

# RESOLUTIONS VETOED

No. 1-B.

## A RESOLUTION

In the Senate, April 16, 1925.

RESOLVED, (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives be directed to have the copy of the Journals of the two Houses of this session prepared and placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding within thirty days after the close of the session, and the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding is hereby directed to have the said Journals printed, bound and delivered to the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives within ninety days after the receipt of the copy therefor.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
Executive Chamber,  
Harrisburg, April 30, 1925.

I file herewith, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with my objection, Concurrent Resolution of April 16, 1925, which reads as follows: "RESOLVED, (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives be directed to have the copy of the Journals of the two Houses of this session prepared and placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding within thirty days after the close of the session, and the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding is hereby directed to have the said Journals printed, bound and delivered to the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives within ninety days after the receipt of the copy therefor."

This Resolution requires that the copy of the Journals of the two Houses of the Session of 1925 shall be in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding (Director of Publications) within thirty days after the close of the session and that the same be printed, bound, and delivered within ninety days after the receipt of copy.

Heretofore the delivery of the Journals has been delayed, sometimes an unreasonably long time. The same is true of the Pamphlet Laws and probably some other printing.

There are many other classes of printing, the prompt delivery of which is more important to the Commonwealth and to the citizens of the Commonwealth generally than the Legislative Journal and the Director of Publications should not be hampered in his control of the order in which the Commonwealth's printing should be done.

These Journals will be printed as promptly after receipt of copy by the Director of Publications as is compatible with the printing requirements of the Commonwealth.

For these reasons the Resolution is not approved.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

## No. 2-B.

## A RESOLUTION

In the Senate, April, 8, 1925.

Whereas, Serious charges have been made by citizens and organizations that certain text-books on American History used in the public schools of the Commonwealth contain excerpts and statements tending to destroy the faith of the pupils in the public schools in the upright character of American heroes, and the justice of the American cause in times of war, and

Whereas, It has been reported by committees which have investigated this subject that passages in these text-books indicate an attitude of mind towards the founders of the Republic, which, in their judgment is entirely reprehensible, and

Whereas, This matter was heretofore referred to the Department of Public Instruction for investigation by concurrent resolution adopted May 21st, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, Pamphlet Laws, eleven hundred and twelve, and a report has been made by the Department to the General Assembly, and

Whereas, It appears that these text-books upon American History should be thoroughly investigated to ascertain whether the charges made are or are not well founded, therefore be it

Resolved, (if the House of Representatives concur) that a commission is hereby created, which shall be composed of three citizens, to be appointed by the Governor, three Senators to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three persons to be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, and three persons to be appointed by the Chairwoman of the Committee of Education of the House of Representatives. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be ex officio a member of the Commission.

Resolved, that the Commission shall make an investigation of all text-books of history used in the public schools of the Commonwealth. The Commission shall ascertain whether any such texts ignore, omit, discount, or in any manner belittle, ridicule, falsify, distort, question, doubt or deny events leading up to the Declaration of Independence, or connected with the American Revolution, or the spirit, determination or patriotism with which this Nation was founded, defended and preserved, or the accomplishments, motives and acts of American patriots or cast aspersions upon their lives.

Resolved, That the Commission shall make a report of its findings and shall therein specifically list any text book of history which, in its opinion, touches improper matter, or proper matter in an improper way. The Commission shall make a report of its findings to the next Session of the General Assembly, and a copy of such report shall be sent to each Board of School Directors in the Commonwealth. The report of the Commission shall also recommend to the Legislature such legislation as it deems necessary for enactment for the correction of any improper condition now existing.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
Executive Chamber,  
Harrisburg, May 6, 1925.

I file herewith in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth with my objections Senate Resolution of April eighth.

This Resolution calls for the creation of a Commission consisting of the Superintendent of Public Instruction ex officio, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore thereof, three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, three citizens to be appointed by the Governor, three persons to be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate and three persons to be appointed by the Chairwoman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives. The purpose of the Commission would be an investigation of text books of history used in the public schools of the Commonwealth for the purpose of ascertaining whether any such texts ignore, omit, discount or in any manner belittle, ridicule, falsify, distort, question, doubt or deny events leading up to the Declaration of Independence or connected with the American Revolution or the spirit, determination or patriotism with which this nation was founded, defended and preserved or the accomplishments, motives or acts of American patriots or cast aspersions upon their lives. It would be the duty of the Commission to make a report to the next Session of the General Assembly sending a copy thereof to each Board of School Directors in the Commonwealth.

With the spirit and purpose of this Resolution I would be in hearty sympathy were it not for the fact that a report covering this identical subject was presented to the Session of the General Assembly which has recently adjourned. That report was written after a most painstaking investigation by a well qualified Committee of impartial citizens of this Commonwealth. The report had the unqualified endorsement of the Department of Public Instruction.

In my judgment a second investigation of this same subject at this time would serve no useful purpose.

For this reason the Resolution is not approved.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.