

A number of Bills have been prepared by the Administration, these Bills producing large additional revenue, which, at the present time, is much needed.

Several Bills have been prepared and introduced by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, after conference with the Executive, looking to the same end. A Bill was prepared and introduced abolishing tax discounts, in accordance with the party platform.

I would also say that the Bill providing for a reduction in the number of State Roads Commissioners to three members, was forwarded by the Goodnow Commission. Their Bill provided for a chairman at a salary of \$5,000 and two assistants at salaries of \$500 each. We had a Bill prepared reducing the number to three and providing for a chairman at \$2,500 per annum, and two assistants at \$500 each. The only difference between the Goodnow Commission's Bill and our Bill was the reduction in the salary of the chairman from \$5,000 to \$2,500. In our opinion, if the Republican Administration would get a good chairman for \$2,500, I saw no reason why the Democratic Administration should not get equally as good a man for the same figure, and I think it no time for any increases in salaries.

The Legislature, acting within its rights, has amended this Bill by increasing the salaries of the assistants to \$2,000 each. This Bill, if enacted, will show a saving of \$6,000 in the expenses of the Commission.

The Goodnow Commission recommended the passage of per capita system of appropriations to charitable and benevolent institutions, and Bills of the State Aid and Charities have been introduced and we heartily recommend their passage.

As to Senate Bill No. 158, known as the "Conservation Bill," the Goodnow Commission made no recommendation as to this matter, saying in its report that they had not the time to give the same the proper consideration. This Bill was promised in the Democratic platform, and we had a Bill drawn and introduced prior to any report of the Goodnow Commission.

Senate Bill No. 398, providing for a Uniform System of Accounting and a Uniform Fiscal Year was promised in the party platform, and prior to the receipt of the report of the Goodnow Commission, the Bill was drawn, at our request, by the Attorney-General.

Senate Bill No. 183, creating a State Board of Prison Control was drawn at our request by the Attorney-General and