Office of Attorney General.

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Tarburton on behalf of the Committee on Fish and Oysters to whom had been referred H. B. No. 20, entitled:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Governor to Appoint a Commission to Investigate the Oyster and Clam Laws.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Ellison on behalf of the Committee on Game to whom had been referred H. B. No. 368, entitled:

An Act Amending Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of Delaware, making it unlawful to catch, molest, maim or kill otters in the State of Delaware, for the years after the passage of this Act.

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with Substitute.

Mr. Ellison on behalf of the Committee on Game to whom had been referred H. B. No. 281, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74, of the Revised Code, with reference to Muskrats.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Daly on behalf of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to whom had been referred H. B. No. 337, entitled:

An Act to further amend "An Act to Confer Banking Powers on the Liberty Trust Company, a Corporation of the State of Delaware," approved March 29, A. D. 1907.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Daly on behalf of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to whom had been referred House B. No. 278, entitled:

An Act to Amend Sections 68 and 69 of Chapter 45, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, relating to the Deposit of Certain County Monies.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Daly on behalf of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to whom had been referred H. B. No. 220, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the New Castle County Trust Company of Odessa, Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Daly on behalf of the Committee on Insurance and Banking to whom had been referred H. J. R. No. 17, entitled:

Joint Resolution, appointing Directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, at Dover.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Daly on behalf of the Committee on Insurance and Banking to whom had been referred H. J. R. No. 15, entitled:

Joint resolution, appointing Directors for the Farmers' Bank for the State of Delaware for the Branch at Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Daly on behalf of the Committee on Insurance and Banking to whom had been referred H. J. R. No. 16, entitled:

Joint Resolution, appointing Directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, for Georgetown.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Tindall on behalf of the Committee on Public Buildings and Highways to whom had been referred S. B. No. 55, entitled:

An Act Authorizing and Directing the New Castle County Building Commission to pay to the Treasurer of New Castle County any and all Funds heretofore placed to its credit by the County Treasurer of New Castle County and which has not been expended by it in erecting and furnishing the New County Building in New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 187, entitled:

An Act to Create a State Highway Department and Establish a System of State Highways and providing for the Improvement and maintenance thereof, and the appropriating and borrowing money therefor.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 302, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of Delaware, relating to the Roads of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. Marvel on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred H. B. No. 135, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware relating to the Roads and Bridges of New Castle County.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with Substitute.

Mr. McNabb on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred S. B. No. 78, entitled:

An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Seaford.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Loose on behalf of the Committee on Temperance to whom had been referred 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 Licenses.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. J. R. No. 5, entitled:

Authorizing and Requiring the Secretary of State to furnish to each member of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly a permanently bound copy of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, and of Volume 28, Laws of Delaware.

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

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 43, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to witness fees.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 47, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 155 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to the requisition of fugitives from justice.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Hall, S. B. No. 27, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled, "An Act to Incorporate 'The Equitable Guarantee and Trust Company,'" passed at Dover, April 23, 1889, by changing the name of said corporation to "Equitable Trust Company".

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

Senate C. Resolution, No. 6 was given first reading, entitled:

S. C. R. providing for a Joint hearing of the General Assembly on S. B. No. 98.

On motion of Mr. Jones above S. C. R. was adopted.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following:

H. B. No. 57, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 193 Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, by Giving additional powers to the Council of The Town of Milton.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following:

H. B. No. 18, entitled:

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

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following:

H. B. No. 37, entitled:

An Act providing for the payment of the salaries of all employees of the County of New Castle semi-monthly.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred the in following H. B. No. 56, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled An Act authorizing the Council of the Town of Milton to borrow money and issue bonds, to secure payment of the same for the purpose of providing a supply of water and sewerage system for the Town of Milton, being Chapter 256, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, by increasing the powers of the Town of Milton with regards to said water works and sewerage system.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following H. C. R. No. 13, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution providing for the appointment of a committee from the General Assembly to inspect the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Mr. President Pro Tem appointed Mr. Gormley and Mr Walker.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 127, entitled:

An Act to Incorporate The First Bank of Harrington, Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 119, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled: "An Act to Incorporate the Clayton Bank" and conferring additional powers upon the said Corporation.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 88 entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 533, of Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled, "An Act Dividing School Districts Nos. 97 and 135 in Sussex County into Four School Districts, and Establishing a Board of Education for Frankford Incorporating the Same, and for Other Purposes."

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 74, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 438, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Frankford," by increasing the amount of tax which may be raised in any year.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate Substitute for S. B. No. 144, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 21, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing regulations in respect to the grading, packing, marking, shipping and sale of apples.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 31, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 176, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Kenton," passed April 22, 1887, by Increasing the Annual Appropriation for said Town by the Levy Court.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 48, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 155 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in relation to the description of money.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Substitute for S. B. No. 87, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in Relation to Commercial Fertilizer.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Gunning, Secretary of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following S. B. No. 86, entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 100 in Relation to Dogs Running at Large in Kent County.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, House absolved itself into the Committee of the Whole to report on S. B. No. 78.

On motion of Mr. Connelly the Speaker was made Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. McNabb the bill as read was reported favorably.

On motion of Mr. McNabb that the reading be considered the 3rd reading of the bill and only read the enacting clause.

Mr. McNabb from the Committee on Municipal Corporations reported back with favorable recommendation S. B. No. 78, entitled:

An Act to Re-incorporate the Town of Seaford.

On motion of Mr. Tindall 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?"

On request the floor was granted to Mr. Rawlins.

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

YEAS—Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Burris, Chipman, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Gruwell, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Kersey, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Pritchett, Rash, Swain, Tarburton, Tindall, Webster, Welsh, Mr. Speaker—31.

NAYS—None.

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

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof; and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. McNabb the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

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

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

House met at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the headings only were read of Communications on Dry Bill concerning New Castle County.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, Mr. W. E. Hawkins was granted the privilege of the floor to talk on H. B. No. 165.

On request of Mr. Boyce, the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Brosius for 5 minutes to talk on House Bill No. 165.

On request of Mr. Boyce the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Rhoades for 5 minutes.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, H. R. Loose was granted the privilege of the floor to talk on H. B. No. 165, also to Elmer Perry and Henry Saring.

On motion of Mr. Peet Substitute for H. B. No. 13, entitled:

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

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

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

On request the privilege of the floor was granted to Col. Townsend.

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

YEAS—Messrs. Ahern, Boyce, Burris, Chipman, Connelly, Cross, Culver, Daly, Downward, Ellison, Green, Gregg, Hall, D. C., Hutchison, Killen, Lewis, Loose, Marvel, McNabb, Messick, Peet, Prettyman, Rash, Swain, Mr. Speaker—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Gruwell, Pritchett, Tindall, Webster,—4.

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.

The Speaker announced the Signing of H. B. No. 56 and H. B. No. 57.

On motion of Mr. Peet H. B. No. 165 was made special order for 2 P. M. tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Webster H. B. No. 82, entitled:

An Act to authorize the School Committee of School District

No. 73 in New Castle County to Borrow Money and Issue a Bond or Bonds to Secure the Repayment Thereof.

Was taken up for consideration and 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, Burris, Chipman, 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—33.

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.

On motion of Mr. Loose S. B. No. 119, entitled:

An Act to Amend An Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Clayton Bank and conferring additional powers upon the said Corporation.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

On motion of Mr. McNabb H. B. No. 113, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Code of Delaware, the same relating to the abatement of County Taxes in New Castle County on payment within certain times and providing a penalty for non-payment.

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

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

On request the floor was granted to Mr. Speakman.