

# RESOLUTIONS

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

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### No. 1

In the Senate, January 3, 1933.

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 6th day of January, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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### No. 2

In the House of Representatives, January 23, 1933.

Whereas, It is important that the General Assembly should have information with respect to experiences in the distribution of unemployment relief in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, both from Federal and State sources; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the Governor of the Commonwealth, as chairman of the State Emergency Relief Board, is hereby respectfully requested to furnish to the Senate and House of Representatives, on or before February fifteenth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, a statement showing (a) the amount of Federal funds which have been advanced for unemployment relief purposes by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; (b) the amount of money expended from such Federal funds to February first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three; (c) the rate of interest paid upon such funds by the depositories in which the same have been deposited; (d) the manner in which the Federal funds advanced are to be repaid, and the amount of interest which the State is required to pay on such Federal funds; (e) the amount of money expended in the administration of the State Emergency Relief Board to February first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three; (f) the amount expended in each county, or other subdivision, for administration in connection

with the work of the State Emergency Relief Board in distributing Federal moneys for unemployment relief purposes to February first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three; (g) similar information, to that above requested with respect to Federal funds, for all funds appropriated by the Legislature at the special session of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, expenditure of which was vested in the State Emergency Relief Board; and (h) amount of money from Federal sources earmarked for borough and rural highways and for other public purposes in each county.

APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 4

In the Senate, February 27, 1933.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of Banking not to take possession of any banking institution under the supervision of the Department of Banking of this Commonwealth because of the decision of such institution not to meet in full its liabilities for deposits made prior to the passage of this resolution, or prior to any future date fixed by such institution, if such institution shall have accepted such terms as the Secretary of Banking shall have imposed, which terms shall include the segregation of new deposits in a separate fund, available for withdrawal without limitation by the depositors making such deposits, and invested only in liquid assets.

Further resolved, That the General Assembly hereby declares its purpose forthwith to enact suitable legislation more fully to effectuate this resolution and to relieve the Secretary of Banking from all liability for complying with this resolution.

Further resolved, That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 27th day of February, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 5

In the House of Representatives, February 21, 1933.

Whereas, On March 4, 1933, the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt will be inaugurated as the President of the United States of America; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that a delegation represent the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the inaugural ceremonies, to be held in Washington at that time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the President pro tempore of the Senate is hereby authorized to appoint ten members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House is hereby authorized to appoint twenty

members of the House of Representatives, who together shall constitute a joint committee to represent the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to participate on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the inaugural ceremonies of the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt.

APPROVED—The 28th day of February, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 6

In the Senate, March 8, 1933.

Whereas, The President of the United States has, by proclamation, restricted business transactions by all financial institutions and arrangements have not yet been fully completed to provide a medium of exchange for the transaction of business;

Whereas, Sheriffs' sales are pending in various counties and no provision of law exists to stay such sales until financial conditions become normal and a medium of exchange is again provided; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Senate and the House of Representatives hereby authorize the several courts of common pleas of the several counties of this Commonwealth to stay and adjourn until a date not later than Monday, April 3rd, 1933, the execution of all writs of fieri facias, levari facias, venditioni exponas and all other writs requiring the levy and seizure of lands and the tenements or personal property now in the hands of such sheriffs, wherein the return day of said writ or writs falls prior to Monday, April 3, 1933, and which under existing law are required to be fully executed or returned before said date.

Resolved, That the General Assembly hereby declares its purpose forthwith to enact suitable legislation more fully to effectuate this resolution, to validate all writs stayed, executed and returned in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, and to relieve all sheriffs of the several counties of this Commonwealth from all liability for complying with this resolution; and to further provide that all such writs which have been heretofore advertised and posted in accordance with the provisions of existing law shall not be required to be re-advertised or re-posted, but the original advertising and posting shall be deemed sufficient compliance with law to effectuate the lawful execution and return of such writs as provided by this resolution.

Resolved, That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 8th day of March, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 7

In the House of Representatives, March 6, 1933.

Whereas, On Saturday morning, March 4, 1933, the banks of this State were confronted with a most serious emergency when the banks

of New York, Illinois and other states were closed by executive proclamation; and

Whereas, It was necessary for the Governor of this Commonwealth to act in the emergency without waiting legislative sanction; and

Whereas, The Governor declared Saturday, March 4, 1933, and Monday, March 6, 1933, bank holidays throughout this Commonwealth, in order to protect the banks of this State from the serious consequences which would have resulted if they had remained open; and

Whereas, The Governor has today extended the bank holidays to midnight of March 9, 1933, to conform with the action of the President of the United States in declaring a bank holiday throughout the United States until that date.

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, hereby approve and ratify the action of the Governor of this Commonwealth in declaring bank holidays as aforesaid.

APPROVED—The 9th day of March, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 9

In the Senate, March 13, 1933.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to have printed, by the Department of Property and Supplies, fifteen hundred (1500) copies of the report of the Joint Legislative Committee on State Finances, on Economy and Efficiency in the State Government, for the use of the members of the General Assembly and departments of the State Government.

APPROVED—The 17th day of March, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 16

In the Senate, March 27, 1933.

Whereas, The Act of August 19, 1932, P. L. 92, imposing an emergency sales tax, provides for the filing of returns and payment of such tax on or before April 1, 1933; and

Whereas, Legislation is pending providing for payment of only one-half of said tax on or before April 1, 1933, concurrently with the filing of said report, and the remaining one-half on or before May 15; and

Whereas, Said legislation cannot be adopted before April 1, and many taxpayers are uncertain as to what steps are to be taken with respect to the filing of returns and payment of said tax; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That every vendor liable for the payment of the emergency sales tax under the provisions of the Act of August 19, 1932, P. L. 92, entitled "An act to provide revenue by imposing an emergency sales tax for State purposes upon sales of tangible personal property by vendors, as herein

defined; prescribing the method and manner of collecting such tax; and providing penalties," may, on or before April 1, 1933, pay one-half of such tax concurrently with the filing of his report, and may pay the remaining one-half of said tax in a single instalment on or before the 15th day of May, 1933, but the amount of the tax not paid on or before April 1, 1933, shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until May 15, 1933, and twelve per centum per annum thereafter.

Resolved, That the General Assembly hereby declares its purpose forthwith to enact suitable legislation more fully to effectuate this resolution and to authorize the Department of Revenue to accept payment, and to settle said emergency sales tax in accordance with this resolution.

Resolved, That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 29th day of March, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 18

In the House of Representatives, March 8, 1933.

Whereas, Constables are executing writs of possession throughout the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Tenants are entitled to the same protection as execution debtors are given in Senate Resolution No. —, just adopted; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the Senate and House of Representatives hereby authorize the several courts of common pleas of the several counties of this Commonwealth to stay the execution of all writs of possession until a date not later than April 3, 1933; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Assembly hereby declares its purpose to enact legislation more fully to effectuate this resolution, etc., as provided in said Senate resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

APPROVED—The 29th day of March, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 26

In the Senate, April 3, 1933.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That five hundred copies of the proceedings of the memorial service held in honor of the late Honorable Fred M. Sprout, be printed for the use of the Senate.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 27

In the Senate, April 3, 1933.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That five hundred copies of the proceedings of the memorial service held in honor of the late Honorable Augustus F. Daix, Jr., be printed for the use of the Senate.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 32

In the House of Representatives, April 4, 1933.

A few days ago the world learned that man in his eternal struggle for conquest of the last frontier, the upper elements, had successfully soared over the highest mountain;

Late news flashes of this morning stun us with the intelligence that the Akron, America's pride, the world's greatest dirigible, has gone down to destruction;

Among those apparently lost are Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the United States Navy, as well as other Navy and Army officers, and the officers and crew of that magnificent ship;

The names of these illustrious men are added thereby to the terrible total of heroes who have given their lives that man may free himself from the natural shackles to which man was born and which, God-like, he will ever struggle to break, at whatever cost;

Since this must be, and man must suffer if man will conquer, and if we of the present be worthy of our forefathers, who, at the price of death, and over many years, have forced humanity upwards to be the controller of its destiny and not the slave of its environment, it is for us only to view with proud sorrow the sacrifice of the pathfinders; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by this resolution seeks to express in a poor way its pride in America's gallant dead, its sorrow in America's overwhelming loss, and its solemn faith that they have not died in vain, and that America, in the future, as in the past, will falter not, nor count the cost, in the age-long battle to make man truly the conqueror.

APPROVED—The 13th day of April, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 54

In the House of Representatives, April 12, 1933.

Whereas, The present unemployment situation in the Commonwealth is due to the shutting down of many of her industries caused by the failure of such industries to dispose of their products; and

Whereas, The resumption of these industries would mean the re-

employment of many persons, the increase of purchasing power by the payment of wages, and the gradual return of prosperity; and

Whereas, Many State-aided institutions unknowingly assist in causing unemployment within the Commonwealth by making purchases of necessary supplies outside of the Commonwealth, thereby depriving business and industry of the profit arising from such sales; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the Legislature requests the directors or managers of all institutions receiving State aid to hereafter make all purchases of supplies for such institutions within the Commonwealth, unless lack of competition within the Commonwealth makes such purchase uneconomic; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Chief Clerk of the House to the trustees, directors or managers of all institutions receiving aid from the Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 21st day of April, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 86

In the Senate, April 19, 1933.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Legislative Committee on Finances, authorized to be appointed pursuant to concurrent resolution approved April 30, 1929 (P. L. 1816), and continued pursuant to the concurrent resolution of April 22, 1931 (P. L. 1426), to devise ways and means of financing the Commonwealth, is hereby continued for a further period of two years, and shall make a further report of their recommendations to the General Assembly of 1935.

Any vacancy existing on said committee, for any cause, shall be filled by an appointment of a Senator or Member by the President pro tempore or Speaker, as the case may be.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 132

In the Senate, May 5, 1933.

Whereas, The Commonwealth has recently received in payment of the transfer inheritance tax due by the Estate of John T. Dorrance funds in excess of fourteen million dollars; and

Whereas, Such funds have been paid and additional moneys due to the Commonwealth and Delaware County will be paid only as a result of successful litigation conducted for the Commonwealth in its courts and in the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas, Such litigation has involved legal questions of great complexity and importance and has required professional skill of the highest character; and

Whereas, From the inception of such litigation, commenced in the courts of Delaware County and carried throughout its difficult and protracted course to the highest courts of this Commonwealth and of the Nation, the Attorney General inspired, prepared, directed and led the Commonwealth's fight; and

Whereas, We are not unmindful that, while other able legal counsel employed in such litigation have been properly compensated for their services in proportion to the importance of the litigation and the principles and property involved therein, the Attorney General and his deputies have perforce received no remuneration or compensation above and beyond their salary fixed by statute, although it was his client that prevailed and he that achieved the victory.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the Senate and House of Representatives, in the name of the people of Pennsylvania, hereby extend their hearty congratulations to Honorable William A. Schnader, Attorney General, on his successful termination of the litigation necessary to the collection of the transfer inheritance tax due by the Estate of John T. Dorrance, and hereby express their deep appreciation and gratitude for his untiring labor in preparing and presenting the Commonwealth's cause that it might be won, for his patience and wisdom as a counselor, for his faith and courage as a leader, and for his devotion to duty as the chief law officer of the Commonwealth;

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to the Attorney General.

Resolved, That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 22d day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 133

In the House of Representatives, May 2, 1933.

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of the Legislature by the public press, and by studies of the Department of Labor and Industry, that children are employed under intolerable conditions; and

Whereas, Such children are alleged to be earning as little as one dollar a week; and

Whereas, State and Federal relief funds are alleged to be used to subsidize the existence of sweatshops at the expense of the State and of other employers; and

Whereas, It appears that children who should be in school are taking the employment from adults charged with the responsibility of families; and

Whereas, It appears that the low rates of pay accepted by children are lowering wages for adults, and that the manufacturing workers in Pennsylvania receive a lower average weekly earning than the same class of employes in any other Northern State, except New Hampshire; and

Whereas, There is a grave danger that more sweatshops will come into the State following the passage by New York, New Jersey and



New Hampshire of minimum wage laws within the past month; therefore

Be It Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the Speaker of the House appoint three members of the House to a special committee to make a study of this situation, that the President of the Senate appoint three members of the Senate, and that the Governor be requested to appoint three members from the public at large, and that the Department of Labor and Industry be authorized to delegate representatives to aid in this study; and be it further

Resolved, That said special committee be instructed to report to the General Assembly at its next regular or special session; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to include the subjects of child labor and minimum wage in any call he issues for any special session.

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT