

Legislature, to be appointed by the Speakers of the Senate and House respectively, shall be a committee of the State of Pennsylvania, to co-operate with committees from other States and local committees upon the subject of the Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, said committee to stand until that time, and to report at each intervening Legislature, and make such suggestions and recommendations, from time to time, to the Legislature, as they may think proper and expedient in reference to said Centennial Celebration."

One of the most prominent objects of this resolution is to perfect the necessary preliminary organization at the earliest practicable date, and to gather all necessary information and material to facilitate the operations of the United States Board of Commissioners, to be appointed by the President of the United States, upon the recommendation of the Governors of the different States and Territories, in accordance with an act of Congress "to provide for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence, by holding an international exhibition of arts, manufactures and products of the soil and mines, in the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six."

It is desired and intended that this Centennial Celebration shall be the grandest affair that has ever taken place, and it is highly important that every possible means shall be employed for the attainment of that object. I therefore most respectfully request and recommend that you direct the attention of your Legislature to the importance of appointing a special committee, at its earliest convenience, to co-operate with the committee of Pennsylvania, in conformity with the provisions of the Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth.

Very respectfully,

JNO. W. GEARY.

Which being severally read, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Miller (the rules being suspended),

Leave was granted to the Frederick delegation to introduce a bill, entitled an Act to approve an Act passed January Session, 1870, chapter 2, authorizing the County Commissioners of Frederick County to subscribe to turnpike companies in said county.

On motion of Mr. Streett (the rules being suspended),

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Judiciary to