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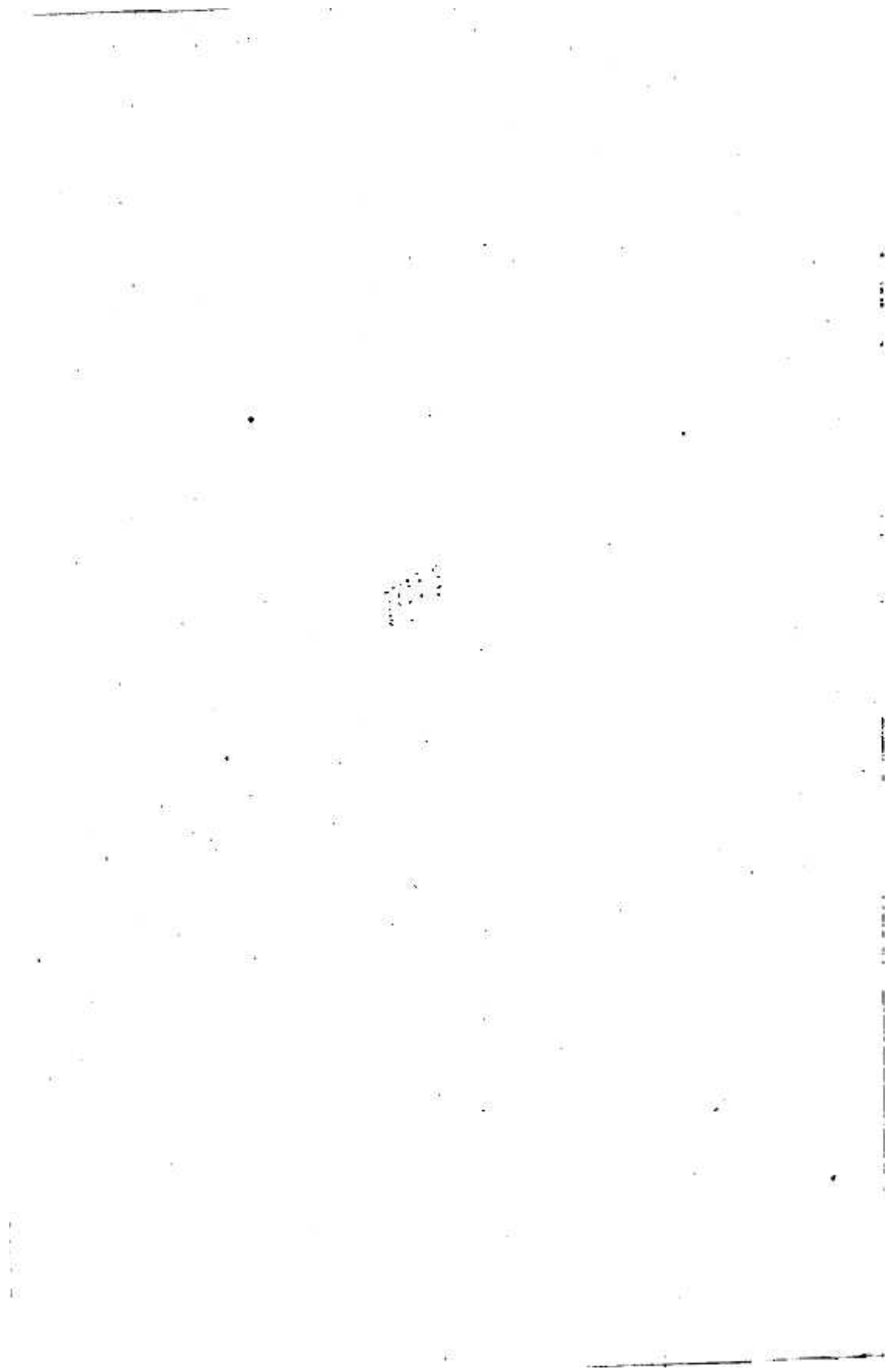
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1919.

The House of Delegates was called to order by HARRY R. HOUSTON, Speaker, at twelve o'clock noon.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. McIlwaine, of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Japanese Mission.

The following communications were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
RICHMOND, August 13, 1919.

*To the Honorable, the Clerk of the House of Delegates:*

SIR:

I transmit herewith a copy of the Proclamation by the Governor calling a Special Session of the General Assembly, to convene at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of August, 1919.

Very respectfully,

B. O. JAMES,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Whereas, application in writing, under the signatures of a number greater than two-thirds of the members of both houses of the General Assembly of Virginia, has been made to the Governor, as of June 17, 1919, in accordance with the provisions of section 73 of the Constitution of Virginia, to convene the General Assembly in special session as soon as practicable for the purpose of making proper provision for securing for the Commonwealth of Virginia its allotment of the Federal-Aid Road Funds, which have been appropriated by the Congress of the United States, under the acts approved July 11, 1916, and February 28, 1919, respectively; now,

Therefore, I, Westmoreland Davis, Governor of Virginia, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby summon the members of the Senate and of the House of Delegates, constituting the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to convene in extra session at their respective chambers in the Capitol, at Richmond, at twelve o'clock noon on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of August, 1919.

Given under my hand, and under the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the one hundred and forty-third year of the Commonwealth.

WESTMORELAND DAVIS,

*Governor.*

By the Governor:

B. O. JAMES,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
RICHMOND, August 13, 1919.

To the Honorable, the Clerk of the House of Delegates:

SIR:

As required by law, I herewith respectfully transmit the following names of members-elect of the House of Delegates who have been elected to fill vacancies in that body, as ascertained and determined by the Board of State Canvassers at their meeting held Monday, August 11, 1919, the official record of which is on file in my office.

Robert F. Hutcheson, for the county of Charlotte, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. B. D. Adams.

J. W. C. Catlett, for the county of Gloucester, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. N. Stubbs.

Thomas W. Mitchell, for the county of Grayson, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. M. O. Cornett.

Mayo C. Brown, for the city of Lynchburg, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Preston H. Bailey.

W. L. Joyce, for the county of Patrick, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. R. S. Martin.

W. H. Buntin, for the county of Pittsylvania and city of Danville, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Jno. W. Carter.

Harry Cuthrell, for the city of Portsmouth, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. Davis Read.

C. A. Sinclair, for the county of Prince William, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. C. J. Meetze.

Very respectfully,

B. O. JAMES.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

ROBERT F. HUTCHESON, delegate-elect from the county of Charlotte; J. W. C. CATLETT, delegate-elect from the county of Gloucester; THOMAS W. MITCHELL, delegate-elect from the county of Grayson; MAYO C. BROWN, delegate-elect from the city of Lynchburg; W. L. JOYCE, delegate-elect from the county of Patrick; W. H. BUNTIN, delegate-elect from the city of Danville; HARRY CUTHRELL, delegate-elect from the city of Portsmouth; C. A. SINCLAIR, delegate-elect from the county of Prince William; presented themselves at the clerk's desk and took and subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Constitution.

The roll was called and the following members responded to their names:

Messrs. Anderson, R. A., Anderson, Wm. A., Baker, Beattie, Boschen, Bowles, Brower, Brown, J. Callaway, Brown, J. Sinclair, Brown, Mayo C., Buck, Buhrman, Buntin, Burke, Carrington, Catlett, Cato, Chase, Cherry, Commins, Conway, Cook, Crockett, Cuthrell, Davis, Deans, Dickerson, Dillard, Dodson, Easley, Elam, Evans, Fitzhugh, Forrester, Fuller, Gilliam, Gilmer, Gilpin, Goodwin, Hall, Wilbur C., Harvey, Henley, Hobbs, Horton, Hudgins, Hundley, Deane, Hundley, P. J., Hunter, Hutcheson, Jones, Joyce, Mann, Marshall, McNutt, Miller, Mitchell, Musgrave, Noland, Norris, Omps, Owen, Ozlin, Pence, Pitts, Price, Ragland, Ramsey, Rew, Rolston, Russell, Shackelford, Shumate, Sinclair, Smith, Chas. F., Smith, Harry B., Smoot, Snead, Snow, Sproul, Stant, Stephenson, Stuart, Taylor, Tiffany, Turner, Walton, Willis, Winston, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Cherry inform the Senate that the House is ready on its part to proceed to business.



A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOLT, who informed the House that the Senate was ready on its part to proceed to business.

MR. BREWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That a committee be appointed, composed of five on the part of the House of Delegates and three on the part of the Senate, to notify the Governor that the General Assembly of Virginia is duly organized, and ready to receive any communication that he may desire to make; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. BREWER carry the joint resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WALKER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

The Speaker appointed MESSRS. BREWER, HALL, of Loudoun, PRICE, CUTHRIEL and CHASE the committee on the part of the House.

The committee subsequently reported that they had waited upon the Governor, who stated that he would be pleased to address the joint assembly.

MR. BREWER offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly meet this day at 12:40 o'clock in joint session to receive the Governor of Virginia and such communications as he may desire to make, and that the rules for the government of the Senate and House of Delegates when convened in joint assembly for such purposes shall be as follows:

At the hour fixed for the meeting of the joint assembly, accompanied by the President and Clerk of the Senate, the Senators shall proceed to the hall of the House of Delegates and shall be received by the delegates standing. Appropriate seats shall be assigned to the Senators by the sergeant-at-arms of the House. The Speaker of the House shall assign an appropriate seat for the President of the Senate.

2. The Speaker of the House shall be President of the joint assembly. In case it shall be necessary for him to vacate the chair, his place shall be taken by the President of the Senate, or in his absence, by such member of the joint assembly as the Speaker may designate.

3. The Clerk of the House shall be the clerk of the joint assembly, and shall be assisted by the Clerk of the Senate. He shall enter the proceedings of the joint assembly in the Journal of the House and shall certify a copy of the same to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall enter the same on the Journal of the Senate.

4. The sergeant-at-arms, the doorkeepers and pages of the House shall act as such for the joint assembly.

5. The rules of the House of Delegates, so far as practicable, shall be the rules of the joint assembly.

6. In calling the roll of the joint assembly, the names of the Senators shall be called first, in alphabetical order, then the names of the Delegates in like order, except that the name of the Speaker of the House shall be called last.

7. If, when the joint assembly meets, it shall be ascertained that a majority of each house is not present, the joint assembly may take measures to secure the attendance of absentees, or adjourn to a succeeding day, as a majority of those present may determine.

8. When the joint assembly adjourns, the Senators, accompanied by the President and the Clerk of the Senate, shall return to their chamber and the business of the House shall be proceeded with in the same order as when it was interrupted by the entrance of the Senators; which was agreed to.

Ordered that **MR. BREWER** carry the joint resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by **MR. HOLT**, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

The hour of 12:40 o'clock P. M. having arrived, being the time fixed by the joint resolution to receive the Governor of Virginia, the Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Delegates and was received by the Delegates standing.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Addison, Andrews, Barham, Booker, Bowers, Buchanan, Byrd, Cannon, Conrad, Davis, Drewry, Early, Ferguson, Garrett, Goodloe, Goolrick, Gravatt, Gunn, Hening, Holt, Jordan, Keith, Leedy, Mapp, Mathews, Mitchell, Rinehart, Rison, Robertson, Royall, Strode, Trinkle, Walker, Webb, Wendenburg, West.

There were thirty-six Senators present.

The roll of the House of Delegates was called and the following Delegates answered to their names:

Messrs. Anderson, R. A., Anderson, Wm. A., Baker, Beattie, Boschen, Bowles, Brewer, Brown, J. Callaway, Brown, J. Sinclair, Brown, Mayo C., Buck, Buhrman, Buntin, Burke, Carner, Carrington, Catlett, Cato, Chase, Cherry, Commins, Conway, Cook, Crockett, Cuthriell, Davis, Deans, Dickerson, Dillard, Dodson, Easley, Elam, Evans, Fitzhugh, Flanagan, Forester, Fuller, Gilliam, Gilmer, Gilpin, Goodwin, Hall, Wilbur C., Harvey, Henley, Hobbs, Horton, Hudgins, Hundley, Deane, Hundley, P. J., Hunter, Hutcheson,

Jones, Joyce, Mann, Marshall, McNutt, Miller, Mitchell, Murray, Musgrave, Noland, Norris, Omph, Owen, Ozlin, Pence, Pitts, Price, Ragland, Ramsey, Rew, Rolston, Russell, Shackelford, Shumate, Sinclair, Smith, Chas. F. Smith, Harry B., Smoot, Snead, Snow, Sproul, Stant, Stephenson, Stuart, Taylor, Tiffany, Turner, Walton, Willis, Winston, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

There were ninety-five Delegates present.

MR. BREWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of three, composed of two Delegates and one Senator, to notify the Governor that the joint assembly is duly organized and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make; which was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed MESSRS. HOLT, BREWER and ANDERSON of Smyth, the committee.

The committee subsequently presented the Governor, who was formally received by the joint assembly.

The Governor addressed the joint assembly as follows:

(Governor's address printed as Senate Document No. 1).

Ordered that 500 extra copies of Senate Document No. 1 be printed.

On motion of Mr. HOLT, the joint assembly adjourned sine die. Whereupon the Senate repaired to their chamber.

MR. WILLIS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That at the present extra session of the General Assembly, unless by consent of both Houses by joint resolution previously agreed to, no bill shall be introduced or considered except such as pertain to the building or repair of the public highways, or the assessment or collection of taxes or the appropriation thereof, for road purposes, except the necessary bills for contingent expenses of the General Assembly, and such matters as may be specially referred by the Governor; which was agreed to.

MR. HUGGINS offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates that the State Highway Commission be requested to inform the House forthwith of the following facts:

1. A list of the counties of this Commonwealth which have issued bonds for road improvement;
2. The amount of such bonded indebtedness of each county;
3. The present rate of tax levied for road purposes by the supervisors of the respective counties;
4. The approximate permanent improved roads in each county and the cost thereof per mile; which was agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the State Tax Board: