received, deposited and disbursed by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of handling funds in this act. The secretary may reimburse the applicant in the amount of any such deposit from any funds received through the adopting of a marketing [order] program pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Section 13. Separability.—If any section, sentence, clause, or part of this act, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the act. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this act and each sentence, clause, and part thereof, despite the fact that one or more sections, sentences, clauses or parts thereof, be declared unconstitutional.

Section 14. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 16th day of July, A. D. 1968.

## RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 180

# AN ACT

#### SB 1533

Repealing the act of May 13, 1887 (P. L. 106), entitled "An act to establish a State weather service in this Commonwealth for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the United States signal service by disseminating more speedily and thoroughly the weather forecasts storm and frost warnings, for the benefit of the citizens of this State, and for the purpose of establishing and maintaining, in each county thereof, meteorological stations for the collection of climatic data, and making an appropriation therefor."

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of May 13, 1887 (P. L. 106), entitled "An act to establish a State weather service in this Commonwealth for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the United States signal service by disseminating more speedily and thoroughly the weather forecasts storm and frost warnings, for the benefit of the citizens of this State, and for the purpose of establishing and maintaining, in each county thereof, meteorological stations for the collection of climatic data, and making an appropriation therefor," is repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately

APPROVED-The 16th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

# No. 181 AN ACT

## SB 479

Creating a regional intergovernmental compact agency for the planning, conservation, utilization, development, management and control of water and related natural resources of the Susquehanna river basin, for the improvement of navigation, preservation of amenities, reduction of flood damage, regulation of water quality, control of pollution, development of water supply, hydroelectric energy, fish and wildlife habitat and public recreational facilities, and other purposes, and defining the functions, powers and duties of such agency; providing for the relation of such regional agency to other agencies of and in the state government; and for related purposes.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section. 1. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby solemnly covenants and agrees with the states of Maryland, New York and the United States of America, upon the enactment of concurrent legislation by the Congress of the United States and by the respective state legislatures, as follows:

> SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMPACT Preamble

Whereas the signatory parties hereto recognize the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin as regional assets vested with local, state, and national interest for which they have a joint responsibility; and declare as follows:

1. The conservation, utilization, development, management, and control of the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin under comprehensive multiple purpose planning will bring the greatest benefits and produce the most efficient service in the public interest; and

2. This comprehensive planning administered by a basin-wide agency will provide flood damage reduction, conservation and development of surface and ground water supply for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses, development of recreational facilities in relation to reservoirs, lakes and streams, propagation of fish and game, promotion of forest land management, soil conservation, and watershed projects, protection and aid to fisheries, development of hydroelectric power potentialities, improved navigation, control of the movement of