

tions were amended by Chapters 270 and 768 of the Acts of 1945), eliminating the provisions excluding certain employers from the benefits of the Merit Rating provisions, and providing for a re-determination of the contribution rate of certain employers on and after October 1, 1945, and providing that this Act shall not operate to discharge any liability or obligation due or existing on September 30, 1945."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill No. 3—By Mr. White (Speaker):

A Bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland, to borrow the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars, and to issue coupon bonds for payment of the same, to be known as 'Water Improvement Bonds of 1945', and to sell the same and to use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying expenses incident to the construction of an auxiliary water line and other improvements from Lake Gordon to the City of Cumberland, and to provide for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill No. 4—By Mr. White (Speaker):

A Bill entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the payment of the expenses of the General Assembly of Maryland for the Extraordinary Session of 1945."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill No. 5—By Mr. O'Dunne (By Request):

A Bill entitled "An Act to add a new sub-section to Section 6 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title 'Baltimore City', sub-title 'General Powers', sub-heading 'Taxes', as said section and Charter was amended by Chapter 548 of the Laws of Maryland, 1945, authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to have and exercise within the limits of Baltimore City the power to tax to the same extent as the State has or could exercise said power within the limits of said City and providing that if an income tax is imposed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore under the authority of this Act, the State Comptroller shall collect and pay over the same to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.