

As to the Bills accompanying these reports, I desire to say that most of them were not in proper shape for introduction into either branch of the General Assembly, and only one copy was forwarded to me. I turned these Bills over to the Attorney-General with instructions to put them in shape for introduction into the General Assembly, except those Bills which had already been introduced.

These reports have not been locked up in my desk, but have been lying upon my table. Any Senator or any Delegate could have had free access to them at any time.

I had believed that all of the Chase reports, with the exception of the tabulations, had been published in the papers or distributed by Mr. Chase. The other reports, if not in toto, have in substance been printed in all of the daily papers.

At the time of the receipt of some of the reports, what was recommended by them had already practically been done or attempted to be done.

I want, briefly, to give to the Legislature a report of what the administration had done or attempted to do along this line, and likewise at this time to give our views upon some of the Bills which are now pending before the Legislature.

For identification and for your convenience in the examination of the numerous Bills which have been introduced for the purposes of economy and efficiency in State Government, and which are intended to carry out the recommendations of the Goodnow Commission, and the pledges of the Democratic State Convention of September 23, and which are now on their passage through the General Assembly, I incorporate herein the Senate and House numbers of said Bills, together with the names commonly used in the designation of them, as follows:

#### BILLS IN PASSAGE.

Senate Bill No. 395—Organization of the State Law Department.

Senate Bill No. 426—Reduction in number of State Roads Commissioners.

Senate Bill No. 158—Conservation Commission.

Senate Bill No. 398—Creating Uniform System of Accounting and Providing for a Uniform Fiscal Year.

Senate Bill No. 183—State Board of Prison Control.

Senate Bill No. 395—Vagrancy Bill; made necessary by the Prison Control Bill.

Senate Bill No. 244—Creating State Board of Agriculture.