

# Proclamation of the Governor



In the Name and by Authority of the  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 12, of the Constitution, I, Gifford Pinchot, Governor of Pennsylvania, do hereby convene the General Assembly of the Commonwealth in extraordinary session, to meet in the Capitol at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, January thirteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, at two o'clock of that day, to consider legislation upon the following subjects:

## I

### ELECTIONS

(a) To revise the election laws so as to insure an honest vote and an honest count at primary and regular elections and prevent fraudulent and other improper practices in connection therewith, including the enactment of laws to render mandatory the opening of ballot boxes upon petition alleging fraud or error, to restrict assistance to voters and compel voters to deposit in the ballot box the same ballots which they receive from the election officers, to require the vote to be computed immediately after the closing of the polls and all ballot boxes to be delivered to the Court House at the County Seat not later than 6 P. M. of the day following the election, to render it certain that all election records in the custody of the Prothonotary may be examined as of right by any citizen in the presence of the Prothonotary or his deputy, to enable any township, borough or city by popular vote to adopt the voting machine in lieu of the ballot and after such adoption to conduct elections by the use of the voting machine, to compel voters to sign their names when they receive their ballots, to provide jail penalties for all violations of the election laws, to prohibit the improper use of

money at elections, and to forbid the presence of political workers at the polling places.

(b) To revise the laws for the registration of voters, including the adoption of a system of permanent registration in cities of all classes and the simplification generally of the process of registration. Also, if permanent registration be adopted, to afford opportunity to all voters to pay their poll or occupation taxes at convenient places in their cities

(c) Joint Resolutions for the amendment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth in the following particulars: (1) to render it possible for the Legislature to compel the use of voting machines in cities of any class or classes or in certain cities of any class or classes without being obliged to require their use in all classes of cities or in all cities of a class; (2) to abolish the tax qualification for voting; and (3) to permit the appointment of overseers of elections from outside of the election districts in which they are to serve.

## II

### ANTHRACITE COAL

(a) To regulate, through an appropriate State agency, any or all of the businesses of producing, preparing, selling and distributing anthracite coal for domestic use in Pennsylvania.

(b) To authorize compacts with any or all other anthracite consuming States and the District of Columbia for the regulation of any or all of said businesses in the contracting States through an interstate commission or otherwise.

## III

### BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, AND BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

To revise the laws concerning banks, trust companies and building and loan associations, including among other things, provisions to prevent frauds, restrict risk in borrowing and loaning, define the liability of stockholders, require the adequate attention of directors to their official duties, diminish the effect of political influence in the affairs of such institutions, permit publicity at the discretion of the Secretary of Banking when such institutions have been taken into possession by him, and provide heavier and more certain penalties for misfeasance or malfeasance on the part of the officers and employes of such institutions.

## IV

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

To provide additional means for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

## V

## GASOLINE TAX

To afford additional facilities and assistance for the collection of the gasoline tax and for the discovery and apprehension of persons withholding from the Commonwealth said tax; or, if deemed necessary, to revise the entire method of collecting said tax.

## VI

## PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN BRIDGE

To adjust the differences between New Jersey and Pennsylvania which are now delaying the completion of the bridge over the Delaware River between Philadelphia and Camden.

## VII

## GIANT POWER

(a) To provide for and define the powers and duties of a Giant Power Board.

(b) To authorize the incorporation of Giant Power companies for the development by electric generating stations of great capacity in or near the coal fields and incidentally for the mining of coal, for the sale of surplus coal, and for the recovery and sale of by-products of coal; to define the powers and duties of such companies and provide for their regulation.

(c) To enter into compacts with any other State or States for the regulation of the interstate transmission of electric current for light, heat and power or any of them, and for the regulation of the corporations or others engaged in such businesses, or owning, operating, leasing, or controlling by stock ownership, business trust, contract or management, or otherwise, facilities for such businesses.

(d) To provide for the better and cheaper distribution of electric current for light, heat and power or any of them to farms throughout the Commonwealth.

(e) To provide for the better regulation of the rates, service and security issues of corporations and others owning, leasing, operating

and controlling, by stock ownership, business trust, contract of management, or otherwise, facilities for the supply to the public of electric current for light, heat and power or any of them.

(f) To promote the integration of electric service as a means to an abundant and cheap supply to the public of electric current for light, heat and power or any of them throughout the Commonwealth.

(g) To authorize the incorporation of electric generating companies for the purpose of supplying in public service under regulation by the Public Service Commission to operators of public service distribution systems, electric current for supplying the public with light, heat and power or any of them; the site of generating plants therefor to be approved by the Giant Power Board.

### VIII

#### DELAWARE RIVER TRI-STATE COMPACT

To enter into a compact with the States of New York and New Jersey for the regularization of the flow of the Delaware River, the conservation of the resources of the Delaware Basin, and the apportionment of said resources among the three States.

(SEAL)

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Harrisburg, this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and fiftieth.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

By the Governor:

CLYDE L. KING,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.