

OPINION NO. 31-C

Legislature—Senate—Constitutionality of Senate Bills Nos. 32, 33 and 34, Extraordinary Session of 1931.

The Attorney General advises the President of the Senate regarding the constitutionality of Senate Bills Nos. 32 to 34 inclusive, Extraordinary Session of 1931.

Department of Justice,
Harrisburg, Pa., December 7, 1931.

Honorable Edward C. Shannon, President of the Senate, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir: In accordance with the Senate's Motion of November ninth, I take pleasure in giving the Senate, through you, my opinion regarding the constitutionality of the bills introduced in the Senate last week.

Senate Bill No. 32 amending the Act of June 26, 1931, P. L. 1403, by Extending for Three Years the Period within which Cities of the First Class May Make Emergency Loans for Unemployment Relief. Subject No. 2 of the Governor's original proclamation convening the Special Session is "Authorizing counties, cities, boroughs, townships and poor districts during the year one thousand nine hundred thirty-two to negotiate emergency loans for unemployment relief * * * and authorizing such loans to be refunded under certain circumstances annually for a certain period." In my opinion a bill which would authorize emergency loans for unemployment relief to be made during the years 1932, 1933 and 1934 does not come within this subject and cannot validly be passed at this Session.

Senate Bill No. 33. The same except in minor details as Senate Bill No. 32. For the reasons stated in discussing Senate Bill No. 32, this bill cannot, in my opinion, be validly enacted at this Session.

Senate Bill No. 34 proposes an amendment to the constitution and can validly be passed at this Session.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WM. A. SCHNADER,
Attorney General.

OPINION NO. 31-D

Legislature—Senate—Constitutionality of Senate Bills Nos. 35 to 38 Inclusive, Extraordinary Session of 1931.

The Attorney General advises the President of the Senate regarding the constitutionality of Senate Bills Nos. 35 to 38 inclusive, Extraordinary Session of 1931.

Department of Justice,
Harrisburg, Pa., December 14, 1931.

Honorable Edward C. Shannon, President of the Senate, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir: In accordance with the motion of the Senate adopted November 9, 1931, I take pleasure in giving the Senate through you my opinion regarding the constitutionality of the bills introduced in the Senate last week.

Senate Bill No. 35, Making an Appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies for the Erection of a New State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. This bill comes within Subject No. 4 of the Governor's supplemental proclamation and would, in my opinion, be constitutional if passed.

Senate Bill No. 36, Authorizing the Transfer to and Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Chester County Hospital for Mental Defectives and Making an Appropriation. In my opinion this bill does not come within any subject stated by the Governor in his original or supplemental proclamations and cannot validly be enacted at this Session.

Senate Bill No. 37, Making an Appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies for the Erection of a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Like Senate Bill No. 35, this bill comes within Subject No. 4 of the Governor's supplemental proclamation and would, in my opinion, be constitutional if passed.

Senate Bill No. 38, Regulating the Sale of Water, Gas and Electricity for Domestic Purposes. This bill does not come within any subject stated by the Governor in either of his proclamations and could not, in my opinion, be sustained if enacted at this Session.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WM. A. SCHNADER,
Attorney General

OPINION NO. 32

Legislature—House of Representatives—Constitutionality of House Bills Nos. 1 to 30 Inclusive, Extraordinary Session of 1931—Art. VI, Sec. 12; Art. III, Sec. 25 of the Constitution.