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AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

convened and Held at Dover, on Thursday, the Thirty-
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House of Representatives.

SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Dover, Delaware, May 31, 1906.

At a session of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, convened and held at Dover, on Thursday, the thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirtieth.

Mr. Henry Stafford, of the first representative district.

“ Willard S. Meredith, of the second representative district.

“ Manlove Howard Jester, of the third representative dist.

“ Thomas O. Cooper, of the fourth representative district.

“ Frank M. Sevier, of the fifth representative district.

“ Jacob K. Hanby, of the sixth representative district.

“ William Henry Miller, of the seventh representative dist.

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“ John B. Mahoney, of the eleventh representative district.

“ Willard S. Smith, of the twelfth representative district.

“ Frank J. Pennington, of the thirteenth representative district.

“ Edward Hart, of the fourteenth representative district.

“ Andrew J. Wright, of the fifteenth representative district
of New Castle County.

Mr. William H. Baggs, of the first representative district.

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“ Gamaliel Garrison, of the third representative district.

“ Thomas C. McGinnis, of the fourth representative dist.

“ Alden R. Benson, of the fifth representative district.

“ Daniel B. Murray, of the seventh representative district.

“ Frank J. Prettyman, of the ninth representative district.

“ Frank W. Davis, of the tenth representative district,
of Kent County.

Mr. Charles D. Abbott, of the first representative district.

“ John T. Vandenberg, of the second representative dist.

“ Charles W. Messick, of the fourth representative district.

“ Edward Pierce Ellis, of the fifth representative district.

“ Rufus D. Lingo, Jr., of the sixth representative district.

“ Timothy E. Townsend, of the seventh representative dist.

“ Henry O. Bennum, Jr., of the eighth representative dist.

“ Henry V. Lyons, of the tenth representative district,
of Sussex County.

Appeared and took their seats.

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

The House was called to order by Mr. Wilson for temporary organization.

Mr. Wilson was nominated and elected temporary Speaker of the House, he being the only one nominated.

Mr. Armstrong was nominated and elected secretary of the temporary organization, he being the only one nominated.

On motion of Mr. Benson the following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives do now organize and proceed to elect the officers and employees of the House of Representatives for this extraordinary session.

On motion of Mr. Benson the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That the Hon. William D. Denney be and he is hereby elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

That Thomas S. Lewis be and he is hereby elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

That W. B. Macklin be and he is hereby elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

That A. V. Leslie George be and he is hereby elected Engrossing Clerk of the House of Representatives.

That Theodore Burton be and he is hereby elected Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives.

That Dr. L. E. Barrett be and he is hereby elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

That Charles Swain be and he is hereby elected Page of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Benson moved it adoption.

Adopted.

State of Delaware, }
Dover, Kent County. } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives (to which office I was elected by the House of Representatives in the year A. D. 1906) according to the best of my ability;

And I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

WM. S. DENNEY.

Sworn to this thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1906, before me,

ELWOOD L. WILSON,

a Representative in said General Assembly from Representative District No. 10, in New Castle County.

State of Delaware, }
Dover, Kent County, } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Clerk of the House of Representatives (to which office I was elected by the House of Representatives in the year A. D. 1906) according to the best of my ability;

And I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withdrawing a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

THOS. S. LEWIS,

Sworn to this thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1906, before me.

ELWOOD L. WILSON,

a Representative in said General Assembly from Representative District No. 10, in New Castle County.

State of Delaware, }
Dover, Kent County. } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives (to which office I was elected by the House of Representatives in the year A. D. 1906) according to the best of my ability;

And I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

WM. B. MACKLIN.

Sworn to this thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1906, before me,

ELWOOD L. WILSON,

a Representative in said General Assembly from Representative District No. 10, in New Castle County.

State of Delaware, }
Dover, Kent County, } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives (to which office I was elected by the House of Representatives in the year A. D. 1906) according to the best of my ability;

And I do further solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed or offered or promised to contribute any money or other valuable thing as a consideration or reward for the giving or withdrawing a vote at the election at which I was elected to said office.

THEO. BURTON.

Sworn to this thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1906, before me.

ELWOOD L. WILSON,

a Representative in said General Assembly from Representative District No. 10, in New Castle County.

On motion by Mr. Benson the following resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, that the Clerk of the House be instructed to notify the Senate that the House is duly and regularly organized and assembled and is ready to proceed to business

On motion by Mr. Abbott the following resolution was adopted:

House Resolution authorizing Speaker to appoint Committee to notify Governor.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, that the Speaker is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee of two on the part of the Senate, which committee is hereby instructed to notify the Governor that both Houses of the General Assembly are duly assembled and regularly organized and ready to receive communications which he may send them; and the Clerk is instructed to notify the Senate of the adoption of this resolution by the House, and that Representatives Abbott, Vandenburg and Hart have been appointed by the Speaker members of the said Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the Senate that the Clerk of the Senate is instructed to notify the House that the Senate is duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, to appoint a committee to revise the rules was adopted.

Committee appointed—Wilson, Bennum and Garrison.

Mr. Abbott, chairman of the committee, to notify the Governor that the House is organized and ready for business reports having done so.

Secretary of State Cahall presented to the House for the Governor the proclamation for the special session and message, which were read and ordered spread upon the Journal.

PROCLAMATION.

State of Delaware, Executive Department

Dover, Delaware, May 28th, 1906.

I, Preston Lea, Governor of the State of Delaware, under and by virtue of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, which provides as follows:

"Section 16 He (the Governor) may on extraordinary occasions convene the General Assembly by proclamation; and in case of disagreement between the two Houses with respect to the time of adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper, not exceeding three months. He shall have power to convene the Senate in extraordinary session by proclamation, for the transaction of executive business."

Do issue this my proclamation to convene the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, at Dover, the Capital of the State, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1906, at twelve o'clock noon, to consider and act upon the following matters and subjects of legislative business, to wit:

I. To re-adopt and establish the following amendments to Article IX of the Constitution of this State, viz:

"That all of Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution of this State after the word "corporation," where it occurs the second time in Section 3, be stricken out. That Section 6 of said Article IX be stricken out and in lieu thereof substitute and adopt the following, viz:

Shares of the capital stock of corporations created under the laws of this State, when owned by persons or corporations without this State, shall not be subject to taxation by any law now existing or hereafter to be made; concerning which there appears to have arisen some doubt as to whether the same was legally adopted by General Assemblies of 1901 and 1903, respectively, and the firm establishment of which is important to the successful operation of the General Corporation law of this State.

II. To consider and act upon certain amendment to the Franchise Tax Law of this State for the purpose of enabling the State to collect a large amount of unpaid franchise taxes due by

corporations organized under the General Corporation Law of this State and transacting their business without the limits of this State.

III. To ballot for and elect a Senator of the United States to fill the vacancy now existing in the representation of this State in the Senate of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress touching the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirtieth,

[Seal]

PRESTON LEA,
Governor.

By the Governor:

JOS. L. CAHALL,
Secretary of State.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the General Assembly of the State of Delaware.

Gentlemen :

I have convened you in extraordinary session because I judged it expedient to recommend to you, for your favorable consideration and action, the several measures set forth in my proclamation assembling you.

The first measure set forth in my said proclamation is "To re-adopt and establish the following amendments to Article IX of the Constitution of this State, viz:

"That all of Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution of this State after the word "corporation," where it occurs the second time in Section 3, be stricken out. That Section 6 of said Article IX be stricken out and in lieu thereof, substitute and adopt the following, viz :

Shares of the capital stock of corporations created under the laws of this State, when owned by persons or corporations without this State, shall not be subject to taxation by any law now existing or hereafter to be made, concerning which there appears to have arisen some doubt as to whether the same was legally adopted by the General Assemblies of 1901 and 1903, respectively, and the firm establishment of which is important to the successful operation of the General Corporation Law of this State.

The above amendments were proposed to the Constitution by the General Assembly of 1901, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members elected to each House thereof, a ye and nay vote being taken. They were, however, incorrectly enrolled. The General Assembly of 1903, a ye and nay vote being taken, by the votes of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House thereof, agreed to the amendments so proposed and adopted in 1901. The defective enrollment of the amendments has produced grave doubts as to whether they have been legally adopted or not. The result of these doubts is that the stockholders and officers of Delaware corporations are uncertain as to what their rights, duties and powers are. It is important to the successful operation of the General Corporation Law of this State, that these amendments should be adopted.

The second measure mentioned in my said proclamation is "To consider and act upon certain amendments to the Franchise Tax Law of this State for the purpose of enabling the State to collect a large amount of unpaid franchise taxes due by corporations organized under the General Corporation Law of this State and transacting their business without the limits of this State."

It appears by the official records of the State Treasurer that there is due the State from certain Delaware Corporations, whose charters have become void by operation of law, the sum of \$632,360.40. All of this money could not have been collected by any method prescribed by existing law. The payment of a large part of the sum could, however, have been enforced if there had been adequate law for it. Much of this sum can still be collected if you shall, at this session, make due, proper and apt provision for it. Bills will be submitted to you at this session, which I am advised, will enable the State to fully enforce its rights in the matter. This is most important for your consideration and action, as the expenses of the State are naturally bound to increase from

year to year, and to meet this increase, additional revenue must be provided.

The third subject matter mentioned in my said proclamation is "To ballot for and elect a Senator of the United States to fill the vacancy now existing in the representation of this State in the Senate of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress touching the same."

The Constitution and Laws of the United States provide for, require and demand full representation from each of the several States in the Senate of the United States. Under the provisions of the Constitution of Delaware the duty is imposed upon you to carry with effect the provisions of the Federal law on this subject.

The performance of this duty now rests with you.

PRESTON LEA,
Governor.

On motion by Mr. Abbott 500 copies of the Governor's Message were ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the House took a recess until 1.30 o'clock.

Same Day—1.30 o'clock.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Abbott gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise Revenue for the State by taxing certain Corporations.

Mr. Benson gave notice that on to-morrow or on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled :

An Act relative to the Expense of investigating corporations delinquent in making returns.

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on to-morrow or on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled :

An Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of the State.

Mr. Lyons gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled :

An Act to increase the power and authority of the State Treasurer in the collection of the revenue of the State.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate that the President is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a committee of two on the part of the Senate to act with a like committee of three on the part of the House, which committee is hereby instructed to notify the Governor that both Houses of the General Assembly are duly organized and ready to receive any communication he may send them and the clerk is instructed to notify the House of the adoption of the resolution and the names of the Senate Committee so appointed by the President.

Members of Committee—Messrs. Monaghan and Moore.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following joint resolution :

Joint Resolution entitled :

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1:

Providing for an adjournment of the General Assembly until Monday, June 11th, A. D. 1906.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Abbott presented a joint resolution.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, entitled:

Providing for an adjournment of the General Assembly until Monday, June 11, A. D. 1906.

Mr. Abbott moved that the resolution be adopted.

On the question, Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?

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

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Garrison, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.—20.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Ellis, E. P., Hanby, Hart, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Wright.—11 present and not voting 2 absent.

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

Was declared

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, chairman of the Committee on Rules, the rules of the former House were adopted with the exception of Rule 13, which was changed to read, no rule of the House shall be changed or suspended except by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, the same having been signed by the President of the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1:

Providing for an adjournment of the General Assembly until Monday, June 11th, A. D. 1906.

Mr. Abbott, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker of the House, having been signed by the President of the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1:

Providing for an adjournment of the General Assembly until Monday, June 11th, A. D. 1906.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the House adjourned to 5.30 o'clock, June 11, A. D. 1906.

June 11, 1906—5.30 o'clock P. M

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Cooper, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Garrison; Hanby, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Marshall, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—33.

Reading of Journal dispensed with.

Mr. Abbott, in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill,

House Bill No. 1, entitled :

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act to raise Revenue for the State by taxing certain Corporations, being Chapter 166, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, as amended and published as Chapter 15, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware.

And further on his motion, Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time, by its title, and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Mr. Wilson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill,

House Bill No. 2, entitled:

An Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of the State.

And further on his motion, Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time, by its title, and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Mr. Townsend gave notice that on to-morrow or on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled :

An Act to regulate the sale of Mileage Books by Transportation Companies within the State of Delaware.

Mr. Townsend gave notice that on to-morrow or on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled :

An Act fixing the maximum charge by Transportation Companies at two cents per mile for passengers.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong the following resolution was adopted that when the House adjourn, it will be until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cooper the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, Since the adjournment of the session of the General Assembly of 1905, it hath pleased Almighty God in the all wise dispensation of His Divine Providence to remove from our midst and take unto Himself our fellow member, Honorable Robert C. Stevenson, Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware from Kent county; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware,

(1) That by his strict integrity, his moral courage, his firm adherence to that which he believed to be right, his kind, gentle and amiable disposition, and his correct and exemplary life, Robert C. Stevenson endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact;

(2) That his conduct as a member of this body was pure, high minded, noble and patriotic;

(3) That the House of Representatives keenly feels the loss of so valuable a member;

(4) That his life was such as to be an example to those of us left behind;

(5) That we do extend to the family of the deceased our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the sorrow of their loss.

(6) That an engrossed copy of these resolutions properly attested be forwarded to the family of the deceased by the Clerk of the House and that they be spread in full upon the Journal;

(7) That in respect to the memory of our deceased fellow member that the House do now adjourn for the day.

June 12, 1906—11 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Cooper, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Garrison, Hanby, Hart, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Marshall, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Reading the Journal dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong the House took a recess until 2,30 o'clock.

Same Day—2.30 o'clock P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following concurrent resolutions:

Concurrent Resolution entitled :

Concurrent Resolution convening the two Houses of the General Assembly into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Jester gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act providing a Clerk for the Office of Auditor of Accounts.

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled :

An Act entitled, an Act to amend Sections 84 and 125 of Chapter 394, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, being an Act providing a General Corporation Law.

Mr. Wilson gave notice that to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to encourage the Building of Electric Railways in the State.

Mr. Garrison gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to provide for the submission to the vote of the qualified electors of the several districts of the State the question, whether the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed or prohibited within said districts; and to provide a penalty for the unlawful manufacture or sale thereof in case a majority of the votes in said districts, or any of them, shall be against license.

Mr. Garrison gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act to provide for the submission to the vote of the qualified electors of Kent county the question, whether the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed or prohibited within the limits of said county; and to provide a penalty for the unlawful manufacture or sale thereof in case a majority of said votes shall be against license.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring therein, that the two Houses convene as a Committee of the Whole in the House of Representatives at 2.30 P. M. this day to listen to an explanation of the two bills before the General Assembly by the Hon. Robert H. Richards.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring therein, that the two Houses convene as a Committee of the Whole in the House of Representatives at 2.30 P. M. this day to listen to an explanation of the two bills before the General Assembly by the Hon. Robert H. Richards.

On motion of Mr. Murray the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, The term of the Honorable Lewis H. Ball as United States Senator in Congress for the State of Delaware, expired on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1905;

And whereas, his successor should be now chosen;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Representatives do now proceed to name, by a viva voce vote, a person for Senator in Congress from the State of Delaware, for the constitutional term the third day of March, A. D. 1905, pursuant to an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress," approved July 25, A. D. 1866, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of an Act of Congress of the United States entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Statutes of the United States in force on the first day of December, A. D. 1873," approved January 22, 1874

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the members, as their names were called, responded by viva voce as follows, viz :

Mr. Abbott, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Armstrong, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Baggs, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Bennum, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Benson, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Davis, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Eastburn, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Garrison, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Jester, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Lingo, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Lyons, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Messick, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Miller, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Murray, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. McGinnis, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Stafford, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Townsend, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Vandenburg, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Wilson, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Speaker, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

The vote as above ascertained having been announced, as follows:

For Henry A. DuPont, 20 votes.

Blanks, 13 votes.

Total, 33 votes.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the Clerk forthwith inform the Senate of a vote for United States Senator in this House of Representatives, and that the House of Representatives will meet with the Senate in the Representative Chamber to-morrow, Wednesday, June 13,

1906, at twelve o'clock meridian, in Joint Assembly, for the purpose of electing or declaring the election of a United States Senator, pursuant to an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections of Senators in Congress, approved July 25, 1866, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of an Act of Congress of the United States in force on the first day of December, Anno Domini 1863," approved January 22, 1874.

Mr. Goslee, Secretary of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that the Secretary forthwith inform the House of Representatives of a vote for United States Senator in this Senate and that the Senate will meet with the House of Representatives in the Representatives' Chamber to-morrow, Wednesday, June 13th, 1906, at 12 o'clock meridian in Joint Assembly for the purpose of electing or declaring the election of a United States Senator, pursuant to an Act of Congress, entitled: An Act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections of Senators in Congress approved July 25, 1866, and pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 14 and 15 of an Act of Congress of the United States in force on the 1st day of Dec., Anno Domini 1873, approved Jan. 22, 1874.

Mr. Garrison in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill.

House Bill No. 3, entitled;

An Act to provide for the submission to the vote of the qualified electors of Kent county the question whether the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed or prohibited within the limits of said county; and to provide a penalty for the unlawful manufacture or sale thereof in case a majority of said votes shall be against license.

Which on his motion was read.

And further on his motion Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Mr. Sparks moved that the two Houses resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole and the Speaker pro tem act as Chairman.

Which motion

Was adopted.

Mr. Mendenhall moved that the floor be given to Robt. H. Richards to explain the bill before them.

Which motion

Was adopted.

Mr. Penniwell moved a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Richards for his explanation of House Bills Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. Moore moved that the Committee do now arise.

Motion

Prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Abbott the House took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

June 13, 1906—11 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Cooper, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Garrison, Hanby, Hart, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Reading the Journal dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong the House took a recess until 11:45 o'clock.

Same Day, 11:45 a. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

Mr Goslee, clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Joint Resolutions.

Joint Resolution entitled :

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled:

Senate Joint Resolution fixing the time for final adjournment of the General Assembly.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Garrison presented a Senate Joint Resolution entitled:

Senate Joint Resolution, No. 2, fixing the time for final adjournment.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Jester moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question, Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?

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

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Cooper, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W. Ellis, E. P., Garrison, Hanby, Hart, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Ma-honey, Meredith, W. S., Meridith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—31.

Nays—None.

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

Was declared

Concurred in.

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

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate being admitted presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate Joint Resolution, the same having been signed by the President of the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled:

Senate Joint Resolution fixing the time for final adjournment of the General Assembly.

JOINT SESSION.

The hour of 12 o'clock, m, having arrived, the Senate preceded by the President pro tempore, and attended by the Clerks and Sergeants-at-Arms, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of voting for a United States Senator, in obedience to the Act of Congress, entitled;

An Act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, passed July 25, 1866.

On motion of Mr. Sparks the President pro tempore acted as President of the Joint Session

Mr. President pro tempore directed the Clerks to call the rolls of the Respective Houses. All members present except Mr. Marshall of the House.

Mr. Sparks of the Senate moved that the reading of the Journals be dispensed with.

Mr. Sparks, of the Senate, moved that the Journals of the Houses, so far as they relate to the election of a United States Senator be read and compared.

Which motion

Prevailed.

The Clerk of the Senate proceeded to read the Journal of the Senate.

The President pro tem of the Senate thereupon announced that it appeared from the reading of the Journal of the Senate, that Henry A. Dupont had received a majority of the votes cast in the Senate for United States Senator.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives proceeded to read the Journal of the House.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives announced that it appeared from the reading of the Journal of the House that Henry A. DuPont had received a majority of the votes cast in the House of Representatives for United States Senator.

JOINT SESSION

The Clerks were directed to call the rolls of the Respective

houses and the members, as their names were called, responded by viva voce as follows, viz :

- Mr. Barnard, of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Conner, of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Houston of the Senate voted for Henry A. Dupont,
- Mr. Lingo of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Mendinhall, of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. T. C. Moore, of the Senate voted for J. E. Addicks.
- Mr. Pennewill, of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Sparks, of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Stirling of the Senate voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Abbott, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Armstrong, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Baggs, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Bennum, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Benson, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Davis, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Eastburn, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Garrison, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Jester, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Lingo, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Lyons, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Messick, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Miller, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Murray, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. McGinnis, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.
- Mr. Stafford, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Townsend, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Vandenburg, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Wilson, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

Mr. Speaker, of the House, voted for Henry A. DuPont.

The vote as above ascertained having been announced, as follows :

For Henry A. DuPont, 28 votes.

Blanks, 18 votes.

For J. E. Addicks, 1 vote.

Total, 47 votes.

The President pro tempore of the Senate declared that:

It appearing that Henry A DuPont has received a majority of the votes cast in each House for United States Senator, and it further appearing that Henry A Dupont has received a majority of the votes cast in the Joint Assembly of the two Houses for United States Senator, I do hereby declare that Henry A DuPont was and is duly elected as United States Senator to represent Delaware in the Congress of the United States for the Constitutional term from the third day of March, A. D., 1905.

On motion of Mr Barnard of the Senate the two houses separated, and the Senate returned to their chamber.

Mr. Jester presented a joint resolution entitled:

House Joint Resolution No. 1, entitled:

House Joint resolution respecting the passage by Congress of the United States of a bill now before that body to fix the Status of the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Delaware Volunteers,

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Jester moved that the joint Resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Cooper, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W., Garrison, Hanby, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G. Murray, McGinnis, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker—26.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the bill, (House Bill No. 2), entitled:

An Act to provide for the collection of the revenue of the State.

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. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Garrison, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—20,

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Hanby, Hart, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Wright—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. Baggs the House took a recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the bill (House Bill No. 1), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise Revenue for the State by taxing certain Corporations, being Chapter 166, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware, as amended and published as Chapter 15, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware.

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. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Garrison, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Stafford, Townsend, Vandenburg, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Hanby, Hart, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Wright—13.

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. Baggs the bill, (House Bill No. 3,) entitled:

An Act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of Kent county the question whether the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed or prohibited within

the limits of said county, and to provide a penalty for the unlawful manufacture or sale thereof, in case a majority of said votes shall be against license.

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. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, E. P., Garrison, Hart, Jester, Meredith, J. G., Messick, Murray, McGinnis, Prettyman, Stafford, Townsend, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—Bennum, Cooper, Ellis, D. W., Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Meredith, Miller, Pennington, Sevier, Smith, Wright—12.

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. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills:

House Bill No. 1.

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act to raise Revenue for the State by taxing certain Corporations, being Chapter 166, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware, as amended and published as Chapter 15, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware.

House Bill No. 2.

An Act to provide for the collection of the revenue of the State.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Abbott, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate joint resolution:

Joint Resolution No. 2.

Fixing the time for final adjournment of the General Assembly.

On motion by Mr. Smith the following resolution was adopted.

That a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to act in conjunction with the Senate Committee on the funeral of Senator Reed.

Committee—Messrs. Smith, Murray, Ellis, E. P., Stafford, and Messick.

On motion by Mr. Abbott the House took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

To His Excellency, Preston Lea, Governor of the State of Delaware:—

DELAWARE, ss.

Be it known, that the Legislature of the State of Delaware, did, on the 13th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, at an election in due manner held, according to the form of the Act of the General Assembly of said State in such case made and provided, chose Henry A. DuPont to be a Senator from the said State in the Senate of the United States, for the constitutional term from the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five.

Given under our hands in obedience to the said Act of the General Assembly the day and year aforesaid.

A. B. CONNOR,

President Protempore of the Senate.

W. D. DENNEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Attest:

J. EDWARD GOSLEE,
Clerk of the Senate.

THOS. S. LEWIS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

June 14, 1906—11 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Garrison, Hanby, Hart, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Townsend, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

Mr. Abbott, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker of the House the following House bills:

House Bill No. 2.

An Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of the State.

House Bill No. 1.

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act to raise Revenue for the State by taxing certain Corporations, being Chapter 166, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, as amended and published as Chapter 15, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware.

Mr. Murray presented a House resolution entitled:

In respect to the pay of the Members and Officers of the House.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Murray moved that the House resolution be adopted.

On the question, Shall the Resolution pass the House?

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bennum, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Hanby, Hart, Lingo, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Wright—18.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Garrison, Jester, Lyons, Stafford, Townsend, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—13.

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

Was declared

Adopted.

Mr. Lyons presented a House resolution entitled :

Resolution in respect to the pay of the Members and Officers of the House.

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Lyons moved that the House resolution be adopted

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

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Garrison, Jester, Lyons, Stafford, Townsend, Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bennum, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Hanby, Hart, Lingo, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Wilson, Wright—19.

So the question was decided in the negative, and the House resolution not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Not adopted.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

House Bill No. 1.

An Act to amend an Act to raise Revenue for the State by

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House Bill No. 2.

An Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of the State.

Mr. Lyons presented a resolution entitled :

House Resolution appropriating certain money out of the State Treasury to pay the compensation of the Clerk of the House for supervising of printing and indexing the Journal.

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Lyons moved that the resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the resolution pass the House ?

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

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Benndm, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D.W., Ellis, E P., Garrison, Hanby, Hart, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Meredith, W.S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, Murray, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker—29.

Nays—None.

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

Was declared

Adopted.

Mr. Lyons presented a resolution entitled :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives that the sum of eight dollars be appropriated out of the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer is authorized and directed to pay the same to Charles Swain, Page of the House, for extra services.

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Lyons moved that the resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the resolution pass the House ?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Baggs, Bennum, Benson, Davis, Eastburn, Ellis, D. W., Ellis, E. P., Garrison, Hanby, Hart, Jester, Lingo, Lyons, Mahoney, Meredith, W. S., Meredith, J. G., Messick, Miller, McGinnis, Pennington, Prettyman, Sevier, Smith, Stafford, Wilson, Wright, Mr. Speaker—29.

Nays—None.

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

Was declared

Adopted.

Mr. Goslee, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following resolution :

Be it resolved that the Clerk notify the House that the Senate has completed its business and is ready to adjourn sine die.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives that James M. Satterfield, Attorney-at-Law, be and is hereby chosen as counsel for the General Assembly for and during this extraordinary session.

On motion of Mr. Murray the resolution was adopted.

Be it resolved that the Clerk notify the Senate that the House had completed its business and is ready to adjourn sine die.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved that the thanks of the members of the House are hereby extended to the Speaker and other officers of the House for the able and faithful performance of their duties during the present extraordinary session.

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THOMAS S. LEWIS,

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OF THE

House of Representatives

Dover, Delaware, January 1st, 1907.

At a session of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, convened and held at Dover on Tuesday, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-first:

NEW CASTLE COUNTY.

- Mr. Benjamin B. Allen, of the first representative district.
- " Frank R. Paradee, of the second representative district.
 - " Robert Keenan, of the third representative district.
 - " Thomas O. Cooper, of the fourth representative district.
 - " Joseph E. McCafferty, of the fifth representative district.
 - " Jeremiah B. Harvey, of the sixth representative district.
 - " Darlington Flinn, of the seventh representative district.
 - " Isaac Richards, of the eighth representative district.
 - " John P. Wilson, of the ninth representative district.
 - " Chauncy P. Holcomb, of the tenth representative district.
 - " William H. Evans, of the eleventh representative district.
 - " Richard T. Cann, Jr., of the twelfth representative district.
 - " Alexander P. Corbit, of the thirteenth representative district.
 - " Richard Hodgson, of the fourteenth representative district.
 - " Wilmer C. Staats, of the fifteenth representative district.

KENT COUNTY.

- Mr. William H. Baggs, of the first representative district.
- " Herman C. Taylor, of the second representative district.

- Mr. Gamaliel Garrison, of the third representative district.
- “ Howard Rash, of the fourth representative district.
- “ James A. Hiron, of the fifth representative district.
- “ Thomas L. Cooper, of the sixth representative district.
- “ Charles S. Conwell, of the seventh representative district.
- “ Edward R. Knotts, of the eighth representative district.
- “ Albert Harrington, of the ninth representative district.
- “ Luther F. Cabbage, of the tenth representative district.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

- Mr. William H. Richardson, of the first representative district.
- “ O. A. Newton, of the second representative district.
- “ Joshua J. Lamden, of the third representative district.
- “ Noah H. James, of the fourth representative district.
- “ William H. Elliott, of the fifth representative district.
- “ James S. Donaway, of the sixth representative district.
- “ William G. Williams, of the seventh representative district.
- “ Henry O. Bennum, of the eighth representative district.
- “ John W. Messick, of the ninth representative district.
- “ James Carey Palmer, of the tenth representative district.

Appeared and took their seats.

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

The House was called to order by Mr. Baggs.

The first business before the House was the election of chairman.

Mr. T. O. Cooper was nominated by Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Palmer was nominated by Mr. Keenan.

Mr. Keenan moved the nominations close,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Palmer received 25 votes.

Mr. Cooper received 10 votes.

Mr. Palmer, having received a majority, was declared elected.

Mr. Holcomb moved that a temporary clerk be elected,

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Allen was nominated by Mr. Holcomb.

Mr. Conwell was nominated by Mr. Baggs.

Mr. Paradee moved the nominations close,

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Conwell received 21 votes.

Mr. Allen received 10 votes.

Mr. Conwell, having received a majority, was declared elected.

The roll was called; all the members responded; each member took the oath or affirmed.

Mr. Keenan moved that a committee of three be appointed to procure the certificates of election,

Which motion Prevailed.

Committee—Messrs. Messick, Richardson and McCafferty.

Mr. Burton, of Kent County,

Mr. Goslee, of Sussex County,

Speakman, of New Castle County,

Delivered the certificates of election to the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb one certificate from each county was read and the names only in each of the others.

State of Delaware, }
New Castle County, } ss.

Be it remembered, that at the General Election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and six, for New Castle County, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Richard Hodgson was duly elected Representative for Representative District Number Fourteen in said county in the General Assembly, which is manifest by calculating and ascertaining the aggregate amount of all the votes given for each person voted

for in said Representative District, according to the provisions made by law in this behalf.

[seal]

In testimony whereof, we, Charles B. Lore and William C. Spruance, the Judges constituting the Supreme Court in New Castle County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throught the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Supreme Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county, on this twelfth day of November, A. D. 1906.

CHARLES B. LORE,
Chief Justice.
WILLIAM C. SPRUANCE,
Resident Associate Judge.

State of Delaware, }
Kent County, } ss.

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

[seal]

In testimony whereof, we, John R. Nicholson and James Pennewill, constituting the Superior Court for Kent County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county, on this eighth day of November, A. D. 1906.

JOHN R. NICHOLSON,
Chancellor.

JAMES PENNEWILL,
Resident Associate Judge.

The State of Delaware, }
Sussex County, } ss.

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

[seal]

In testimony whereof, we, Ignatius C. Grubb and William H. Boyce, the Judges constituting the Superior Court in Sussex County, who have met and ascertained the state of the election throughout the said county, as the law requires, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Superior Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in said county on this eighth day of November, A. D. 1906.

IGNATIUS C. GRUBB,
Associate Judge.

WILLIAM H. BOYCE,
Resident Associate Judge.

Mr. Baggs moved that the House elect permanent officers,
Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Hodgson was nominated by Mr. Baggs.

Mr. Holcomb was nominated by Mr. Cooper, T. O.

Mr. Newton moved the nominations close,

Which motion Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper two tellers were appointed by the Speaker protem.

Messrs. Flinn and Cann were appointed.

Mr. Hodgson received 25 votes.

Mr. Holcomb received 10 votes.

Mr. Hodgson having received a constitutional majority, the Speaker protem declared him elected as permanent Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, a committee of two was appointed to escort the Speaker to the chair.

Messrs. Holcomb and Newton were appointed.

The Speaker was sworn in by the Speaker protem.

The election of a clerk was next in order.

Mr. Swain was nominated by Mr. Newton.

Mr. Wheelan was nominated by Mr. Cooper

Mr Swain received 25 votes.

Mr. Wheelan received 10 votes.

Mr. Swain having received a constitutional majority, the Speaker declared him elected.

Mr. Swain was sworn in by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Baggs, the following resolution was adopted :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives that the Clerk of the House is hereby instructed to notify the Senate that the House is duly and regularly organized and has elected Richard Hodgson Speaker, and William J. Swain Clerk.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate that the Secretary of the Senate is instructed to notify the House that the Senate is duly and regularly organized and has elected George W. Sparks, President

protempore, and Levi G. Sterner Secretary of the Senate, and is ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in the following concurrent resolution :

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

Messrs. Moore and Monaghan were appointed by the President.

The election of Reading Clerk was in order.

Mr. Lattomus was nominated by Mr. Keenan.

Mr. O'Mara was nominated by Mr. T. O. Cooper.

Mr. Lattomus received 25 votes.

Mr. O'Mara received 10 votes.

Mr. Lattomus, having received a majority, was declared elected by the Speaker.

The election of Enrolling Clerk was in order.

Mr. Rash was nominated by Mr. Hiron.

Mr. Dawson was nominated by Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Rash received 23 votes.

Mr. Dawson received 9 votes.

Mr. Rash, having received a majority, was declared elected by the Speaker.

The election of Sergeant-at-Arms was in order.

Mr. Riffin was nominated by Mr. Elliott.

Mr. James was nominated by Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Riggin received 25 votes.

Mr. James received 10 votes.

Mr. Riggin, having received a majority, was declared elected by the Speaker.

The election of Chaplain was in order.

Rev. Jos. Brown Turner was nominated by Mr. Cooper.

Rev. George A. Ogg was nominated by Mr. Hirons.

Mr. Ogg received 25 votes.

Mr. Turner received 10 votes.

Mr. Ogg, having received a majority, was declared elected by the Speaker.

The election of Page was in order.

Mr. Carrow was nominated by Mr. Garrison.

Mr. Wingate was nominated by Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Carrow received 25 votes.

Mr. Wingate received 10 votes.

Mr. Carrow, having received a majority, was declared elected by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the following resolution was adopted :

Be it resolved that the Speaker is authorized and directed to appoint a committee of three members to act with a like committee of two members on the part of the Senate to notify the Governor that both Houses are duly organized and ready to receive any communications he has to make, and that Speaker had appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Keenan, Conwell and Holcomb members of said committee.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the House took a recess until 1.30 o'clock.

Same day, 1.30 o'clock.

House met pursuant to recess.

On motion of Mr. Newton the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved that his Excellency, the Governor, and his staff, our Senators and Representative in Congress, the Chancellor, the Chief Justice, the Judges, the Attorney-General, the Secretary of State, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the representatives of the press have the privilege of the seats on the floor.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the following resolution was adopted :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, that the Clerk of the House be, and he is hereby directed to furnish to each member and the clerks of the House one copy of the Revised Code, one copy each of Volumes 20, 21 and 23, Laws of Delaware, and one sheep-bound volume of the Constitution of the State of Delaware.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved that the Clerk of the House is hereby instructed to procure for the proper carrying on of the business of this House and deliver to the Speaker the following :

4000 postal cards.

8000 two-cent postage stamps.

4000 one-cent postage stamps.

8000 one-cent wrappers.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved that the rules of the last House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, shall be the temporary rules of this House except that rule, five of said rules shall be changed so that the following standing committees shall be added to the 22, therein provided for; 23, military affairs; 24, charities and eleemosynary Institutions; 25, manufacturers and commerce; 26, public buildings and grounds; 27, labor; 28, immigration; 29, public health; 30, revised code.

The committee report that they have notified the Governor of the action of the House that it was ready to receive any communications he might have.

The Secretary of State delivered to the House the Governor's message and reports.

On motion of Mr. Messick the Governor's message was ordered read.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

State of Delaware.

Executive Department.

To the General Assembly :

In obedience to the constitutional mandate requiring the Executive to "give to the General Assembly information of affairs concerning the State and recommend to its consideration such measures as he shall judge expedient," I submit to you my biennial message containing such information concerning the State and its affairs which appear of greatest moment, accompanied by such recommendations and suggestions for the betterment of the laws and public service as seem to me to be wise.

During the past two years I have endeavored to acquaint myself with the affairs of the State. Where I could find any method of conducting its affair in a more expeditious or economical manner consistent with the statutes, I have not hesitated to make suggestions and have found such suggestions readily accepted by the several officers. During this period I am pleased to say I have failed to find any waste of the public funds. The several State officers and Boards have been zealous in their efforts to secure to the public full value for all funds disbursed.

The first subject to which I deem it my duty to invite your attention is the finances of the State, a statement of which, fuller in details than that herewith presented, may be found in the several reports of the State Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts, which reports comprise all the facts and information essential to a comprehensive understanding of this important subject.

The expenditures of the State have steadily increased during the past fifty years.

This enlargement of public expenditure is confined to no State or nation, but is responsive to a well defined tendency of modern times.

A careful analysis of increased expenditures in this State demonstrates that such increase has arisen from efforts to render public service more efficient, the amelioration of condition of State wards, and the extension of State aid for educational, scientific, and charitable and beneficent purposes. While these appropriations have been neither lavish nor wasteful in the past, the time has arrived for caution to call a halt and stern necessity to check further increase.

Enlarged revenue only can justify any material increase in State expenditures.

Rigid economy in public affairs would receive a healthy impulse if the General Assembly would exercise the greatest care in the appropriation of money and advocate only those measures, involving the expenditure of public funds, which will commend themselves to the approval and public spirit of the citizens of this State.

I recommend that before any appropriations be determined upon, you should secure from the State Treasurer a statement of the probable receipts for the two years next ensuing, the fixed charges against the public funds, and make all other appropriations with the view of avoiding a deficit.

In the near future the expenditure of increased sums of money must be made, not for public improvement alone, but principally for public necessities.

The demands are urgent and real, all of a pressing public nature, requiring active measures to be taken to provide for them,

and, if possible, without resorting to direct State tax.

Our sister States furnish us object lessons in increasing revenues and in methods of taxation, which methods are no longer experimental.

Our revenue system should be incorporated in one comprehensive, adequate and thoroughly fair measure which should be couched in language so simple that every one might readily understand the same.

The General Assembly will probably not continue its present session more than the constitutional limit of sixty days. If you should be unable during that time to fully consider and enact proper and adequate law in relation to the revenue of the State, I would suggest that a Joint Committee of the Senate and House be appointed to frame such law and instructed to report at an adjourned session of the General Assembly to be held in November of the present year.

The license tax on the manufacturers and distillers of alcoholic liquors and the brewers of malt liquors should be so increased that the returns to the State would be measurably commensurate with the cost of protection and the added burden upon the State arising from disorders growing out of the vending within this State of the products of such enterprises.

I would recommend that such legislation be enacted which will effectually remedy the defects in the present law and extend the excise system so as to include the above named business.

Licenses issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors (other than those issued to druggists), are of two classes, one to sell in large quantities and the other to sell in small measures. The latter class pay two or three times as much tax as the former. This you should equalize and adjust.

The law permitting the sale of liquor in quantities less than one quart to be drank off the premises where purchased should be repealed.

In making this recommendation I am not unmindful of the constitutional provision in reference to local option. Whether you shall provide by law at the present session for the submission of the question of the sale or no sale of intoxicating liquors,

the sale of liquor is bound to continue in this State for two years more.

AUTOMOBILES.

The protection of the public against careless and reckless motorists has rendered necessary a revision of the present law touching Motor Vehicles

Accidents arising from automobile driving are frequent. Excessive speed is the chief cause and inspires the dread and prejudice on the part of the traveling public against automobiles.

As a vehicle of utility the automobile should be recognized as possessing the same right as all other vehicles in the use of our highways, subject, however, to certain restrictions inherent in the character of these machines.

I recommend that the present law be so amended that it provides:

1st. For an annual payment of a license fee of \$5.00 by the owner of every motor vehicle.

2nd. For an annual payment of a license fee of \$2.00 by chaffeurs.

3rd. For the revocation of all licenses, under proper restriction, upon proof that licensee is an incompetent or reckless driver.

4th. For the employment by every person incompetent to run a motor vehicle of a licensed chaffeur.

5th. For the payment of all such license fees, together with all fines and forfeitures imposed under the provisions of this law, to the State Treasurer, who shall carry such funds to a highway improvement fund, to be expended pursuant to a proper highway improvement statute.

Pecuniary penalties have not proven effective in checking reckless and careless driving. Fine and imprisonment has been demonstrated to be the only effective check; fine for the first offense and fine and imprisonment for all subsequent offenses.

OYSTERS.

That portion of State property adapted to the propagation of shell fish has been operated by private interests with little or no regard to the rights or revenue of the State.

The net receipts to the State arising from this source have materially increased. The revenue to the State could, under a comprehensive and understandable law, be further increased.

I submit that the present statute should be repealed and a full and comprehensive statute relative to Oysters be enacted, which would afford adequate protection to the State interests and avoid undue hardships upon the present lessees of oyster plantations.

The laws enacted at the last session of the General Assembly have been but little improvement over the laws then in operation.

Any statute enacted should provide for a resurvey of the natural rocks and beds adapted to oyster culture, which survey with plots should be filed and recorded in permanent form; for the appropriation of funds sufficient to make such survey and plots; for the leasing of such land for definite periods and for the adequate protection to all lessees.

DEPOSITS AND DEPOSITORIES.

The proper disposition of public funds, awaiting their disbursement, is a practical question, as we increase in population and wealth, grows in importance. Private funds on deposit in Banks and Trust Companies under certain conditions are allowed by such financial institutions interest thereon. Public funds under like conditions should be a source of revenue to the public rather than private interests only. The public money should be immediately available for public wants, but under different conditions and safeguards than those which obtain under the present laws and practice.

In order that the State and County funds on deposit may receive an income from their deposits I urge your favorable consideration of a statute which shall provide among other things:

- 1st. That the State and County Treasurers be required,

under penalty of forfeiture of office, to deposit all public funds in approved depositories ;

2nd. That the public funds, both State and County, under the control of the various treasurers, be awarded for deposit to approved depositories ;

3rd. That the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Insurance Commissioner be constituted a commission to determine the depositories for the State and County funds and the proportion of public funds each depository may receive ;

4th. That each approved depository shall be chargeable with 2% on the daily balances and at stated periods credit the accounts of such treasurers with the accumulated interest on such funds.

BOND ISSUE.

The loan of 1887 for \$250,000 00 will mature June 1st next. You should early in the session enact the necessary legislation which will enable the State to refund this loan in ample time to meet the maturing obligations of the State. It might be well for you to investigate and consider the advisability of disposing of certain railroad mortgages held by the State and with the proceeds thereof liquidate the said loan of 1887 rather than issue a new series of bonds.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

Permit me to call your attention to the inequality of assessments, which, under our present law, will never be more equably made, but which in a large measure may be corrected by the creation of a State Board of Equalization.

It is a well recognized fact that local influences upon the Assessors result in each Assessor estimating the assessable value of property at a different per centum of its true or real value, so that there has become a varying value from forty to one hundred per centum of value named in the several districts. There is now under the law no adequate power to equalize the assessment of one district as compared with another, of one group of districts with other groups.

It is a matter of vital importance that the valuation of pro-

perty should be equalized and made in accordance with a certain fixed and definite rule, thereby making all assessable property contribute its share towards government protection.

The experience of other States has demonstrated that a Board of Equalization has afforded the greatest measure of relief from this hardship than any other suggested.

I suggest that the final determination of the equalization of assessment should not be left in the hands of any individual or Board, which expends the funds arising from such assessment and taxation.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under present provisions of law the weights and measures, used in the street markets and market houses in the City of Wilmington, are required to be inspected and stamped, annually, by the Clerk of the Market of that city, and all other weights and measures used in the city are required to be inspected by the Sealer of Weights and Measures of New Castle County. I would suggest that this be remedied by a law providing for the complete inspection of all weights and measures in the city of Wilmington to be made by the Clerk of the Market of said city. There have been many complaints recently that short weights and measures are used in said city. It is possible that this results from a confusion of inspections. The law on this subject should be so amended as to prevent this and provide adequate penalties for violations thereof.

STATE INSTITUTIONS AND WARDS.

The biennial report of the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst gives in detail all the operations of that institution for the past two years; describes the condition, habits and life of the inmates and the methods of treatment; shows the hygienic condition of buildings and contains many valuable recommendations.

Accurate knowledge of the work being done at this institution would dissipate many misconceptions relative thereto. The annual increase of population in this institution has kept pace with increased population of the State.

The policy of the Board of Trustees, Superintendent and corps of assistants is wise, broad-gauged and economical.

The specific requests for legislation should receive your attention.

The indigent deaf, dumb and blind children of this State have never received that degree of care and attention which their misfortune demands.

Increased appropriations, if compatible with the state of public revenue, should be made.

The number to be placed in the various schools outside of this State should be limited only by the amount appropriated by you and the capacity of said institutions.

The excellent result of past expenditures by this State cannot be measured. The burden of properly caring for these unfortunate State wards must be largely met by the public.

EDUCATION.

Too much cannot be said in favor of appropriations for public school purposes. No funds, appropriated by the State, where wisely and judiciously expended, have returned equally valuable results to the general public.

The long established policy of the State of rendering assistance to the greatest possible extent to the various school districts in the establishment of an effective and long term school year should be continued and a further enlargement, consistent with State revenue and public necessities, is most desirable.

The State Board of Education has made several recommendations looking to the improvement of the system which should receive your careful attention.

NATIONAL GUARD OF DELAWARE.

The State has been most fortunate in securing and so long retaining the services of the present capable corps of officers and men constituting the State Militia. It is an organization our State may well be proud of.

During the past two years two successful encampments have been held near Newark, and last year a Provisional Battalion participated in the United States Military manoeuvres at Mt. Gretna.

It has been my duty as well as my pleasure to participate in each of said two encampments at Newark, spending the entire period in the field with the Militia. This afforded me opportunity to continuously observe the discipline maintained and the daily operations and exercises of the Militia. The conduct of officers and men during each encampment aroused unusual interest and elicited praise on the part of the public. The experience of the past few years has demonstrated the fact that Delaware has established a military organization worthy of her name and that each year the effectiveness of such organization has improved.

The public no longer condemns the necessary expenditure of public funds in rendering more efficient this branch of the State Government.

I recommend as liberal appropriation for the maintenance of the State Militia as the State funds will admit and the necessities of the service demand.

STATE LIBRARY.

The State Library, containing thousands of valuable volumes, many of which could be duplicated only at great cost to the State, is housed in a structure ill adapted to the proper protection and care of said volumes. Indeed many volumes are now piled up on the floor because of want of shelf space and the general inadequate character of the present room. A modern fireproof building adapted to the needs and demands of a library has become a necessity.

It is a matter for your serious consideration whether the time has not arrived for the construction of a new State House, with a fireproof wing for the Library, which shall be adequate to fully meet the public needs. I recommend this matter to your careful consideration.

SALARIES.

The salary system should be further extended so that every State and County officer be placed upon a salary basis. I submit to you the advisability of supplementing the work of the last session touching this subject by the enactment of a fee bill covering all the charges for every service rather than the present system of varying charges. I am informed that the fee bill now in vogue has not been materially changed in a century. The

present day conditions demand a fee bill adapted to the needs of the salary system of State and County officers.

The said Act should be further amended to that fees for all services rendered by any officer should be paid in advance; that the penal sum in the official obligations of every salaried officer should be increased so that the said bonds would be adequate to fully protect the County and State.

PURE FOOD LAW.

The public is aroused at the extraordinary revelations following the investigations by National and State officers into the nature and character of the adulteration of foods in ordinary daily use. The proportion of pure foods and the injurious character of adulterants found in many of the foods, condiments and medicinal preparations, has aroused a widespread and abiding interest in the public mind to such a degree that laws penalizing such practices have been enacted by the Congress of the United States and many of our sister States.

You will perform a valuable service to the public by enacting a reasonable measure for the correction of the evils of this too prevalent practice.

The Federal law upon this subject is broad, full and adequate for all purposes of inter-state trade. A State statute based on the Federal law to cover the trade within the State should be your object.

ARBOR DAY.

I desire to call your attention to the importance of general observance of this day by planting shade and ornamental trees in or about the streets, roads or homes within this State. It is a matter of serious moment that the woods and forests of our State are fast disappearing. The planting of portions of the farming district in young trees for future use is a subject worthy of your attention.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Experts assert, and the public generally believes, that much may be done by modern methods, systematically pursued, to prevent the spread of this prevalent scourge. It has been demon-

strated that with proper treatment the disease is preventable, and, in the early stages, curable. That it is infectious is equally well recognized.

It is a proper subject for investigation and intelligent legislative action. I, therefore, recommend for your favorable consideration the advisability of creating a commission, with or without pay, as in your judgment may be best, to inquire into the best means of dealing with this scourge in an economical and efficient manner, and report to the Governor as soon as possible the results of its investigation.

GOOD ROADS.

The matter of providing and maintaining good roads is of the most vital importance to our people. Roads are an absolute necessity to the farmers of our State and they should have the best that we can afford. The several counties of the State raise, annually, by taxation for road purposes, a considerable sum of money which under our present system is spent under the direction of the different officers in the different hundreds. All this money should be expended on the roads in pursuance to a fixed standard of roads adapted to the different localities of the State and under one central authority. The money so raised should be spent in the maintenance of the roads after they have been either originally built or improved along modern scientific lines. Probably one of the best investments the State could make would be the expenditure annually of as much money as its resources will afford in the construction and improvement of good permanent roads. When these are once so built, the cost of maintenance is small compared with what is now expended on our present roads. Many of the States have provided for the expenditure of millions of money in the improvement and construction of modern roads. I recognize that, owing to the peculiar conditions of our State, the same kind of roads are not adapted to its different localities. We should investigate this matter fully and thoroughly and adopt what is the most economical standard or standards of construction and maintaining our roads, having in mind that the cheapest is not the best. The end desired is the best permanent roads that we can get, suited to our conditions, at the least reasonable expense. In New Castle county certain roads have been improved along modern lines and I am informed that these roads are entirely satisfactory and highly commended by travellers

thereon. What has been done in that County under existing provisions of law during the past two years will appear to you by the report of the New Castle State Highway Commissioner, submitted to you by him.

I recommend this subject to your careful attention and while we cannot expend the same amount of money that other States are able to, yet by expending annually a certain fixed amount as above suggested, we can accomplish much in a very few years.

EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN ANIMALS.

For the last two or three years certain portions of the State have suffered from the Anthrax plague. Just how or when the disease was first introduced into the State is not definitely known. Its eradication is the pressing problem. Fortunately its presence was soon discovered and by the persistent endeavors of the State Board of Agriculture has been confined to a limited area within the State. The recurrence of this trouble the coming year is imminent, threatening a heavy loss to the farming interests of that portion of the State now affected and a probable widening of the affected districts.

It behooves you, therefore, to take into careful consideration measures which will effectually prevent its annual recurrence, and if possible finally to eradicate the plague. The report of the State Board of Agriculture contains a full statement of disbursements of the funds appropriated for this purpose.

I am pleased to note that the appropriations have met the bills incurred during the current year.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

It seems desirable in the opinion of many of our most practical farmers that continued efforts to encourage immigration into the State should be made.

The Act passed in 1903 was in force but two years, which, in the opinion of many, was an insufficient length of time to bring about the results contemplated. Every encouragement should be given to induce practical farmers and farm labor to settle in our midst; therefore, I recommend the re-enactment of Chapter 333, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware, entitled, "An Act

for the encouragement of immigration, and to foster the agricultural interest of the State "

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The State Board of Health established under a provision of our Constitution with laws regulating its duties is looked upon as a necessity. Happily no serious epidemic has occurred during the past two years to require its attention. I am pleased to refer you to its full and complete report and ask you to give it your careful consideration.

STATE PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

I recommend that the Act creating the Board of State Supplies be so amended that said Board be given a contingent fund to be expended in the employment of a person possessing the necessary technical skill to assist said Board in rendering more efficient the operations under the provisions of said Act.

I regard the necessity for reform in the methods of distribution of supplies for the General Assembly an imperative duty. You should enact such measures relative to such supplies which will render effective the provisions of the Constitution in that behalf.

I recommend that the State Librarian be made the custodian and dispenser of all supplies, who should be authorized to deliver to any State officer any supplies in hand upon the delivery to said Librarian the cost value thereof, or a contingent fund warrant therefor; and who should be directed to open an account with each member of the General Assembly, credit such account with the sum of \$25.00 as provided by the Constitution and charge all supplies furnished every such member of the General Assembly pursuant to a proper voucher, provided the aggregate shall not exceed said constitutional limit.

PARDON.

I recommend that you enact such measures which shall provide for recording in the office of the Secretary of State of all remissions of fines and forfeitures, reprieves, commutations of sentences and pardons and that such record or a duly certified copy thereof shall be admitted as evidence in the Courts of this State.

OATHS OF OFFICE.

The law relative to recording the official oaths of all State and County officers should be amended so that record evidence of every such oath could be obtained from one State officer; or a record of said oath be made at the same time and place as the Commission of said officer.

COURTS AND JURORS.

Experience in our sister States and in the Federal Courts has demonstrated that, in the administration of justice by Courts, the best, least expensive and most satisfactory results are reached, when the jurors of the Courts are selected under the supervision of the Judges. The jurors of the Courts who are summoned for the trial of cases should not be required to serve more than two weeks during any one term of the Court. The Courts, or the judges thereof in vacation, should be authorized by law to convene any of our courts upon a short notice and empowered to have drawn and summoned the Grand and other jurors required for such special terms. I recommend that the law be so amended to carry these suggestions into effect, this will secure expeditious trials of criminal and other cases and produce speedy and desired judicial determination of such matters.

REGISTRATION.

The constitution requires as a prerequisite payment of one dollar registration fee by each elector biennially. This registration fee has long been deemed an unwise tax upon the electorate of the State. I recommend the adoption at this Session of the General Assembly the Constitutional Amendment proposed at the Session of 1905 entitled "An Act proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article V, of the Constitution of this State by striking out of said Section all thereof which requires the payment of money as a qualification to register," this measure having been approved by the party conventions representing practically the entire electorate of the State.

ELECTIONS.

The so-called Australian ballot law in operation in this State is expensive, burdensome, and unsuited to the temper of our people and times. It affords neither secrecy nor protection

to the poorly educated, nor safety to the independent elector who may desire to vote for his choice of candidates.

The blanket ballot should be supplemented by a ballot of uniform size and color, printed upon uniform paper furnished by a public officer, and should contain only the nominees of one party, with opportunity for the elector to examine and prepare such ballot prior to entering the election room for the purpose of voting.

The election laws should be so simple and clear that Voters Assistants would be unnecessary. The present system was such an innovation that Voters Assistants were deemed necessary and such officers were accordingly provided for in the original statute. Later when it was thought that the necessity for such officers had ceased the General Assembly so amended the said Act that the office was abolished. The excessive number of ballots rendered void because of failure on the part of electors to comply with the strict letter of the law in marking their ballots gave rise to the necessity for the restoration of said office. The time has arrived when Voters Assistants for any cause should be deemed unnecessary for any person.

Many features of the present system may well be retained, as they make quiet, peaceful and orderly elections, which all desire.

JURISDICTION AND LIMITS.

I received from the Secretary of State of the United States the following letter which sufficiently explains the position of the Federal Government in requesting the State of Delaware to cede a certain definite portion of the bed of the Delaware River to the United States:

"His Excellency,

The Governor of Delaware,

Dover.

Sir:—

The Secretary of War advises this Department, under date of the 27th instant, that it has been found necessary, in carrying out the improvement of the Delaware River under the authority of Congress, to construct a bulkhead around portions of what are

known as " Dan Baker " and " Stony Point " shoals, so as to form a basin within which to deposit the material dredged from the channel. When completed this area will form an island which it is thought important to have in the possession and under the control of the Federal Government.

It appears that the area is in the bed of the river between the States of Delaware and New Jersey, nearer to the New Jersey shore, and that it therefore belongs to one of these two States.

In compliance with Secretary Taft's request, I have the honor to ask you to be so good as to lay the matter before the Legislature of the State of Delaware, at the earliest practicable date, with a view to securing such action as may be necessary to vest in the United States a title to that part of the river bottom on which the aforesaid island is to be constructed.

I enclose a map and description of the submerged land, and have sent a letter similar to this to the Governor of New Jersey.

I have the honor to be, sir

Your obedient servant,

ELIHU ROOT.

Enclosures:

Enclosures in Letter from

Secretary of War, March 27, 1906."

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The General Assembly of Virginia in 1904, adopted resolutions reciting the settlement made at Jamestown, May 13, 1607, and declaring for the commemoration of the event by an international exposition on the shores of Hampton Roads. The resolution *inter alia*, said :

" Resolved, by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, for and on the part of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to at once invite the co-operation and assistance of each and every other State of the Union, in order that each of them adopt the necessary measures to be suitable and appropriately represented at the said Exposition."

The Governor of Virginia in inviting the co-operation of the several States, said:

"I venture to suggest that the commemoration in question is of extraordinary significance, as the landing at Jamestown was the first settlement of the English speaking people on this Continent by nearly fourteen years ; indeed, as a result of this settlement Virginia was an organized colony with an elective Legislative Assembly nearly two years prior to the landing of the heroic Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Therefore this settlement is the genesis of our National Government, and the original source of forces which have entered mightily into the fabric and growth of our Republic.

"It is hoped that the magnitude of the historic commemoration may have the generous consideration of your State and the earnest sympathy and co operation of your people in appropriately bringing before the world so transcendent an event."

The character of this tercentennial celebration has been exploited by the Press and Magazines with such particularity that I need scarcely enter into details here.

In conformity to the request of the Governor of Virginia, I now call your attention thereto and suggest that adequate provision be made early in this session for a Delaware building and display.

The thirteen original States especially should actively participate in the celebration.

Permit me to caution you that only such appropriation for this laudable undertaking should be made which the condition of our Treasury may sustain without impairing the revenue for necessary maintenance of the State Government in all its departments and the usual and necessary charitable and educational charges upon the public funds.

UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS.

On July 24, 1905, Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Assembly of that State, forwarded to me a communication requesting the appointment of delegates from this State to participate in a Congress of Delegates from all the States "for the purpose of examining, considering

and discussing the laws and decisions of the several States upon the subject of divorce, with the view of adoption of a draft of a proposed general law, which shall be reported to the Governors of the States for submission to the Legislatures thereof, with the object of securing, as nearly as possible, uniform statutes upon the matter of divorce throughout the Nation."

Governor Pennypacker, under date of November 9th, 1905, called my attention to the Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, which provided that the delegates from said State should "consist of the Governor of Commonwealth, with three citizens of Pennsylvania, learned in law," and requested that the State of Delaware should be represented in like manner.

In accordance therewith I designated Hon. Benjamin Nields, Hon. Robert H. Richards, of Wilmington, and Hon. Henry Ridgely, of Dover, as the delegates, who, together with the Governor of this State, composed the Delaware delegation.

Unstinted praise is due Governor Pennypacker and the Pennsylvania delegation for their unflagging interest and arduous labors in preparing preliminary work incident to this movement.

I recommend that the proposed law, or so much thereof as may be practicable under our judicial system, be enacted into law in this State.

I desire to express my appreciation to the three delegates representing the State for the time devoted to and the interest taken in this most commendable movement.

The report of the Delaware delegation, with its recommendations, is herewith presented to you for your thoughtful consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTS.

In deference to the express legislative will and in courtesy to the Governor of New York, without committing myself to the wisdom or expediency of the movement, I transmit herewith a certain resolution adopted by the Legislature of New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
IN SENATE.

Albany, March 1, 1906.

Whereas, It appears from the investigation recently made by the Senate of the United States, and otherwise, that polygamy still exists in certain places in the United States notwithstanding prohibitory statutes enacted by the several States thereof, and

Whereas, The practice of polygamy is generally condemned by the people of the United States, and there is a demand for the more effectual prohibition thereof by placing the subject under Federal jurisdiction and control, at the same time reserving to each State the right to make and enforce its own laws relating to marriage and divorce; now, therefore,

Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That application be and hereby is made to Congress, under the provisions of Article Five of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States whereby polygamy and polygamous co-habitation shall be prohibited, and Congress shall be given power to enforce prohibition by appropriate legislation.

Resolved, That the Legislatures of all other States of the United States, now in session or when next convened, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to join in this application by the adoption of this or an equivalent resolution.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is directed to transmit copies of this application to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the several members of said body representing this State therein; also to transmit copies hereof to the Legislatures of all other States of the United States.

In Assembly, March 2, 1906.

Concurred in without amendment.

By order of the Assembly,
A. E. BAXTER, Clerk.

By order of

THE SENATE,
LAFAYETTE B. GLEASON,
Clerk.

State of New York,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.

The foregoing is a true copy of a concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York, filed in this office March 6th, 1906.

[seal]

Given under my hand and the Seal of Office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this twentieth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

VALLEY FORGE PARK COMMISSION.

I have received the following communication from Governor Pennypacker, which I take pleasure in presenting to you for such action as may seem meet, to wit:

November 14, 1905.

Hon. Preston Lea,
Governor of Delaware,
Dover, Del.

Dear Sir:—

At the request of the Valley Forge Park Commission, it is my pleasure to inform you that the improvements at Valley Forge have so far progressed and the avenues along the intrenchments are so far completed as to enable each one of the thirteen original States to mark with a suitable monument the location of its troops, if such a course be thought desirable by the authorities of the State.

Very truly yours,

SAM'L W. PENNYPACKER.

This Park, commemorating the heroic struggle and undaunted bravery of our Revolutionary Soldiers, must appeal to

every liberty-loving citizen of this State. A suitable memorial marking the location of the Delaware Troops at Valley Forge during this important period of our Nation's history, is an object deserving your careful and favorable consideration.

THE PROPAGATION AND PROTECTION OF FISH.

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania adopted a resolution creating a Commission to meet similar Commissions appointed by the States of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland "for the purpose of formulating concurrent or uniform legislation affecting the States named relating to the propagation and protection of fish." Such Commissions have been formed by all the States named except Delaware.

I solicit your thoughtful consideration of the advisability of the appointment of such joint commission with the view of more complete protection of an industry, which, without adequate restrictions, may soon become unprofitable to those interested.

COMPACT OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW JERSEY AND DELAWARE RESPECTING THE DELA- WARE RIVER AND BAY.

In pursuance to the mandate of Section 2, Chapter 5, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, I did, in November, 1905, transmit to the President of the United States a duly certified copy of said Act and requested that it be communicated to Congress for its action.

Ratification of said compact or agreement was not had during the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress, but it is expected that this measure will be finally disposed of during the present session of Congress.

EXPOSITIONS.

I have received the following communication which, in courtesy to the Governor of the State of Florida, I transmit to you for such consideration and action which the enterprise may merit:

STATE OF FLORIDA.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Tallahassee, Fla.,

December 30, 1905.

Whereas, It has been suggested that an international and Isthmian Exposition be held in the City of Tampa, Florida, during the months of January, February and March, in the year of our Lord, 1908, in honor and celebration of the commencement of work on the construction of the great Panama Canal by the Government of the United States; and

Whereas, Such an Exposition will direct the attention of the world to the unsurpassed climate of the State of Florida, its boundless agricultural mineral, industrial and commercial resources, and its superior maritime advantages as the highway of the world's commerce when said Canal is opened for traffic;

Therefore, I, Napoleon B. Broward, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby issue this, my Proclamation, calling said

INTERNATIONAL AND ISTHMIAN EXPOSITION

To be held in the City of Tampa, Florida, commencing in the month of January, in the year of our Lord, 1908, in celebration of the commencement of work on the Panama Canal by the Government of the United States; and I call upon and urge all the citizens of the State of Florida to unite their efforts in support of said Exposition, and I also request and urge the Senators and Representatives of the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States to invite and secure from said Congress an indorsement of said Exposition and a reasonable appropriation in aid thereof.

The Governors of the several States and Territories, comprising the United States of America, are hereby cordially invited to secure the co-operation of their State Legislatures in aid of said Exposition, and are requested and urged to secure a proper representation of the resources of their respective States in the exhibits at said Exposition; and

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, is hereby requested and urged to issue his PROCLAMATION through

the State Department of the United States, inviting Foreign Countries to participate in said Exposition.

[SEAL] IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the 30th day of December, A. D. 1905.

By the Governor, attest:
H. CLAY CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

N. B. BROWARD,
Governor.

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.

To render more effective our criminal code and remedy certain defects therein I recommend that the criminal laws of the State be so amended and supplemented as that various forms of false-swearing other than perjury, may be punished.

That the punishment for manslaughter may be made more severe.

That the offense of conspiracy be by statute broadened in its scope.

That the punishment for bigamy be made more severe.

That the jurisdiction of the offenses of carrying concealed a deadly weapon, pointing a pistol at another person and discharging a firearm upon the public highway be given to tribunals inferior to the Court of General Sessions where possible.

PARDONS, REPRIEVES AND REMISSIONS.

An account of all remissions of fines and forfeitures, reprieves, commutation of sentences and pardons granted by me during the past two years, with the reasons therefor, is herewith transmitted, in compliance with the injunction of the Constitution, for your information.

Firmly convinced that the fullest and freest public discussion before either or both branches of the General Assembly, or any committee thereof, by individuals or representatives of interests affected, or claimed to be affected, in any manner by proposed

legislation, should be accorded, yet I am of the opinion that it is wise to adopt, and therefore suggest for your consideration and enactment, proper and adequate legislation upon the subject which will safeguard the General Assembly from improper influences.

In the exercise of your duties as legislators permit me to caution you against the evil consequences of ill-considered and poorly drafted measures. Past experience should assist you. It is not the quantity but the quality of measures enacted by you which will give this session character and bring to you honor and credit. Too much legislation works a greater evil upon the people than the failure to pass any.

Permit no law to pass unless it can stand certain tests ; each enactment must not be in conflict with the Federal and State Constitutions ; it should be clear in its terms, not be indefinite, vague or uncertain as to its meaning, and, not the least important its enrollment should have the most scrupulous care and attention in all particulars.

REPORTS.

The reports of the several Departments of State Government which contain full detailed statement of the operation of said Departments for the past two years will be handed to you with this message or as soon thereafter as completed.

PRESTON LEA.

Dover, Delaware.

January 1, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Cooper (T. O.) the further reading of the Governor's Message was dispensed with and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

Mr. Messick moved to reconsider the vote on having 1,000 copies of the Governor's Message printed

Which motion

Was carried.

Mr. T. O. Cooper moved to have 500 copies of Governor's Message printed

Which motion

Was carried.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act to Provide for the payment of a retiring Salary to certain Judges of this State.

On motion of Mr. Hirons the following resolution was adopted.

Be it resolved that the Clerk of the House be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure from John S. Rowan news dealer one paper for each member of the House of his own choice published outside of the State and one each of the daily papers published in the State.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following joint Resolution:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

Joint Resolution Providing for the adjournment of the General Assembly from January 1st, 1907 until January 7, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Messick Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 entitled:

Joint Resolution providing for the adjournment of the General Assembly from January 1st, 1907 to January 7th, 1907.

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the House adjourned until Monday 7th, 1907 11 o'clock A. M.

Jan. 7, 1907, 11 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper (Thomas O), Corbit, Cubbage, Elliott, Flinn, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, McCaffert, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Reading Journal was dispensed with.

The following invitation was received:

The Society of the Colonial Dames of Delaware and the Society of Colonial Wars invite you to listen to an address on the "Jamestown Exposition" by the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, President of the Association, in the New Century Club, on Monday evening, January seventh, at eight o'clock.

Mr. Allen moved the invitation be accepted.

Which motion

Was carried.

On motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the Clerk of the House be instructed to prepare a daily Calendar of bills, resolutions etc., as has been the custom of the House.

On motion of Mr Rash the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the Hoase of Representatives that the Speaker be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a committee of three to secure the service of typewriters for the present session.

Messrs. Hirons, Bennum and Holcomb were appointed.

House Joint Resolution No. 1:—

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, that the Congress of the United States be requested not to ratify or take further action upon the compact now before them, entitled:

“ A compact between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware, relating to the boundary controversy between said States,” until the uniform laws to regulate the catching and taking of fish in the Delaware River and Bay between the said two States are presented to and passed by the respective Legislatures of the said States, which are now in session, and

Be it further Resolved that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be furnished with a certified copy of this resolution and that that they be urgently requested to do all in their power to further the object and import of this resolution.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the resolution be the order of the day first thing after the noon recess to-morrow

Which motion

Was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cabbage the House took recess until two o'clock P. M.

Same Day—2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the following resolution was adopted.

House Joint Resolution, No. 2.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representative of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, that a committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the

House be appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the State, report the condition of the same to the General Assembly, with such recommendation as they may see fit to make, in order that a proper and safe revenue may be raised to carry on the business of the State.

Messrs. Baggs, Corbit and Holcomb were appointed.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requests the concurrence of the House in the following concurrent resolution, No. 2.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Senate and House sit as a committee of the whole on Thursday, Jan. 8th, 1907, at 1.30 o'clock P. M., to hear an address by the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, relative to the Jamestown Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Messick the Auditor's Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Corbit the further reading of the Auditor's Report was dispensed with.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in the following joint resolution, entitled :

Senate Joint Resolution, No. 2.

Regulating the purchase and furnishing of all printing and supplies to be used by the present session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Conwell moved the Senate Joint Resolution, No. 2, be laid on the table.

Which motion

Was carried.

On motion of Mr. Flinn the House adjourned until 11 o'clock, Jan. 8th, 1907.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled :

An Act providing for Inspectors to hold Elections in the Second and Third Election District of the Third Representative District of Sussex County.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled :

An Act to divide the Second Election District of the Third Representative District of Sussex County into two Election Districts.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled :

An Act designating the Voting Places in the Second and Third Election District of the Third Representative District of Sussex County.

Mr. Conwell gave notice on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled :

An Act to propose an Amendment to Article 8, Section 1, of the Constitution.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled :

An Act to regulate nominations and elections expenses and to require accounts of nominations and elections expenses to be filed, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to facilitate the holding of special sessions of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in the several counties of the State.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to incorporate the several counties of this State.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to repeal Chap. 63, Vol. 22 Laws of Delaware entitled An Act creating the office of Voters Assistant and prescribing the duties thereof.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act supplementary to the Act entitled "An act to amend Chap. 152, Vol. 15 Laws of Delaware," entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of New Castle," published in Vol. 15 Laws of Delaware, Chap. 164.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An act to amend Section 24 of Chap. 152 Vol. 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled An Act to incorporate the City of New Castle " relating to laying out of streets in said city.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act authorizing the Mayor and Council of New Castle to borrow one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for sewer, street and harbor improvements of the city of New Castle.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to divide New Castle hundred (the Tenth Representative District of New Castle County) into six election districts.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An act to require all railroad and railway companies and corporations and all persons running on operating cars or coaches by steam, electricity or any other motive power, on any railroad or railway line or track, in the State of Delaware, for the transportation of passengers, to provide separate cars or coaches, or delegate a certain parts of cars or coaches for white and colored passengers without any difference or discrimination in quality or of convenience or accomodation in such cars or coaches.

Mr. Keenan gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 340 Volume 16 Laws of Delaware, entitled "An Act to reduce the number of the Justices of the Peace, in the City of Wilmington, and for other purposes," authorizing the bringing of action before Justices of the Peace in New Castle County, against non-residents.

Mr. Allen gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act limiting the charge for carrying passengers on railroads and railways so that the same shall not exceed two cents per car mile.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act authorizing the proper kind of securities to be held as assets by Insurance Companies and Savings Institutions.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act regulating Fraternal Beneficiary Associations and for other purposes.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act limiting the liability that a Surety Company may assume on any one bond.

January 8th, 1907—11 o'clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, (Thomas L.), Cooper, (Thomas O.), Corbit, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Elliott the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the Clerks and the Sergeant at Arms of the House be furnished the same supplies as the Members.

On Motion of Mr. Messick the following House concurrent Resolution No. 1 was adopted:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives (if the Senate concurs therein) that a committee of three be appointed on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate to receive and entertain the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, Admiral Harrington, and Mr. Sheppard of the Jamestown Exposition.

Messrs. Messick, Corbit and Cann were appointed on committee.

On motion of Mr. Cabbage the bill (House Bill No. 1), entitled:

An Act limiting the liability that a Surety Company may assume on any one bond.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Cabbage Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Mr. Messick gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the permanent improvement of the Public Highways in Sussex County.

Mr. Donaway gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled;

An Act to give the people a right to vote on local option.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to bond the town of Bridgville for the purpose of establishing a water works for said town.

Mr. Conwell gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to give the control of Delaware College to the State by a gradual reorganization of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Richardson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 411, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled "An Act to protect the people from the danger resulting from the use of petroleum coal oil, and burning fluids" by increasing the fire test and providing for the method or manner of making such tests, and by such tests shall be made.

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act authorizing the road commissioners of White Clay Creek Hundred in New Castle county to fund the floating debt and secure the payment thereof.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act requiring and establishing a Premium Reserve Fund

for the protection of the holders of the obligations of any Guarantee Surety, and Fidelity Company transacting business in this State.

Mr. Paradee gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to repeal Chapter 17, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware being an Act entitled: "An Act to amend Chapter 24, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware as supplemented by Chapter 364, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, and as amended by Chapter 10 and 11, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act to raise revenue for the State by taxing Manufacturers, and for other purposes, and to re-enact and re-establish the law repealed by said Chapter 17, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate being admitted informed the House that the Senate has concurred in the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, that a committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate be appointed to receive and entertain Hon. H. St George Tucker, Admiral Harrington and Mr. Sheppard of the Jamestown Exposition and had appointed as members of the committee, Messrs. Sparks and Conner.

On motion of Mr. Newton the House took a recess until 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Same Day—1.30 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to recess.

House and Senate met as a Committee of the Whole to hear addresses on the Jamestown Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Conner, of the Senate, Mr. Sparks, of the Senate, made chairman.

House called to order by Mr. Sparks.

Address by Hon. H. St. George Tucker.

Address by Admiral Harrington.

Address by Mr. Shepard, Secretary of the Jamestown Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Sparks the two bodies separated.

Mr. Holcomb presented a joint resolution entitled :

House Joint Resolution, No. 1..

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, that the Congress of the United States be requested not to ratify, or take further action upon the compact now before them entitled, a "Compact between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware, relating to the Boundary Controversy between said States, until the uniform laws to regulate the catching and taking of fish in the Delaware River and Bay between the said two States is presented to and passed by the respective Legislatures of the said States, which are now in session, and

Be it further resolved, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be furnished with a certified copy of this resolution, and that they be urgently requested to do all in their power to further the object and intent of this resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the resolution be laid on table.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be laid on the table?"

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

YEAS—Messrs. Bennum, Conwell, Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, Keenan, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Cann, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Harrington, James, Lambden, Taylor.—8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Conwell asked that the Senate joint resolution, No. 2, entitled :

Senate Joint Resolution regulating the purchase and furnishing all Printing and Supplies to be used by the present session of the General Assembly,

Be read.

Mr. Conwell moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

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

YEAS—Messrs. Bennum, Conwell, Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harvey, Hiron, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Cann, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Harrington, Holcomb, James, Lambden, McCafferty, Taylor.—10.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

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

The committee appointed to obtain typewriters for the House beg to report as follows :

Have employed Miss Rash and Miss Horn at a salary of \$15.00 each per week.

Mr. Rash moved the report be accepted,

Which motion

Was carried.

An invitation was read :

Dover, Delaware, Jan. 7th, 1907.

To the Speaker and Members of the House :

You are hereby cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Peninsular Horticulture Society in the Dover Opera House, January 8, 9 and 10th, particularly the session on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

. Very truly yours,

WESLEY WEBB,
Secretary.

SAM. H. DERBY,
President.

On Motion of Mr. Newton the invitation was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the House adjourned until 10.30 A. M., January 9th, 1907.

Jan. 9, 1907--10.30 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present--Messrs. Allen, Conwell, Cooper, (Thomas L.), Cooper, (Thomas O.), Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Finn, Garrison, Harvey, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Richards, Richardson, Staats. Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Flynn the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that all joint and concurrent Resolutions and all Bills presented for consideration in the House shall be typewritten.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the House took recess for five minutes.

At the Expiration of Recess, House called to order.

On motion of Mr. Elliott the following Resolution No. 10 was adopted:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives in General Assembly met, that the Chaplain of the House be given supplies such as have been voted to the other officers of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cabbage, the bill, (House Bill No. 3) entitled:

An Act requiring and establishing a Premium Reserve Fund for the protection of the holders of the obligations of any Guarantee, Surety, and Fidelity Company transacting business in this State

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Cabbage Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the bill, (House Bill No. 2) entitled:

The Act to amend Chapter 411, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled An Act to protect the people from the danger resulting from the use of petroleum, coal oil and burning fluids, by increasing the fire test and providing for the method or manner of making such tests and by whom such tests shall be made.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Richardson, Rule 12 was suspended in this case.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the bill (House Bill No. 4) entitled:

An Act to provide for the payment of a retiring salary to certain Judges of this State.

Was read a first time.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to regulate the investment of the funds and real estate holdings of Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to require an annual apportionment and accounting of surplus of Life Insurance Companies as to policies heretofore issued.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future

day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to require an apportionment and accounting of surplus of Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act establishing standard forms in which policies of Life Insurance may be issued in this State, and in which policies of Life Insurance Companies organized under the laws of this State may be issued, and regulating the conditions and provisions to be contained in policies of Life Insurance Companies that do not adopt such standard forms.

Mr. Bennum gave notice that on to-morrow or some future he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled :

An Act to encourage the production of Alcohol in this State and to regulate the same.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the following Resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, that the State Board of Supplies be authorized and directed to furnish to the Clerk of the House such supplies as may be required for the use of the House Stenographer.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the House took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Same day—2 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to recess 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Allen introduced Hon. David T. Marvil who extened to the Members of the House on behalf of the city Counsel and Board of Trade of Wilmington, an invitation to attend a banquet to be given in Wilmington January 18th, on the occasion of the celebration of its 75th Anniversary of the chartering of that city.

Mr. Keenan moved that the invitation be accepted.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Newton the House adjourned until 10.30 Jan. 10, 1907, to attend the meeting of the Horticulture Society.

January 10th, 1907—10.30 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, (Thomas L.), Cooper, (Thomas O.), Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper the following resolution, No. 11, was adopted :

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, (and the Speaker to be an ex-officio member of said Committee), to consult the counsel of the General Assembly as to the rights of this House to order printing, etc.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following concurrent :

Concurrent Resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to make arrangements through the Board of State Supplies for free telephone service for the officers and members of the Senate and the House for matters pertaining to State business.

On motion of Mr. Messick the concurrent resolution just reported was taken up, and on his further motion was adopted.

Mr. T. O. Cooper moved that no smoking be allowed in the House while in session,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Keenan presented a joint resolution entitled :

Joint Resolution regarding a bill in the Congress of the United States relating to the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Delaware Volunteers,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Keenan moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker
—31.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Mr. Hirons presented a joint resolution entitled :

Joint Resolution, No. 3, authorizing the appointment of a Committee of two on part of the House and two on the part of the Senate to select and secure a proper and suitable person to act as Night Watchman for the Senate and House,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Hirons moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Coaper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradise, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.—32.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Mr. Holcomb in pursuance of Previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill (House Bill No. 5), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 152, Volume 15, of the Laws of the State of Delaware, entitled; an Act to incorporate the City of New Castle, relating to laying out new streets in said city.

And further on his motion Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Holcomb in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill, (House Bill No. 6), entitled:

An Act authorizing the Mayor and Counsel at New Castle to borrow One Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$100,000.00) for sewer, street and harbor improvements of the City of New Castle.

And further on his motion Rule 22 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Municipality Corporations.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following concurrent resolution:

Concurrent resolution entitled: Concurrent Resolution designating the Attorneys for the General Assembly.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Delaware, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that a board of four attorneys composed of Herbert H. Ward, Esq., James M. Satterfield, Esq., Chas. L. Moore, Esq., and Willard T. Smith, Esq., shall be elected as legal advisors for this Session of the General Assembly, and that Herbert H. Ward, Esq., is hereby declared senior counsel of said Board.

Mr. Palmer moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution just reported be read and on his further motion was adopted.

Mr. Holcomb moved that one thousand (1,000) copies of House Bill No. 6 be printed.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Paradee moved to increase Committee on Wilmington Board of Trade Banquet.

Which motion

Prevailed.

The Committee of five are Messrs. Keenan, Rash, Newton, Allen and McCafferty.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend Section 4 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, being in reference to registration for election

Mr. Corbit gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 76, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware in relation to the Stenographer of the Court of Chancery.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act relating to the provisions of Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future

day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act defining the Statutes of persons soliciting Life Insurance.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to prohibit misrepresentation by Life Insurance Policies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to prohibit discrimination by Life Insurance Companies and providing penalties for violations thereof.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act providing for and regulating the election of Directors of Mutual Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to prohibit the issuance of nonparticipating policies by certain Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act relating to the salaries of officers and agents of Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act regulating disbursements by Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act regulating the retirement of Capitol Stock in certain cases.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to provide a method whereby Assessment Life Insurance Companies may be re-incorporated as Legal Reserve Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act prohibiting corporations or stock companies acting as agents or solicitors for Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill, (House Bill No. 7), entitled:

An Act to repeal Chapter 63, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware entitled: An Act creating the office of Voters Assistant, and prescribing the duties thereof.

And further on his motion, Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill (House Bill No. 8) entitled:

An act to divide New Castle Hundred (the Tenth Representative District of New Castle County) into six election districts and providing inspectors for same.

And further on his motion, Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Messick in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill (House Bill No. 9), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: An Act to provide for the permanent improvement of the public Highway in Sussex County.

And further on his motion Rule 22 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Keenan in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to

introduce a bill, (House Bill No. 10), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 340, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware, entitled: An Act to reduce the number of Justices of the Peace in the City of Wilmington, and for other purposes, authorizing the bringing of actions before Justices of the Peace in New Castle County against non-residents.

And further on his motion, Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time, by its title, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Conwell, in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill, (House Bill No. 11), entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Article 8, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of Delaware with the purpose of limiting the application or the word "uniform."

And further on his motion Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time, by its title, and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Rash the House took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Same day—2 o'clock, P. M.

Expiration of recess, 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Conwell moved that the resolution regarding the purchase of stamps by the Clerk adopted Jan. 1st, be rescinded.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. T. O. Cooper offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the resolution furnishing newspapers to Members of the House be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Conwell moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb moved that when the House adjourned, to adjourn until 10.30 o'clock, Jan. 14.

Which motion Lost.

Mr. Allen moved to take recess for fifteen minutes.

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act relating to the Annual Reports of Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Paradee gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to alter and establish the Charter of the City of Wilmington.

Mr. Hirons gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to provide for the permanent improvement and maintenance of Public Highways in Kent County.

Mr. Hirons gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act making the illegitimate children of a woman dying intestate her heirs at law.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An act to amend Chapter 137, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an act for the protection and preservation of squirrels.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act regulating Life Insurance Companies and prohibiting the diversion of funds for political purposes.

To the Honorable Members of the Legislature :

In the name of the Delaware Women's Christian Temperance Union, I ask the privilege of having Mrs. Maria Weed, of New York, to have a hearing before your honorable body on Mormonism. We want a bill presented to Congress for an anti-polygamy amendment to the Federal Constitution, and to secure this, it will be necessary for three-fourths of the State Legislature to concur and two-thirds vote of the members of Congress.

Respectfully yours,

EMMA E. CAULK,
President.

LAVINA LYNCH,
Secretary.

The executive meeting now in session of the Delaware Woman's Christian Temperance Union send greeting to the Legislative body assembled:

Read Jeremiah, 42 : 6—Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee : that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.

EMMA E. CAULK,
President.

ANNIE W. MASSEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

MARY B. DONNELL,
Pres. N. C. Co., W. C. T. U.

KATE E. SMITHERS,
Pres. Kent Co., W. C. T. U.

LILLIAN CADE,
Pres. Sussex Co., W. C. T. U.

MRS. L. W. EMERSON, }
MRS. MINNIE HOLMES, } Committee.

Communication from W. C. T. U. was read and motion of Mr. Taylor was accepted and ordered placed on the minutes.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate Joint Resolution, the same having been signed by the President of the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution, No. 2, entitled :

Joint Resolution regulating the purchase and furnishing all printing and supplies to be used by the present session of the General Assembly and presented same to the House.

The Committee on Rules report.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following joint resolutions: Senate Joint Resolutions providing Supplies for Attorneys.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, begs leave to make the following report :

That we recommend the adoption of the rules as used in the House of two years ago, with the following additions : That a new rule be added, to be known as Rule 28, which shall read as follows :

All bills and joint resolutions shall be introduced in duplicate, one copy of which shall be marked duplicate and the original bill shall at all times remain in the custody of the Clerk of the House, or of the Chairman of the Committee to which it was referred.

That Rule heretofore known as Rule 28, being the daily order of business, be changed to Rule 29.

That the Committee on Rules heretofore consisting of three members, shall be increased to five members.

That the following additional committees be added to the list of committees of this House:

Military Affairs, to consist of seven members.

Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions, to consist of seven members.

Manufacturers and Commerce to consist of seven members.

Public Buildings, consist of seven members.

Labor, to consist of seven members.

Immigration, to consist of seven members.

Public Health, to consist of seven members.

Revised Code, to consist of seven members.

Respectfully,

W. H. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

ROBERT KEENAN,

CHARLES S. CONWELL,

H. C. TAYLOR,

JOSHUA J. LAMBDEN.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

Rules—Richardson, Keenan, Conwell, Taylor, Lambden.

Revenue and Taxation—Newton, Paradee, Flinn, Hirons, Richardson, Allen, Lambden.

Elections—Knotts, Wilson, Bennum, Harrington, James, Hirons, Garrison.

Judiciary—Harvey, Corbit, Rash, Donaway, Conwell, Dr. T. O. Cooper, James.

Federal Relations—Bennum, Corbitt, Baggs, Palmer, Evans, Allen, T. L. Cooper.

Crimes and Punishments—Baggs, Corbit, Hirons, Williams, Wilson, Cann, T. L. Cooper.

Accounts—Cubbage, Evans, Conwell, Elliott, Williams, Holcomb, Taylor.

Claims—Hirons, Paradee, Flinn, Palmer, Cubbage, Holcomb, Lambden.

Temperance—Richards, Corbit, Garrison, Baggs, Richardson, Taylor, Harrington.

Education—Conwell, Keenan, Wilson, Elliott, Palmer, Dr. T. O. Cooper, Harrington.

Enrolled Bills—Evans, Flinn, Garrison, Newton, Richardson, Allen, Taylor.

Appropriations—Evans, Baggs, Wilson, Cubbage, Messick, Harrington, Lambden.

Miscellaneous—Elliott, Messick, Cubbage, Staats, McCafferty, Holcomb, Rash.

Stationery and Supplies—Wilson, Garrison, Donaway, Bennum, Newton, Cann, James.

Agriculture and Forestry—Garrison, Richards, Knotts, Staats, Williams, T. L. Cooper, Lambden.

Municipal Corporations—Paradee, Wilson, Keenan, Elliott, Hirons, Allen, Taylor.

Fish, Oysters and Game—Palmer, Knotts, Bennum, Staats, Cubbage, Taylor, Harrington.

Printing—Rash, Newton, Richardson, Evans, Keenan, Holcomb, Harrington.

Revised Statutes—Richardson, Paradee, Palmer, Baggs, Rash, McCafferty, T. L. Cooper,

Private Corporations—Keenan, Flinn, Paradee, Richardson, Hirons, Allen, Harrington.

Banking and Insurance—Corbit, Conwell, Newton, Cubbage, Flinn, Holcomb, Dr. T. O. Cooper.

Public Highways—Flinn, Newton, Cubbage, Harvey, Rash, T. L. Cooper, James.

Military Affairs—Allen, Keenan, Corbit, Richardson, Staats, Williams, Holcomb.

Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions—Messick, Wilson, Richards, Williams, Palmer, Cann, Holcomb.

Manufacturers and Commerce—Halcomb, Keenan, Harvey, Donaway, Cubbage, Lambden, Garrison.

Public Buildings—Williams, Knotts, Messick, Cubbage, Evans, Cann, Taylor.

Labor—McCafferty, Paradee, Harvey, Donoway, Richards, Bennum, Elliott.

Immigration—Donaway, Baggs, Harvey, Knotts, Staats, Dr. T. O. Cooper, Cann.

Public Health—Dr. T. O. Cooper, Elliott, Messick, Bennum, Evans, James, Rash.

Revised Code—Staats, Richards, Flinn, Knotts, Messick, Taylor, McCafferty.

Mr. Keenan moved that the rules be adopted and read.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Taylor moved that five hundred (500) copies of the rules be printed.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Messick, Senate Joint Resolution providing supplies for attorneys was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the House adjourned until 10 30 o'clock, Jan. 11, 1907.

January 11th, 1907—10.30 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, (Thos. L.), Cooper (Thos. O.) Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Elliott gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act authorizing the Town Council of Laurel, Delaware, to borrow money to pay the floating debt of said town.

Mr. Elliott gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend an act entitled: an Act to re-incorporate the town of Laurel, being Chapter 186, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware.

Mr. Palmer gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act authorizing and empowering the School Commissioners of Milton to refund the bonded indebtedness.

Mr. Evans, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, the following Joint Resolution No. 2:

Joint Resolution regulating the purchase and furnishing of

all printing and supplies to be used by the present session of the General Assembly.

Mr. T. O. Cooper moved that a Committee of two be appointed to assist the Clerk in making the daily Calendar of Bills.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Messrs. Hirons and Taylor were appointed.

Mr. Cabbage gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to require all Railroad Companies and Corporations and all persons running and operating cars or coaches by steam on any railroad lines or tracks in the State of Delaware for the transportation of passengers, to provide free transportation for all State officers.

Mr. Corbit gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to regulate the taking of fish in certain waters of Appoquinimink and St. Georges Hundreds.

On motion of Mr. Paradee, the bill, (House Bill No. 12) entitled:

An Act to alter and re-establish the Charter of the city of Wilmington.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Paradee, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill, (House Bill No. 13), entitled:

An Act to regulate expenses and to require accounts of nomination and election expenses to be filed and providing penalties for the violation of this law.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Holcomb, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the bill (House Bill No. 4) entitled:

An Act to provide for the payment of a retiring salary to certain Judges of this State.

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the bill, (House Bill No. 14) entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article V of the Constitution of this State, by striking out of said Section all thereof which requires the payment of money as a qualification to register.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Holcomb Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill No. 1; entitled:

An Act to provide for the State of Delaware to be represented at the Jamestown Centennial Exposition, etc., with amendment.

Presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper the bill (Senate Bill No. 1) just reported, was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. T. O. Cooper moved that the House sit as a Committee of the whole on this bill.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bennum from the Committee on Federal Relations reported back the bill (Senate Bill No. 1) with favorable recommendations..

On motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 1)

Was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Newton the bill, (Senate Bill No. 1), was made the special order of the day 11 o'clock Monday, January 14, 1907.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following Senate Joint Resolution, No. 3:

Joint resolution entitled:

Joint resolution regarding a bill in Congress of the United States, relating to the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Delaware Volunteers.

And presented the same to the House for Concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Knotts the House took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.