

RESOLUTIONS.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE SESSION OF ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE.

No. 1.

In the Senate, January 6, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Post Office Department has decided that the Legislative Journal must be third-class matter and has so instructed the Postmaster of 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 8th day of January, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 2.

In the Senate, January 20, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Public Ledger Company of Philadelphia through its newspaper, The Public Ledger, invited popular subscriptions to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing from the owner, the original charter of the Province of Pennsylvania, usually called William Penn's Charter of Liberties; and

WHEREAS, Through this patriotic act sufficient funds were raised to complete said purchase, which was formally made in Philadelphia in the offices of the

Public Ledger Company on December twenty-seventh, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, at which time the owner transferred this historic charter to the temporary custody of the Public Ledger Company to be later turned over to the Commonwealth and to be preserved in its archives at Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, Through this patriotic deed the first charter of the liberties of citizens of Pennsylvania will be returned to the Commonwealth, to be safely kept and preserved in the State Library, where it will be treasured as the most valuable addition to that already priceless collection of historical documents; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly of 1925 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby express their appreciation of this public service and thank the Public Ledger Company of Philadelphia and its officers for the patriotic movement which has saved for the Commonwealth and its citizens William Penn's Charter of Liberties.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth forward a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Public Ledger Company of Philadelphia.

APPROVED—The 23d day of January, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 3.

In the House of Representatives, January 26, 1925.

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does respectfully request Congress of the United States to adopt legislation which will provide for retirement privileges for disabled emergency officers of the army under the same conditions now provided by law for officers of the regular army, in so far as regards physical disability in line of duty.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth forward a copy of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and a copy to each Member and Senator from Pennsylvania in Congress of the United States.

APPROVED—The 3d day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 4.

In the House of Representatives, January 26, 1925.

WHEREAS, The city of Chicago is now diverting colossal quantities of water out of Lake Michigan into the Chicago Drainage Canal for sanitation and power purposes, which diversion has already caused great injury to commerce on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, The said city of Chicago is now seeking permission through the provisions of a bill now pending in the Congress of the United States, to increase the diversion of water from said lake to ten thousand cubic feet per second for the alleged purpose of protecting its water supply and disposing of its sewage; and

WHEREAS, The diversion of water in the quantities intended would result in a considerable additional lowering of the mean levels of the Great Lakes, to the great damage of the inner harbors and connecting channels and by reducing the carrying capacity of the lake fleet would make certain an enormous yearly loss to owners thereof; and

WHEREAS, The lowering of the levels of the Great Lakes and the changing conditions resulting therefrom would very seriously affect the fishing industries of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, This excessive drainage would be of water to and in which the Dominion of Canada has rights equal to those of the United States, and any attempt to increase the same is in violation of the Treaty Relations with the Dominion of Canada; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That it is the opinion of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that any increase in the amount of water permitted to be drained from the Great Lakes would be against the interests of the people of the United States, would seriously affect the fishing industries of this Commonwealth, would be unnecessary, and might have an unwanted effect upon our friendly relations with the people of the Dominion of Canada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to each Member of the Senate, and each Member of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United

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States, and that they be urged to use their vote and influence against the passage of any legislation intended to permit such further damage.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 5.

In the Senate, January 26, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Public Ledger, with subscriptions made by the people of Pennsylvania for that purpose, has purchased the original Charter of Liberties granted to the Province of Pennsylvania by William Penn; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Public Ledger desires to transfer to its owners the people of Pennsylvania, through their representatives in Harrisburg, the Senate and House of Representatives and the Governor, this priceless document to be deposited in a proper receptacle among the archives of the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That a joint committee of seven Senators be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and ten Members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who together with the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, shall constitute a committee to confer with the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the President Judge of the Superior Court to arrange for a ceremonial at which the Charter of Liberties shall be received and properly and safely deposited in the Capitol buildings in Harrisburg, there to remain as the property of the people for all time to come.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 6.

In the Senate, January 27, 1925.

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That a committee be appointed for the purpose of studying the prevailing method of printing and filing bills and resolutions before and after being acted upon

by the Houses of the General Assembly, with the purpose of simplifying said method. Such committee shall consist of two members appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Secretary of the Senate shall be a member of said committee ex-officio. Said committee shall submit recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly on or before March tenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 7.

In the House of Representatives, February 3, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has, by several acts of said Congress, duly approved by the President of the United States, adopted a project for the improvement of the Allegheny River; and

WHEREAS, Said improvement has been delayed many years because the bridges across said river in the City of Pittsburgh obstructed navigation; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Allegheny County have recently executed firm contracts for the rebuilding of said bridges, so that they shall no longer obstruct navigation on said river; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby request and urge the Secretary of War to allocate for the improvement of the Allegheny River, as authorized by law, an amount from the lump sum appropriated by the 68th Congress for the improvement of rivers and harbors, sufficient to complete Dams Nos. 4 and 5 on said river, and to make additional allocations of funds from year to year until the project for the improvement of said river, as adopted by the Congress of the United States, shall be fully completed.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Secretary of War, and to the Chief Engineers, Washington, D. C., and to the United States District Engineer at Pittsburgh, Pa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be instructed to send

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a copy of this Resolution to the two United States Senators and to all Congressmen from Pennsylvania.

APPROVED—The 11th day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 8.

In the Senate, February 23, 1925.

WHEREAS, It is proper that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should be represented at the inauguration of Calvin Coolidge as President of the United States on March 4th, by those representatives chosen by the people who constitute the membership of the General Assembly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, and the principal officers and employes of the General Assembly, and the legislative correspondents, shall attend the said inaugural ceremonies as the representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee of three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three Senators, to be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, shall make all necessary arrangements for their transportation and entertainment, and that the expenses incident thereto be defrayed by the individuals attending said inauguration.

APPROVED—The 25th day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 9.

In the House of Representatives, February 16, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, inaugurated the practice of providing needed revenue for the State by taxation of inheritances; and

WHEREAS, This practice has been followed by the vast majority of the States of the Union, so that inheritance taxes have become a necessary and important feature of the fiscal system of the States; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government in the past has only entered the field of the inheritance taxation in war time as an emergency measure; and

WHEREAS, The recently increased rates of the Federal Estate Tax will materially affect State revenues in the future even more seriously than they have in the past; and

WHEREAS, The increasing financial burden upon State Governments makes it necessary to conserve every logical source of revenue;

THEREFORE (if the Senate concur), Be it resolved, That in the judgment of the General Assembly taxes on the transfer of property by inheritance should be reserved to the State Government and that the Federal Government should now withdraw from this field and leave to the States exclusively this much needed source of revenue;

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Senators and Representatives from Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States.

APPROVED—The 25th day of February, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 11.

In the House of Representatives, March 11, 1925.

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives by Resolution No. 1, adopted on the seventeenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, authorizes the Judiciary General Committee of the House of Representatives to inquire into and concerning the official conduct of the Honorable John A. Berkey, Judge of the several courts of the sixteenth judicial district of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provided that the expenses of said investigation should be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the House; and

WHEREAS, Said Contingent Fund is already so depleted as to render it impossible to pay such expenses out of said Fund; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to borrow from any bank or trust company a sum of money, not exceeding five thousand dollars, for the purpose of defraying said expenses; be it further

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RESOLVED, That said loan be reimbursed either by an item inserted in the General Appropriation Bill or by a special appropriation made by the General Assembly of the session of nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

APPROVED—The 21st day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 16.

In the House of Representatives, March 17, 1925.

WHEREAS, There are filed in the office of the Auditor General of Pennsylvania sundry letters, discharges, pay rolls, reports, and official papers, relating to the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one to one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and which should properly be filed with records of said war in the office of the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania to complete its records; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the Auditor General of Pennsylvania is hereby authorized to transfer to the Adjutant General such letters, discharges, pay rolls, reports, and official papers as may be on file in the Auditor General's Office to be filed with the records of the war for the suppression of the Rebellion; the Adjutant General to furnish and file with the Auditor General of Pennsylvania a proper receipt for all such letters, discharges, pay rolls, reports, and official papers transferred under the provisions of this resolution.

APPROVED—The 1st day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 28.

In the Senate, March 31, 1925.

WHEREAS, There are at the U. S. Quarantine Station at Marcus Hook, formerly the State Quarantine Station, a flag and an oil painting of Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, which are presumed to be of historical value, and

WHEREAS, No provision has been heretofore made for their preservation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That the General Assembly hereby authorizes

the transfer of the State flag and the oil painting of Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, now in the U. S. Quarantine Station at Marcus Hook from said station to the State Library and Museum, there to be preserved in the same manner as are other standards and pictures of historical value to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 35.

In the Senate, March 10, 1925.

WHEREAS, On January 27, 1925, a resolution was adopted concurrently by the Senate and House of Representatives, designated as Resolution No. 6, authorizing the appointment of a committee for the purpose of studying the prevailing method of filing the bills, calendars, histories, and journals on the desks of the members of the General Assembly, with the purpose of simplifying said method; and

WHEREAS, Said committee was appointed, has made the study as required, and has worked out a simplified system for said filing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives be and are hereby authorized and instructed to install at succeeding sessions of the General Assembly the following filing system:

1. On the desk of each Senator, Representative and officers of the General Assembly there shall be three binders as follows:

(a) One snap ring binder containing the calendars and all bills listed on the daily calendar filed in the same order as they are listed on said calendar and classified by index cards as follows:

Bills postponed,
Bills on final passage,
Bills on third reading,
Bills on second reading,
Bills on first reading.

(b) One suitable binder, in which there shall be filed a copy of the weekly history of both Senate and House bills.

(c) One suitable binder, in which there shall be filed the Legislative Journal.

2. Reference tables shall be installed in convenient places in both the Senate Chamber and the House of

Representatives, or in adjoining rooms, and on each of said tables there shall be kept several complete files of all Senate and House bills, filed serially, according to printer's numbers; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives be and are hereby authorized to make requisition on the Department of Property and Supplies for the binders, tables, and any other material necessary to put such system into operation.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 38.

In the Senate, April 6, 1925.

WHEREAS, Russell H. Conwell has recently celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of his birth; and

WHEREAS, His life has been devoted to the up-building of humanity and the welfare of all people; and

WHEREAS, Such a life has been of inestimable benefit to the State of Pennsylvania and its citizens—and an encouragement to the manhood and womanhood of the State, and an inspiration to the younger generation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House concur), That our congratulations be extended to the Reverend Russell H. Conwell on the completion of 82 years of life, and that we extend to him our appreciation of the service that he has rendered to the citizens of our State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend to him our felicitations and the hope that he may have many further years of helpfulness and usefulness.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 48.

In the House of Representatives, April 14, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Sesqui-Centennial to be held in the city of Philadelphia during the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six is in celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the General As-

sembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has signified its approval of the purpose of the celebration; and

WHEREAS, It would be fitting for the members of the General Assembly to actually join in the proper celebration of so great an occasion during the progress of the Centennial; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the Sesqui-Centennial Committee of the City of Philadelphia having in charge the arrangements for said celebration be requested to set aside a day to be known as "Pennsylvania Assembly Day" and that the members of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth be notified of the day so set apart and be invited to attend and participate in any special program arranged therefor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be presented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to his Honor, the Mayor of said City, and to the Director of the said Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

APPROVED—The 30th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 49.

In the Senate, April 14, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has authorized the creation of a commission, to be known as the Sesqui-Centennial of American Independence and the Thomas Jefferson Centennial Commission of the United States, in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Thomas Jefferson;

WHEREAS, The purposes of the said Commission are to co-operate with the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation in raising the funds necessary to free from debt and endow Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and to co-operate with the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation and other national, state and city civic and patriotic committees in making the necessary preparations for the national celebration on July fourth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Thomas Jefferson and the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That the General Assembly of the Common-

wealth of Pennsylvania does hereby endorse the purposes of the Commission established under the Act of Congress and known as the Sesqui-Centennial of American Independence and the Thomas Jefferson Centennial Commission of the United States.

RESOLVED, That the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are hereby urged to give their enthusiastic support to the celebration which is being arranged by the said Commission and by their contributions to assist in freeing Monticello of debt and to endow it so that it may be preserved for the generations to come as a patriotic shrine.

APPROVED—The 1st day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 50.

In the Senate, April 15, 1925.

RESOLVED, (if the House of Representatives concur), That a committee is hereby constituted, to be composed of the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the House, The Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Attorney General, which committee shall investigate the advisability of having printed upon the calendars of the Senate and House, or in some convenient manner a brief statement of the purposes and object of each bill thereon. Said statement to be prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau or some other officer of the legislative branch of the government. The committee shall make a report to the General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, with such recommendations on this subject as it deems advisable.

APPROVED—The 1st day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 51.

In the Senate, April 13, 1925.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States by joint resolution approved the second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, authorized the establishment of a Commission for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the said Commission that the several States authorize the appointment of Commission to co-operate with the said United States Commissions in formulating plans for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That a Commission is hereby created, to be known as the Pennsylvania Commission for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, said Commission to consist of the Governor, the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and twelve other members, of whom four shall be appointed by the Governor, four by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and four by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A vacancy occurring at any time from any cause in any group of appointive members shall be filled by appointment by the officer empowered by this Resolution to make the original appointments thereto.

RESOLVED, That the Commission created by this Resolution shall appoint from its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses out of funds appropriated by the General Assembly from time to time. Except for the making of a final report the existence of the Commission shall terminate on the 31st day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

RESOLVED, That the Commission created by this act shall represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in formulating and carrying out a program for the celebration in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two of the bi-centennial of the birth of George Washington, and to that end shall confer and act with any commission or commissions created or to be created for the purposes of such celebration by act of Congress and by any of the States, and with the civic national committee established by the Sulgrave Institution, and other civic bodies insofar as their activities relate to such celebration. The Commission shall make a report biennially to the Legislature of the progress made in the formation of such program and in a biennial report submitted not later than at the legislative session in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, shall include such recommendations as it may deem advisable or essential in the preparation and carrying out of a fitting and ade-

quate plan for such celebration. The Commission shall make its final report to the Legislature in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

APPROVED—The 6th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 52.

In the Senate, April 15, 1925.

RESOLVED, By the Senate (if the House of Representatives concur), That the commissioners designated by the Governor under the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, page four hundred and forty-eight), entitled "An act authorizing the creation of a commission to negotiate with the duly constituted agents of the States of New York and New Jersey for the regularization of the flow of the Delaware River, the conservation, apportionment, and utilization of the water resources thereof; providing the method of ratification of such compact by this Commonwealth; and prescribing the conditions of its being in full force and effect," or such other officers of the Commonwealth, not exceeding three in all, as the Governor may designate for that purpose, are hereby authorized to continue to negotiate with the duly authorized agents of the State of New York and New Jersey a compact, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, for the regularization of the flow of the Delaware River, the conservation of the water resources of the Delaware Basin, the apportionment thereof among the said States for domestic and municipal supply and the utilization thereof for power and other beneficial uses.

RESOLVED, That the compact negotiated by the said commissioners shall be submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly, and the Congress of the United States having consented thereto, shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification by a duly enacted law of this Commonwealth, and by the States of New York and New Jersey, as their laws may respectively prescribe.

APPROVED—The 12th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.