

RESOLUTIONS

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE SESSION OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN

No. 1

In the Senate, January 5, 1937.

WHEREAS, The Post Office Department has decided that the Legislative Journal must be third class matter and has so instructed the Postmaster at Harrisburg; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives be directed to make arrangements for the necessary postage so that the Legislative Journal may be mailed according to the requirements of the Post Office Department, and that the payment of the postage for the Legislative Journal, also for the bills, calendars and histories be provided for in the Appropriation Bill.

APPROVED—The 13th day of January, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 2

In the Senate, January 11, 1937.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has experienced difficulty in balancing its budget for the year 1937; and

WHEREAS, Governmental costs in the city and county are deemed high and it is necessary to materially reduce these costs in order to prevent an increase in the tax on real property; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed desirable to make a thorough investigation of governmental costs in said city and county in order to ascertain where savings can be effected, and where additional revenues may be secured if the same becomes necessary; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That a commission is hereby created which shall be composed of three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and four members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, whose duty it shall be to make a careful, thorough and impartial investigation of all governmental costs in the city and county of Philadelphia, including each and every agency expending public moneys raised by taxation, to ascertain the business and activities of the various governmental agencies and the present allocation of such business among such agencies of the city and county; and to devise ways, means and methods of raising revenue and effecting savings in the cost of government;

Resolved, That the said committee shall have power to issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of its chairman requesting and commanding any person or persons to appear before them and to answer such questions touching matters properly being inquired into by the committee, and to produce such books, papers, records and documents as the committee may deem necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Each member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee. Any person who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to testify before said committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases;

Resolved, That said committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at this session as early as possible.

APPROVED—The 13th day of January, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 3

In the House of Representatives, February 2, 1937.

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has numerous bureaus, departments and agencies located within the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, These various Commonwealth bureaus, departments and agencies are scattered about the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, The costs of housing and maintaining these numerous and separately located agencies must be great; and

WHEREAS, Great inconvenience is experienced by persons having business or other relationship with these agencies of the Commonwealth as a result of these scattered locations; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives, who together shall constitute a joint legislative committee whose duty it shall be to survey, investigate and determine the advisability of centralizing all bureaus, departments and agencies of the Commonwealth located in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh into one central building in each city; and be it further

Resolved, That the said committee shall make a report to the Governor and to the General Assembly of its findings of facts with such recommendations as it deems desirable.

APPROVED—The 18th day of February, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 4

In the House of Representatives, February 22, 1937.

WHEREAS, An announcement has been made that an examination is to be held on March the sixth, 1937, by the State Emergency Relief Board for the purpose of preparing certain lists of qualified persons under certain classifications to fill future vacancies under the State Emergency Relief Board; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Assistance in the State Department of Welfare has also made an announcement that an examination is to be held for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, For a considerable time a special committee has been making a study of the various relief systems in vogue in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and they have prepared a report in which they recommend a complete reorganization of relief administration; and

WHEREAS, Under the recommendations of said committee all forms of public assistance are to be brought under one bureau or board of public assistance; and

WHEREAS, If the recommendations of the said committee are to be carried out the requirements of the personnel as to training, ability and qualifications may be substantially different than is now required under the State Emergency Relief Board and the Department of Welfare; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the State Emergency Relief Board and the State Department of Welfare are hereby directed to postpone the holding of any examination for the preparation of certain lists of qualified persons under certain classifications until the Legislature shall definitely determine the form of relief administration which it deems the most desirable, and further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be certified to the heads of both the State Emergency Relief Board and the Department of Welfare.

APPROVED—The 3d day of March, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 5

In the House of Representatives, February 8, 1937.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, by the Act of August 7, 1936 (Special Session of 1936, Pamphlet Laws, 126), made an appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the elimination of fire and other hazards to safety in State-owned institutions, without restriction as to the receipt of Federal funds but with the understanding that the Works Progress Administration would provide the sum of two million three hundred eight thousand four hundred seventeen dollars (\$2,308,417.00) for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature, by the Act of August 7, 1936 (Special Session of 1936, Pamphlet Laws, 126), made an appropriation of five

hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Department of Property and Supplies for the erection, construction and repair of State armories, without restriction as to the receipt of Federal funds but with the understanding that the sum would qualify the Commonwealth to receive approximately five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of Federal funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, It now develops that despite the appropriation of the aforesaid sums by the Legislature the Commonwealth will receive none or only part of the aforementioned amounts from the Federal government; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That it is the sense of the General Assembly that the appropriations made by the Legislature, by the Act of August 7, 1936 (Special Session of 1936, Pamphlet Laws, 126), for the elimination of fire and other hazards at State-owned institutions and for the erection, construction and repair of State armories be expended for these purposes, notwithstanding the fact that none or only part of Federal funds on the basis of which these appropriations were originally made will be forthcoming from the Federal government.

APPROVED—The 9th day of March, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 6

In the House of Representatives, May 17, 1937.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has by proclamation designated May 22, 1937, the 128th anniversary of the sailing of the S. S. "Savannah" across the Atlantic Ocean, as National Maritime Day; and

WHEREAS, This day will be celebrated in the various ports and cities throughout the United States with representatives of local, state, and federal governments participating, as well as the representatives of private industry, shipping, transportation and maritime enterprise; and

WHEREAS, The 150th Anniversary of the United States Constitutional Convention in the City of Philadelphia is being celebrated throughout the nation, and particularly in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia, the only ocean port of this Commonwealth, has always been associated with the maritime development and history of the United States from the earliest Colonial times; and

WHEREAS, The Delaware River, on which the first steamboat was built, has always been an important commercial artery of the United States, supporting important and diversified industries; and

WHEREAS, The Port of Philadelphia is an important naval base and shipbuilding center; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the General Assembly met, take cognizance of the fact that the President of the United States has by proclamation designated May 22, 1937, as National Maritime Day; heartily endorse and encourage the purpose and observance of the day, in the various ports and cities of the nation and particularly in Phila-

delphia and throughout the Commonwealth; note the importance of its great port, Philadelphia, internationally known by reason of its colorful history and its splendid modern harbor and transportation facilities, in the economic life of the nation and the welfare and prosperity of this Commonwealth; and declare its interest in an improved and adequate American Merchant Marine; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to the Governor of the Commonwealth with the request that he issue a proclamation calling for the proper observance of National Maritime Day.

APPROVED—The _____ day of _____, 1937.

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* This amendment received by the Governor after May 22, 1937. The Governor therefore took no action.

No. 7

In the Senate, May 18, 1937.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the third resolve clause of Concurrent Resolution, Serial No. 102, Senate History, page 302, issue of May 17th, be amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That said committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at this session as early as possible: Provided, however, That in the event said committee shall be unable to complete its investigation before the adjournment of this session of the General Assembly, it shall have power to sit after said adjournment and shall then make its report to the Governor.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE