

Q. Was there any particular reason why he should have have told this to you rather than to any other person?

A. I don't know why it was, Mr. Hayes, unless he thought I ought to know it.

Q. Now, why did he think you ought to know it?

A. Ah, that is for him to say.

Q. Was there any particular reason why he should tell this to you rather than to any other person?

A. He is the master of that. I cannot tell you.

By Mr. Baynard.

Q. You said that Mr. Hearn told you that he didn't want it mentioned because it would interfere with the friendship existing between him and Mr. Layton?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you believe what he said in that regard?

A. Oh, I do.

Q. Now, then, do you think that you could help him secure secrecy by telling him to go to the caucus and tell it there?

A. I told him that as long as it didn't get out it would not be known and he should keep the name secret.

Q. But it was not known to anybody else than you and he?

A. The name was not, but it was rumored that he had been approached.

Q. And you wanted him to tell it to the caucus so that they could help him keep a secret?

A. Well, I thought it would be kept in our caucus.

By Dr. Moore.

Q. When and where did you first hear of this matter?

A. It was on Tuesday, about the time I stated.

Q. You had heard it as a rumor before Mr. Hearn came to your room, at the time you had the conversation with him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where were you when you first heard it?

A. I was in my room.

Q. Who first told you about it?

A. I believe Mr. MacFarlane.

Q. W. Linsey MacFarlane?

A. Yes, sir.

William Linsey MacFarlane, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

By Dr. Moore.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. In Smyrna.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I haven't any just now; I am out of a job.

Q. Mr. Short has stated that he received his first information concerning this alleged bribery from you. Do you remember making a statement to that effect to him?

A. I do.

Q. Where were you?

A. At the time I made the statement to him I was in Room 34.

Q. Room 34 where?

A. That is Mr. Short's room.

Q. His private room in the Capitol Hotel?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What lead you to make that statement to Mr. Short?

A. About a minute or two before that I was in General Hart's room, and I don't know how the conversation came up, but it was right after the joint session. Mr. Hearn made the statement there—

Q. He made the statement where?

A. In General Hart's room—that he had been offered, I think he said, two thousand dollars to absent himself on Thursday. As soon as I heard that I immediately told Mr. Short about it. I also went and got Mr. Hearn, and he went in Room 34 and had, I suppose, a private conversation with Mr. Short; I don't know; they were in there together.

Q. You were not in Mr. Short's room during the conversation which took place between them?

A. No, sir.

Q. Who was in General Hart's room at the time?

A. General Hart was there and, I think, one or two others, but who they were I cannot say now. I am pretty sure that General Hart was there. Whether General Hart heard that conversation or not of course I cannot say.

Q. Where did you first hear the rumor?

A. I heard it from Mr. Hearn himself in that room. As soon as I heard him make that statement I went to Mattford Short and Harvey Vandegrift and told them about it. Then I went and got Mr. Hearn, and he and Mr. Short went into the room together.

Q. To verify the statement?

A. I don't know for what.

Q. I say, you went after Mr. Hearn in order that he might verify the statement?

A. Yes. Mr. Hearn did not tell me who the man was who offered him the bribe.

Q. He just simply said he had been offered a bribe?

A. He simply said he had been offered a bribe or offered \$2,000.

Q. Did he tell you where and when he was offered that?

A. I don't think he did. I didn't go into details with him. I thought that as Mr. Short was from his county he could do that.

Q. Did you go to the ball on Monday night?

A. No, sir; I did not. I stayed at home.

By Mr. Shallcross.

Q. Did you ask him to reveal the name of the persons?

A. No, sir; I did not. My advice to him was to keep that thing to himself.

By Dr. Moore.

Q. Why?

A. I don't know that I had any special reason for it.

Q. You did it from a big heart, as one naturally would?

A. Well, I don't know that I might say that. I didn't want to know who it was.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Mr. Hearn, when he was on the stand, after he had detailed the alleged conversation, was asked, "What did you do then?" He answered, "I didn't make any answer." The next question was, "What was your first step toward making this matter public?" His answer was, "What was my first step—I made it known to Mr. Mattford Short."

He is mistaken in that matter, is he not?

A. I don't know anything about it.

Q. He had made it known to you prior to that?

A. He told me in General Hart's room. I don't know what conversation he had with Mr. Short about it.

Q. I say, that was prior to the statement to Mr. Short?

A. I don't know.

Q. You heard Mr. Short's testimony, that the first he heard of it was from you?

A. Yes. I suppose that is right. I don't know what conversation those two gentlemen had.

By Mr. Daly.

Q. You stated that he did not reveal the name, in that meeting to you?

A. No, sir; he did not; he just made a general statement.

Q. And you immediately took him into Mr. Short at the same time practically?

A. Yes.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you hold any official position in the Democratic party?

A. I am Chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Kent County.

(Note. During some discussion of details, at this point, in the Committee it was stated that Messrs. Hayes and Cahall represented not the Committee but Mr. Layton.

The Chairman: As long as the Committee have no counsel, the Chair would suggest that Mr. Hughes act as counsel for the Committee. He is Legislative Counsel.

There are one or two questions that I want to put to him before we adjourn.

Mr. Moore suggested that Mr. Churchman also act as counsel for the Committee.

Mr. Davis was also suggested.

The Chairman: Mr. Churchman, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Davis have been retained as counsel.

The Chairman then interrogated Mr. Hughes concerning the payment of witness fees, provision for an appropriation to pay the same, etc.

Walter M. Hearn recalled and further examined.

By Mr. Daly.

Q. You have heard the statement that has been made here, that you said you were not coming here for your health, but were coming here to do business?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you make that statement at that time?

A. I did not.

Q. What did you say?

A. I met Mr. Blakely—I don't remember who gave the introduction, some one in that hotel—and I said to him, "Are you the Senator Blakely I have heard so much about?" He said, "No, I am a brother; the Senator is a little bit of a fellow; he is a stinking Union Republican, but I am a Democrat." I said, "Good for you." He said, "He will be up there

this winter voting for Mr. Addicks." I said, "Perhaps we can make a Democrat out of him."

Q. Meaning Senator Blakely?

A. Yes.

Q. That was all, was it?

A. Yes.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. What did you say to Mr. Blakely when you first met him?

A. I spoke to him, I suppose.

Q. What did you say to him?

A. I said, "Are you the Senator Blakely that I have heard so much tell of?"

Q. What did he say?

A. He said, "No, I am his brother."

Q. Then what did you say?

A. I don't remember what I said then.

Q. You didn't say anything?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Did he say anything?

A. He said, "No, I am not Senator Blakely, I am Senator Blakely's brother."

Q. He had said that before. What did he say after that?

A. I told you I did not remember what I said.

Q. Well, what did he say after that?

A. He said, "I have a brother up there, a Senator; he is a little bit of a fellow."

Q. What did he say then?

A. I said, "Have you?" He said, "Yes, he is a stinking Union Republican, but I am glad to say I am a Democrat."

Q. Then what did you say?

A. I said, "Good for you."

Q. Then what did he say?

A. He said, "I suppose he will be down at Dover this winter, voting for Mr. Addicks."

Q. What did he say?

A. I said, "Perhaps we can make a Democrat out of him."

Q. Then what did he say?

A. Then the conversation ended.

Q. That was the last of it was it?

A. That was the last.

Q. Who was present when the conversation took place?

A. I don't know of any one.

Q. Was it in the hotel room?

A. It was in the barroom.

Q. Was anybody there except you and Mr. Blakely?

A. I suppose there were some few there.

Q. How did you come to approach him at all?

A. Some one gave me an introduction to him.

Q. He introduced him to you as Senator Blakely?

A. He introduced him to me as Mr. Blakely.

By Mr. Baynard.

Q. I would like to ask you if there is any feeling existing between you and Mr. Blakely, so far as you know, that would impell him to come here and do you an injury?

A. Not at all. I have not seen Mr. Blakely but once since. The other day he came in where I was sitting and said, "How are you?" and I spoke. He said, "Can't you get up and shake hands with me?" I said, "I will see you after a while perhaps; I am going over in the Senate."

Q. There was no ill feeling between you?

A. None at all.

By the Chairman.

Q. On what day was that?

A. I don't remember. It was some time during the session of the Legislature.

By Mr. Baynard.

Q. You cannot conceive of any motive that would induce him to come here and testify as he has to-night, for the purpose of injuring you?

A. I cannot.

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. It was not by a prearrangement that you met Mr. Blakely at the hotel that day.

A. Not that I know of. I have not met him for some time, since some one gave me an introduction to him.

Q. You had no particular business there at all?

A. None at all, except to go down for a glass of beer.

By the Chairman.

Q. Did you know you were going to meet Mr. Blakely?

A. No, sir; I did not.

By Mr. Daly.

Q. Was Mr. Blakely drunk or sober on that occasion?

A. Well, that's a question. He was drinking.

By Dr. Moore.

Q. Do you think he was under the influence of a heavy stimulant?

A. I don't know how heavy it was or how strong; I am sure he had some aboard.

Q. Were you drunk or sober that day?

A. I was sober. I had just got to town. I went after a glass of beer. If I am not mistaken I had taken one with Mr. Blakely and we went on out.

Q. But you cannot say whether he was under the influence of liquor or not?

A. Well, I kind of think he was.

Q. What did he think?

A. I don't know. I didn't think his thoughts.

Q. You don't know whether he thought he was drunk or not?

A. No, I don't.

By Mr. Shallcross.

Q. Do you know what his business there was that day?

A. I have learned since that he was down on a gunning expedition.

Q. You had no knowledge of his being there until you met him in that hotel?

A. No, sir; none at all.

By the Chairman.

Q. Was that after the election or before it?

A. If I am not mistaken it was about the time the gunning law was out, about the fifteen or sixteenth.

Q. Had you ever heard of Mr. Blakely before?

A. Yes, I had heard of Senator Blakely.

Q. But you had never heard of this Mr. Blakely?

A. No, indeed.

Robert Blakely recalled and further examined.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. In your previous testimony you stated you were in Seaford on the 17th day of September last. When did you go to Seaford?

A. On the night of the 14th.

Q. For what purpose?

A. I went a-gunning.

Q. You have heard the testimony that Mr. Hearn just gave in reference to the conversation between you and him at the hotel?

A. Yes, sir.

(Note. The testimony on the point as given by Mr. Hearn was here read, for the information of the present witness, by the stenographer).

Q. What have you to say in reference to that?

A. It is not correct.

Q. Did you give the true and correct statement of that interview, in your testimony, when you were first on the stand?

A. To the best of my knowledge and belief I did.

Q. Did you, in that interview, say anything about your brother being a stinking Union Republican?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you say anything in that interview about expecting that your brother would be at Dover voting for Mr. Addicks?

A. I did not, because my brother votes as he pleases and so do I.

Q. With regard to that first statement, which Mr. Hearn denies that he made to you, viz, that he was not coming up here to Dover for his health, but was ready to do business, or whatever it was—did he make that statement or use words to that effect?

A. He did.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Daly.

Q. You say you are very sure of that conversation?

A. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I am.

Q. Now, to whom did you tell that conversation?

A. I told part of it to the Senator.

Q. When?

A. I cannot say just when, but after I came home.

Q. How soon did you come home after that time?

A. We were waiting for the train when we met Mr. Hearn.

Q. You refer to the part of the conversation which you told to Senator Blakely. What part was that?

A. Do you mean my talking to Hearn and trying to advise him?

Q. Did you tell him the other part?

A. Which other part?

Q. The part in which he said he was not coming here for his health.

A. I guess, maybe I did. Now, I didn't say that he said he was coming up here for his health. I said he said that he was not coming up here for his health.

Q. Did you or not tell that to Senator Blakely?

A. Well, probably I did.

By Mr. Hayes:

Q. Mr. Hearn testified that you were either drunk or under the influence of liquor at that time, when that interview took place. What do you say about that?

A. I say it is not so, and I can prove that I was not. I was sober enough to put my gun and dogs and crib in the wagon and bring them up on the train, and I didn't lose a dog, either.

By Mr. Daly.

Q. You were drinking on that occasion, weren't you?

A. I had a drink or two; yes, sir.

Q. How many drinks did you have?

A. Oh, I don't know. I don't keep count of them.

Q. Do you remember about how many?

A. No, I cannot. Mr. Hearn and myself had several there and two more of my friends.

Q. Had you been drinking before Mr. Hearn came in?

A. That I cannot say.

Q. How long were you at Seaford?

A. Three days.

Q. How long had you been in the barrom?

A. I don't know that.

Q. Were you there with some of your friends?

A. There were some of us down there gunning, most assuredly; three others.

Q. Were you in the barroom with those three people?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You don't recollect how long you were there?

A. No, I don't.

Q. You don't recall how many drinks you had? You were with your friends?

A. They went down with me and came home with me.

Q. How many rounds of drinks had you and they?

A. I think there were two or three. I think we had a round before Mr. Hearn got in the company. When Mr. Hearn

came in I introduced him to these two friends, and Mr. Hearn held his end up as well as we did.

Q. And this talk occurred in the barroom?

A. No, sir.

Q. Or near the barroom?

A. Yes, sir.

By Dr. Moore.

Q. According to the best of your knowledge and belief, if I may ask you a personal question, who was nearer to being a sober man when you and Mr. Hearn parted company—you or Mr. Hearn?

A. I believe both of us, because neither of us had had anything to amount to anything.

Q. You don't consider that either of you had taken enough to put you under the influence of liquor or that you were intoxicated?

A. No, sir.

Garrett J. Hart recalled.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Mr. Robert Blakely?

A. I do not.

John B. Healey recalled.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. A couple of years, I judge.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. Well, I don't know it in the community in which he lives, Rising Sun. He is an honest man as far as I know him.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth to be good or bad?

A. It is good as far as I know of him.

Edwin R. Cochran, Jr., recalled.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. I do.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Six or eight years, I judge.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives, in the city of Wilmington?

A. I have never heard it questioned in the city of Wilming-

ton. I don't know that I know it in the community in which he lives.

Q. Is his reputation good or bad?

A. I never heard it questioned.

Q. Is it good or bad?

A. Good as far as I know.

By Mr Daley.

Q. He is a good Democrat?

A. He always has been.

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. You don't know his reputation in the immediate community in which he lives?

A. No.

Francis J. McNulty, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Well, to know who he is, I suppose in the neighborhood of ten years.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity?

A. If any person would ask me that, aside from my being on oath, and ask me how Bob Blakely was, I would say he is one of the most truthful men I ever knew because I never heard anything to the contrary.

By Mr. Daly.

Q. Do you know his reputation in the community in which he lives?

A. No, sir; I do not. I only know Mr. Blakely as a casual acquaintance. I know who he is.

Benjamin A. Groves, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. I suppose six or eight years I have known of him.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity?

A. I never heard it questioned in any way.

Q. Will you say it is good or bad?

A. It is very good so far as I know.

(Note. No cross-examination).

Frank P. Ewing, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by Mr. Hayes.

Q. Where do you live?

A. In Rockland, Del.

Q. How far is that from Henry Clay?

A. About three miles.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. I do.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. I suppose about 15 years.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. I do.

Q. Good or bad?

A. Good.

Thomas P. Shalcross recalled.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Six or eight—probably ten years; I don't know how long.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity?

A. I don't know anything about it where he lives, but as far as I know personally, it has never been questioned. It is good as far as I know.

Q. You have met him frequently?

A. I have.

Q. In party matters and other matters?

A. I have and in business matters.

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. Do you know his reputation in the community in which he lives?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever hear his reputation under discussion?

A. I never did.

Hon. Chauncey P. Holcomb (the Chairman), was here interrogated as follows:

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. I don't remember of ever having seen the gentleman until to-night.

Thomas M. Monaghan recalled.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Do you know Robert Blakely?

A. Yes, sir; I have known him for about a year.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity, say in Wilmington or in that community?

A. I have never heard it questioned, but from what I do know of it, it is pretty good.

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. You never heard any one talking about him?

A. I never heard it discussed; no, sir.

Thomas Giles, recalled by Mr. Daly

By Mr. Daly.

Q. You are acquainted with Mr. Hearn.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is that reputation, good or bad?

Q. Good.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody discuss it?

A. Never, because I don't think it was necessary to discuss it.

Q. You never heard anybody say anything about it?

A. No, but there had been no call for it.

Judge David J. Marvel recalled.

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. You are acquainted with Mr. Hearn?

A. Yes, I have known him since he was a child, but have not seen much of him for a number of years.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. It is good, so far as I know.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Judge, did you ever hear anybody say anything about it?

A. Not to question it.

Q. I say, did you ever hear anybody say anything about it for truth and veracity?

A. No, sir ; I don't think I ever did.

William J. West, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows :

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. Where do you live?

A. I live in Broad Creek hundred, which includes the Fourth Representative District of Sussex County.

Q. Are you acquainted with Mr. Hearn?

A. I ought to be.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Since he was a child ; all his life, I suppose.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. So far as I know, it is good.

Q. Do you know his reputation in the community in which he lives?

A. I cannot say that I know it personally. I don't know anything to the contrary but that he is all right. I live about ten or twelve miles from him, but he visits my family occasionally.

Q. What is his reputation for truth and veracity, so far as you know?

A. So far as I know it is good.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody say anything about his reputation for truth and veracity?

A. I never heard anybody say anything to the contrary.

Q. Did you ever hear them say anything about it?

A. I cannot say that I have.

Q. Now, Mr. West, is he your nephew?

A. He is my nephew.

A. B. Magee, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. Do you know Walter Hearn?

A. I do.

Q. Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. That is pretty hard for me to answer up to the present time. I have lived in the community in which Mr. Hearn lived, but not since 1890. I lived a near neighbor until 1890, when I came to Dover.

Q. Have you kept in touch with that community?

A. Pretty generally so.

Q. What is his reputation for truth and veracity in that neighborhood?

A. So far as I am able to say, so far as I know, it is good. I have not been in that community very much since 1890.

Q. Have you known Mr. Hearn in that time?

A. Only by casually meeting him.

Q. Have you visited in that locality during that time?

A. Not very often.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody say anything about Mr. Hearn's reputation for truth and veracity?

A. I never heard the matter discussed.

Q. You never heard anything about it?

A. No, sir.

Eli Pepper, being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

By Mr. Hutton.

Q. Are you acquainted with Mr. Hearn?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Ever since he was a small boy.

Q. Are you acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives?

A. I never resided in that community. I have lived nine miles from there. It is in the country.

Q. You would be pretty familiar with his reputation when living nine miles away, wouldn't you?

A. I would be likely to hear of it, if there was anything wrong.

Q. What is his reputation?

A. It is good as far as I know.

By Mr. Hayes.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody say anything about Walter Hearn's reputation for truth and veracity?

A. No, sir.

Thomas Giles recalled.

By Dr. Moore.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Vivian?

A. Possibly ten or twelve years.

Q. Are you intimately acquainted with him?

A. Yes, sir.

(The testimony of Mr. Vivian was here read to the witness from the stenographic notes).

Q. What have you to say about the conversation which Mr. Vivian testifies took place this afternoon?

A. In all probability I said what he states, but it requires an explanation. I said it just as any man who has young sons would have done. I am referring now to the part relative to stiffening him up. Mr. Hearn was a young man.

Q. You were giving fatherly advice?

A. I was. I will say that I never heard a single Democrat suspicion Mr. Hearn, but I did hear Republicans. And they did expect to approach Mr. Hearn, I am satisfied. After what Mr. Vivian said to me I went to Mr. Hearn, just as you, Dr. Moore, would have done, and told him this conversation, believing that it would touch his pride and give him greater resistance. Wasn't I right? I think I was. I am glad that you have given me a chance to make this explanation.

Dr. Moore: As a member of the Committee I think it is due to you. I am much obliged to you for it.

A. I want to say one more word. So far as I was concerned, I never have suspicioned Walter Hearn. I never have believed that he could be bought. I could name another Republican, but I will not give his name, who made the same remark to me. And I said to him, "I dare you to approach him, he is loaded to the muzzle for you."

Mr. Baynard: Before you were called this morning, Mr. Daley made this statement: "I have no desire to urge this testimony" (referring to your testimony), "but Mr. Hearn requested that Mr. Giles be called to show that it was generally understood in the neighborhood in which Mr. Hearn lived that Mr. Hearn was to be one of the men that were to be handled during this session." Was that so generally understood?

A. It is generally understood in this way. There were numbers of Republicans (it is not necessary for me to give the names, in fact I would refuse to do that), who came to me,

but didn't come for the purpose, who intimated to me that Mr Hearn was to be made one of the victims.

Q. You understood that the public generally understood that?

A. It was not generally understood by the Democrats. It was generally supposed by the Republicans, according to the expressions they made to me.

By Dr. Moore.

Q. Why would those Republicans come to you to make such remarks?

A. In general conversation. Because I would say to them, in a tantilizing way, "We haven't any more Farlows and Kings in our Legislature this year, and haven't got anybody you can approach."

Q. It was "You tease me and I'll tease you?"

A. Yes. And they would say they are not only in Sussex County but in Kent. They seemed to have an immense stock.

Now, as to this conversation between Mr. Vivian and myself, I had no idea of what I was put on this stand for when I was called. If I could have gotten out of it I would not have given Mr. Vivian's name away; but in my evidence, as you see, I spoke of him in the very highest terms. He is an honest and truthful man.

(The testimony here closed).

The Chairman announced, that, if counsel desired to submit arguments, they would be allotted fifteen minutes apiece.

Messrs. Hayes and Daly, of the opposing counsel, stated that they would submit the testimony without argument.

The Chairman: This hearing will now be adjourned until Thursday morning, at ten o'clock, when we expect to give a decision in the case.

Adjourned.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

"Whereas, This Committee has carefully investigated the charges of an attempt by Hon. Robert R. Layton, a member of the House to bribe Hon. Walter M. Hearn, another member of the House, and find the evidence produced so conflicting that it is impossible to reconcile it; and

"Whereas, It is our duty to report our proceedings and lay the evidence taken by us before the House with our recommendation as to the proper action to be taken in the premises; and, therefore

"Resolved, That the Committee report to the House its proceedings and lay before the House the evidence taken by it, and recommend that the entire matter be referred to the Attorney-General of this State for such action as he may see fit to take in his official capacity, and that the expenses connected with the hearing before us be paid by the State."

C. P. HOLCOMB,
JAMES T. SHALLCROSS,
THEODORE F. CLARK.

Mr. Moore presented the following minority report from same Investigating Committee:

"Mr. Speaker:—

"We, the undersigned members of the Committee appointed by you to investigate the charges of alleged bribery made by the Hon. Walter M. Hearn of this House against the Hon. Robert R. Layton, also of this House, after a thorough examination and careful consideration of all the testimony ad-

duced in the case, are of the opinion that the charges have not been sustained. We, therefore, recommend the abandonment of the case, and suggest that 2,000 copies of the stenographic report be printed for distribution in the Second and Third Representative Districts in Sussex County. We ask that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the matter."

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. MOORE,
SAMUEL H. BAYNARD.

Mr. Healey moved that the majority report of the Investigating Committee be adopted.

Mr. Robertson moved that the report be made a special order of business for March 7, 1901, 10.30 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Vinyard, the bill,

(H. B. No. 189), entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 22, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, 'entitled 'An Act to reorganize the Levy Court of Kent County, and defining its powers and its duties,' by increasing the salary of its members,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, Vinyard, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Pepper, Ralph, Shallcross, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 13.

Absent—Messrs. Aron and Scotten.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Scotten, the bill,

(H. B. No. 339, entitled

“An Act protecting the property of railroad companies from trespassers, and fixing powers and fees of officers,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb,

Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Monaghan, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 30.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Ewing, Moore.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills:

House Bill No. 264, entitled

“An Act appropriating one hundred dollars to the Mercantile Printing Company for printing one thousand copies of the corporation laws for the Secretary of State.”

House Bill No. 265, entitled

“An Act appropriating six hundred and one dollars and sixty-one cents to James H. Hughes, former Secretary of State to reimburse him for money expended by him for contingent expenses of the office of Secretary of State and to pay him for recording report, field notes, etc., relating to the boundary between the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

House Bill No. 267, entitled

"An Act appropriating five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifteen cents to the Dover Index for printing licenses, corporation blanks, etc., for the Secretary of State."

House Bill No. 122, entitled

"An Act authorizing and directing the Court of Chancery in and for Sussex County to order and direct the sale of all the public lands belonging to Sussex County within the town of Georgetown not used by and occupied for county or municipal purposes, and defining the uses and purposes to which the funds thus arising shall be applied."

House Bill No. 225, entitled

"An Act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 51, of the Revised Code of Delaware, as amended and published in A. D. 1893, on Page 394 of the said Revised Code, by striking out the words, 'Or shooting match.'"

With Senate amendment.

House Bill No. 343, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 108, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house."

House Bill No. 344, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 107, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house."

House Bill No. 58, entitled

"An Act to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Delaware Railroad Company in commutation of its States taxes."

House Bill No. 60, entitled

"An Act to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company in commutation of its State taxes."

House Bill No. 61, entitled

"An Act to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Wilmington and Northern Railroad Company in commutation of its State taxes, under the act of April 8th, 1869."

House Bill No. 124, entitled

"An Act appropriating seventy-nine dollars and twenty-six cents to pay Andrew J. Horsey, Columbus Watkins and John S. Harrington, Commissioners, under Chapter 515, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware."

House Bill No. 125, entitled

"An Act in relation to the Department of Elections for the city of Wilmington."

House Bill No. 243, entitled

"An Act empowering School District No. 21, of Kent County, to tax for school purposes the property of the Almshouse of Kent County."

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Hope, the bill,

(H. B. No. 279), entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 648, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, passed at Dover, March 8, 1893, entitled 'An Act to amend an act, entitled "A further supplement to the act entitled "'An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors,"' passed at Dover, April 24, 1889, and being Chapter 555, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, by requiring the sign-

ers of applications for license to be from the town instead of school district in which an inn or tavern is proposed to be kept, and limiting persons in signing applications,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Hodgson, Hope, Long, Moore, Pilling, Robertson, Vinyard, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 13.

Nays—Messrs. Ewing, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Pepper, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 17.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Dayett, Flinn, Gooden, Short.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hope, the bill,

(H. B. No. 286), entitled

"An Act to enable the Governor to appoint a Justice of the Peace for Kent County, to reside in North Murderkill hundred, Seventh Representative District, at or near to the town of Woodside,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hardesty, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Monaghan, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 26.

Nays—Messrs. Hearn and Wright.—Nays, 2.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Gooden, Healey, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Pepper, Shallcross.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills:

Senate Bill No. 83, entitled

"An Act to regulate the summoning and returning of juries,"

With amendment.

Senate Bill No. 106, entitled

"An Act fixing an annual salary for the Sheriff of New Castle County,"

With amendment.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Hope, the bill,

(H. B. No. 152), entitled

"An Act repealing Chapter 646, of Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An Act to further amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,' which act so to be repealed provides for license of retailers of goods, wares and merchandise and keepers of inns or taverns to sell liquors in quantities less than one quart to be drunk off the premises,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Flinn, Hodgson, Hope, Long, Pilling, Robertson, Vinyard, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 14.

Nays—Messrs. Ewing, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Pepper, Ralph, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 18.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Gooden, Prettyman.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and President pro tempore of the Senate:

House Bill No. 162, entitled

"An Act for the protection of foxes in this State,"

House Bill No. 174, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 67, of Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, by changing the date of holding the stated annual school meetings in Kent and Sussex Counties."

House Bill No. 192, entitled

"An Act making the twelfth day of February in each year, known as 'Lincoln's Birthday,' a legal holiday."

On motion of Mr. Hope, the bill,

(H. B. No. 284), entitled

"An Act authorizing the levying of a special tax for shell-ing the county road leading from Dover to Camden, in Kent County,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Gooden, Healey, Hodgson, Monaghan, Pepper, Robertson, White.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hope, the bill,

(H. B. No. 175), entitled

"An Act providing for the satisfaction of mortgages and judgments where the mortgagee or obligee or their executors, administrators or assigns refuse or neglect to enter such satisfaction within sixty days after said mortgages or judgments have been paid,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hearn, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Monaghan, Short.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Scotten moved that the vote on House Bill No. 309 be reconsidered.

A yeas and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Pepper, Scotten, Wright.—Yeas, 8.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Hardesty, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Vinyard, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Nays, 23.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Flinn, Healey, Warren.

And the motion was declared lost.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bill, the same having been signed by the President pro tempore of the Senate:

Senate Bill No. 36, entitled

“An Act providing for the appointment of the Oyster Revenue Collector, and fixing his term of office and salary.”

On motion of Mr. Hope, the bill,

(H. B. No. 283), entitled

“An Act establishing a Summer School of Methods for Teachers, and appropriating money for that purpose,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hearn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Short, Scotten, Warren, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 19.

Nays—Messrs. Hutchinson, Ralph, Shallcross, Vinyard, West, Wright.—Nays, 6.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Holcomb, Monaghan, Pepper, Robertson, White.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill,

(H. B. No. 196), entitled

“An Act to appropriate money for payment of disbursements made or to be made in the defence of the action of the State of New Jersey against the State of Delaware, pending in the Supreme Court of the United States,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Layton, Long, Monaghan, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 31.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Gooden, Hutchinson, Short.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Layton, the bill,

(H. B. No. 216), entitled

“An Act to incorporate the Farmers’ Title, Trust and Safe Deposit Company,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Clendaniel, Ewing, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Long, Pilling, Prettyman, Short, Scotten, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 13.

Nays—Messrs. Clark, Dayett, Holcomb, Pepper, Robertson, Shallcross, Vinyard, Warren, White, Wright.—Nays, 10.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Flinn, Gooden, Healey, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Ralph, West.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Layton, the bill,

(H. B. No. 197), entitled

“An Act to make valid the record of certain deeds and mortgages,”

Under suspension of Rule 27,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Healey, Hitchen, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, West, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Yeas.—Messrs. Holcomb, Pepper, Pilling, White.—Nays, 4.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Hodgson, Hope, Monaghan, Moore, Warren.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Long, the bill,

(H. B. No. 326), entitled

“An Act creating a Commission of Public Lands, defining their powers and providing an appropriation to pay their expenses,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

On motion this bill was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Pepper, the bill,

(H. B. No. 334), entitled

“An Act making the furnishing of untrue libelous articles to newspapers and securing the publication of the same therein a misdemeanor, and fixing the penalty for the same,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Vinyard, Warren, West.—Yeas, 8.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Holcomb, Long, Short, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Nays, 12.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Clark, Flinn, Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Robertson, Scotten.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pepper, the bill,

(H. B. No. 169), entitled

“An Act authorizing the Town Council of Georgetown to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof for the purpose of providing a supply of water and lights for the town of Georgetown,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Ewing, Dayett, Hardesty, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Long, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Short, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hitchen, Hutchinson, Layton, Pepper, Vinyard.—Nays, 6.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Flinn, Hearn, Hope, Monaghan, Moore, Robertson, Scotten.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

Mr. Pilling moved that the House take a recess until 7.30 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Dover, Del., Same Day, March 6, 1901—7.30 P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Clendaniel, on behalf of the Committee on Temperance,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(S. B. No. 97), entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An Act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors,’ by providing that applicants for liquor licenses may make affidavit out of court,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Dayett, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(H. B. No. 301), entitled

"An Act granting to Walter S. Hendrickson the title of the State to certain tract of salt marsh in Little Creek hundred, in Kent County,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Dayett, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(H. B. No. 292), entitled

"An Act in relation to Road Commissioners in New Castle County and Commissioners of Roads in Brandywine hundred, in said county,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 59), entitled

"An Act to repeal Chapter 25, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time,
by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 111), entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Revised Code, by providing that the Secretary of State shall pay over to the State Treasurer, quarterly, the moneys in his hands,”

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time,
by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 60), entitled

“An Act to repeal Chapter 24, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time,
by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 109), entitled

“An Act providing for the official bond of the Secretary of State,”

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 83), entitled

“An Act to regulate the summoning and returning of juries,”

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 106), entitled

“An Act fixing an annual salary for the Sheriff of New Castle County,”

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 61), entitled

“An Act to repeal Chapters 382 and 384, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 58), entitled

“An Act to repeal an act, entitled ‘An Act to equalize taxa-

tion for State and County purposes,' being Chapter 381, Volume 20, Laws of Delawars,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 91), entitled

"An Act to reincorporate the Commissioners of Rehoboth,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 1), entitled

"An Act for the redemption of certain State bonds,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baynard,

Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(H. B. No. 228), entitled

“An Act appropriating money to pay Thomas W. Jefferson, the State Librarian, for making a catalogue of the State Library,”

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 24.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Gooden, Healey, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared adopted as amended.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(S. B. No. 53), entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 211, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An Act authorizing the Governor to appoint three Notaries Public for the Sussex Trust, Title and Safe Deposit Company,’ defining duties and privileges of the Notaries Public aforesaid,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 23.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(S. B. No. 45), entitled

“An Act designating the voting place in the Second and Third Election Districts of the Tenth Representative District of Sussex County,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 22.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Shallcross, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(S. B. No. 46), entitled

“An Act to divide the Second Election District of the Tenth Representative District of Sussex County into two election districts,”

Was taken up for consideration,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Long, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 18.

Nay—Mr. Holcomb.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Pepper, Robertson, Shallcross, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(S. B. No. 77), entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 67, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An Act concerning the establishment of a general system of free public schools,’ by changing the term of certificates of teachers and abolishing provisional grade certificates,”

Under suspension of Rule 27,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hardesty, Holcomb, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Robertson, Shallcross, Vinyard.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. White, the bill,

(H. B. No. 353), entitled

“An Act authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to publish the reports of the former Insurance Commissioner Edward Fowler for the year ending December 31, 1900,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Holcomb, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Ralph, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Prettyman, Robertson, Shallcross, Vinyard.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared .

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gooden, the bill,

(H. B. No. 354), entitled

“An Act for the protection of fish in Morris’ Mill Pond, near Dover,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendañiel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Holcomb, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Scotten, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 19.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Robertson, Shallcross, Vinyard, Warren, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill,

(S. B. No. 90), entitled

“An Act in relation to the election of Road Commissioners in New Castle hundred,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Holcomb, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 23.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Healey, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Scotten, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill,

(S. B. No. 80), entitled

“An Act changing the boundaries of the Third and Fourth Election Districts of the Tenth Representative District of New Castle County,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Holcomb, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill,

(S. B. No. 73), entitled

“An Act to change the voting place in the Third Election District of the Tenth Representative District in New Castle County,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

On motion of Mr. Baynard this bill was made a special order for March 7, 1901, 2.30 P. M.

Mr. Baynard moved that the House adjourn until March 7, 1901, 10.30 o'clock A. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Dover, Del., March 7th, 1901—10.30 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Monaghan, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

All members present.

Reading of journal dispensed with.

Mr. Hitchen, on behalf of the Committee on Claims,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(H. B. No. 322), entitled

“An Act to authorize the Levy Court of New Castle County to pay ex-Coroner Alfred D. Vandever, the expenses of the Coroner's office in New Castle County during the years of 1899 and 1900.”

Amended by striking out the words in third line of Section

1, "Eight hundred and twenty-five dollars and sixty-nine cents," and insert in lieu thereof "Six hundred dollars,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Robertson, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(H. B. No. 30), entitled

"A further supplement to an act to provide for public parks for the use of the city of Wilmington and its vicinity, passed March 13th, 1883,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Robertson, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(H. B. No. 328), entitled

"An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow one hundred and twenty thousand dollars and to issue sinking fund bonds in payment thereof,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(H. B. No. 57), entitled

"An Act prescribing the method of apportioning the public school fund among the school districts of this State,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On further motion, the Senate amendment thereto was read.

On the question, "Shall the House concur in the amendment?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hutchinson, Pepper, Shallcross, Vinyard, West.—Yeas, 9.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hitchen, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Nays, 14.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Flinn, Hardesty, Hodgson, Holcomb, Monaghan, Pilling, Ralph, Scotten, Warren, Wright.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the amendment not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared non-concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Baynard moved that a conference committee of three be appointed on the part of the House to confer with Senate committee on this bill,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Messrs. Baynard, Moore and Shallcross committee.

On motion of Mr. Clendaniel, the bill,

(S. B. No. 108), entitled

"An Act to amend an act, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Sussex Trust, Title and Safe Deposit Company,' being Chapter 294, volume 20, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Ewing, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 13.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Dayett, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Pepper, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, West, Wright.—Nays, 19.

Absent—Messrs. Flinn, Monaghan, Warren.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills :

Senate Bill No. 65, entitled

"An Act creating the office of Voters' Assistant, and prescribing the duties thereof."

Senate Bill No. 99, entitled

"An Act to enable John H. Truitt and Thomas Curry to locate vacant land in Lewes and Rehoboth hundred, in Sussex County, Delaware, and complete their title to the same,"

With amendments.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that he Senate had concurred in the following House bills:

House Bill No. 134, entitled

"An Act giving consent of the State of Delaware to the cutting of the county road in St. Georges hundred, in New Castle County, by a new cut-off of Appoquinimink River, near Fennimore's Landing."

House Bill No. 196, entitled

"An Act to appropriate money for payment of disbursements made or to be made in defence of the action of the State of New Jersey against the State of Delaware, pending in the Supreme Court of the United States."

House Bill No. 231, entitled

"An Act to authorize and empower the Commissioners of United School Districts Nos. 113 and 113 1-2 to borrow money to repair, rebuild, enlarge or remodel their school-house or otherwise provide for a better and more suitable site or more commodious school facilities in and for said districts."

House Bill No. 246, entitled

"An Act to further amend the act entitled 'An Act for the protection of women,' passed at Dover, April 9, 1873."

House Bill No. 250, entitled

"An Act appropriating one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the State Board of Agriculture in making an exhibition of the agricultural products of the State at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo."

House Bill No. 266, entitled

"An Act providing that Constables in New Castle County shall wear a badge or star with the word 'Constable' engraved thereon."

House Bill No. 310, entitled

"An Act further providing for the compensation of the Trustees of the Poor of Kent County."

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had non-concurred in the following House bill:

House Bill No. 176, entitled

"An Act making the first day of March moving day in New Castle County, when not otherwise fixed by lease or agreement."

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the bill,

(H. B. No. 80), entitled

"An Act in relation to registration books, which it is the

duty of the Governor to cause to be prepared for the use of the registration officers in each election district in this State, including those in the city of Wilmington, and certain entries thereon,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, the Senate amendments thereto was read.

On the question, "Shall the House concur in the amendment?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Holcomb, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the bill,

(H. B. No. 172), entitled

"An Act repealing Chapter 122, of Volume 20, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An Act to repeal the act, entitled "An Act limiting judgment liens upon real estate and for other purposes,"' passed at Dover, May 4, 1893, and restoring said act as it relates to Kent and Sussex Counties,"

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hitchen, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Short, Vinyard, White, Mr. Speaker.
—Yeas, 18.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Scotten, Wright.—Nays, 3.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Flinn, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Monaghan, Pepper, Pilling, Shallcross, Warren, West.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the bill,

(H. B. No. 331), entitled

"An Act incorporating the School Committee of School District No. 135, in Kent County, by the name of 'The Board of Education of School District No. 135,' in Smyrna,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 26.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Flinn, Hardesty, Hodgson, Monaghan, Pilling, Shallcross, Warren.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The reports of the Committees on the Investigation of Bribery Charges were placed before the House, having been made special order of business, and on motion of Mr. Healey that the majority report be adopted, Mr. Moore offered to amend the motion by adopting the minority report.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

A yea and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Pepper, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright.—Yeas, 17.

Nays—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hitchen, Hope, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 15.

Absent—Messrs. Flinn, Hearn, Layton.

And the motion was declared carried to lay amendment on table.

Mr. Baynard moved that the reports be laid on the table.

A yea and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hitchen, Hope, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 15.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Pepper, Pilling, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 18.

Absent—Messrs. Hearn, and Layton,

Which motion was declared lost.

The question before the House was whether the majority report of the Committee should be accepted as the sense of this Assembly.

A yea and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Pepper, Pilling, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright.—Yeas, 18.

Nays—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hitchen, Hope, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 15.

Absent—Messrs. Hearn, and Layton,

And it was declared adopted as the sense of this Assembly.

Mr. Moore moved that 2,000 copies of the stenographic notes of investigation be printed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

JOINT SESSION.

The hour of 12 o'clock M. having arrived, the President pro tempore, members, Clerks and Sergeant-at-Arms, of the Senate, being announced, were admitted.

Mr. President pro tempore directed the Clerks to call the rolls of the respective Houses. All members present.

Mr. Harrington, of the Senate, moved the reading of the journals be dispensed with,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The Clerks were directed to call the rolls of the respective Houses, and the members, as their names were called, responded by viva voce vote, as follows :

Mr. Abbott, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Allee, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Blakely, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Brasure, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Clements, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Farlow, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Groves, of the Senate, voted for Anthony Higgins.

Mr. Hart, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Harrington, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

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Mr. Knox, of the Senate, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Maull, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. McFarlane, of the Senate, voted for Anthony Higgins.

Mr. McNulty, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Pennewill of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Slaughter, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Wright, of the Senate, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. President pro tem., of the Senate, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Aron, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Baynard, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Chandler, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Clark, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Clendaniel, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Dayett, of the House, voted for Anthony Higgins.

Mr. Ewing, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Flinn, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Gooden, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Hardesty, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Hearn, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Healey, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Hitchen, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Hodgson, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Holcomb, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Hope, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Hutchinson, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Layton, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Long, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Monaghan, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Moore, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Pepper, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Pilling, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Prettyman, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Ralph, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Robertson, of the House, voted for Henry A. duPont.

Mr. Shallcross, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Short, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Scotten, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Vinyard, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Warren, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. West, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. White, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Wright, of the House, voted for Richard R. Kenney.

Mr. Speaker, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

The vote as above ascertained having been announced as follows:

For John Edward Addicks, sixteen votes.

For Richard R. Kenney, twenty-three votes.

For Anthony Higgins, three votes.

For Henry A. duPont, ten votes.

Total, fifty-two votes.

The President pro tem, of the Senate, declared that no person having received a majority of all the votes cast for United States Senator, there was no election to said office.

Mr. Hardesty moved that we proceed to ballot for a United States Senator for the short term, ending March 4, 1905,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The Clerks were directed to call the rolls of the respective Houses, and the members, as their names were called, responded by viva voce vote, as follows:

Mr. Abbott, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Allee, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Blakely, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Brasure, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Clements, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Farlow, of the Senate, voted for John G. Gray.

Mr. Groves, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Hart, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Harrington, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Knox, of the Senate, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Maull, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. McFarlane, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. McNulty, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Pennewill, of the Senate, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Slaughter, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Wright, of the Senate, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. President pro tem., of the Senate, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Aron, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Baynard, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Chandler, of the House, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Clark, of the House, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Clendaniel, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Dayett, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Ewing, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Flinn, of the House, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Gooden, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Hardesty, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Hearn, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Healey, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Hitchen, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Hodgson, of the House, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Holcomb, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Hope, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Hutchinson, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Layton, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Long, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Monaghan, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Moore, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Pepper, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Pilling, of the House, voted for Charles F. Richards.

Mr. Prettyman, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Ralph, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Robertson, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Shallcross, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Short, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Scotten, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Vinyard, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Warren, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. West, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. White, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

Mr. Wright, of the House, voted for Willard Saulsbury.

Mr. Speaker, of the House, voted for John Edward Addicks.

The vote as above ascertained having been announced as follows :

For John Edward Addicks, twenty-two votes.

For Willard Saulsbury, twenty-two votes.

For John G. Gray, one vote.

For Charles F. Richards, seven votes.

Total, fifty-two votes.

The President pro tem., of the Senate, declared that no person having received a majority of all the votes cast for United States Senator, there was no election to said office.

On motion of Mr. McNulty, of the Senate, the two Houses separated, and the members of the Senate returned to their chamber.

Mr. Moore moved that the House take a recess until 1.30 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Dover, Del., Same Day, March 7, 1901—2 o'clock P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Aron presented the following resolution, which was read, and, on his motion, adopted:

Resolution to dispense with smoking.

"Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to prohibit smoking on the floor of the floor of the House during the sessions of the House."

Mr. Pepper moved that the vote on House Bill No. 169 be reconsidered.

The vote being taken, resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilung, Prettyman, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 26.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hutchinson, Ralph, Vinyard, West.—Nays, 5.

Absent—Messrs. Hearn, Monaghan, Pepper, Warren.

And the motion prevailed.

Mr. Flinn presented the following resolution:

"Whereas, This House having learned of the death of the mother of Representative Thomas M. Monaghan; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives, express to our fellow-member, Mr. Monaghan, our profound sympathy and sorrow in his sad bereavement, and invoke the blessings of God to sustain and comfort him in such a great and irreparable loss."

Which, on his motion, was adopted.

Mr. Flinn gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled

"An Act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government other than legislative expenses for the fiscal year ending on Monday immediately preceding the second Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three."

Mr. Flinn gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled

"An Act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government other than legislative expenses for the fiscal year ending on Monday immediately preceding the second Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two."

Mr. Flinn gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled

"An Act to appropriate money to cover certain payments of State money by the State Treasurer."

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate committee appointed to confer with the House committee on House Bill No. 57, by motion of the Senate, returned the same, reporting that the Senate does not recede from its amendment to said bill.

The Senate conferrees having refused to recede from the

amendment to House Bill No. 57, Mr. Baynard moved that the vote by which the amendment was lost in the House be reconsidered.

A yea and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nay—Mr. Aron.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Monaghan, Moore, Wright.

And the motion prevailed.

Mr. Clark moved that the Senate amendment to House Bill No. 57 be concurred in.

A yea and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Long, Moore, Pepper, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 24.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Healey, Hitchen, Pilling, Short.—Nays, 5.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Hodgson, Layton, Monaghan, Robertson, Wright.

And the motion prevailed.

Mr. Clark moved that the chairman of the Enrolling Committee be authorized to employ extra help to enroll House bills,

Which motion Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill,

(H. B. No. 209) entitled

“An Act in relation to peddlers within the County of New Castle,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten Vinyard, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Flinn, Hodgson, Monaghan, Pepper, Pilling, Warren.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hearn, the bill,

(H. B. No. 271), entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An Act to reincorporate the town of Seaford,' by increasing appropriation by Levy Court, changing time of meeting of Council, increasing per capita tax, and increasing amount that may be raised by taxation,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Flinn, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Monaghan, Pepper, Robertson, Warren.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(S. B. No. 73), entitled

“An Act to change the voting place in the Third Election District of the Tenth Representative District, in New Castle County,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Pepper, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 14.

Absent—Mr. Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the bill,

(S. B. No. 17), entitled

"An Act prohibiting the manufacturing and sale of cigarettes, cigarette paper and cigarette tobacco within this State,"

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Layton, Moore, Pepper, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Warren, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Clark, Flinn, Gooden, Hodgson, Hope, Long, Pilling, Ralph, Shallcross, Vinyard, West, White.—Nays, 14.

Absent—Mr. Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(H. B. No. 12), entitled

Substitute for House Bill No. 12,

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Education in Wilmington to issue certificates of indebtedness for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the payment of the new High School and the buildings connected therewith and the proper furnishing and equipment of the same,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 30.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Dayett, Healey, Hope, Monaghan, Ralph.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Flinn, the bill,

(H. B. No. 357), entitled

“An Act to appropriate money to cover certain payments of State money by the State Treasurer,”

Under suspension of rules,

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Flinn, the bill,

(H. B. No. 358), entitled

“An Act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government other than legislative expenses for the fiscal year ending on Monday immediately preceding the second Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three,”

Under suspension of rules,

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Flinn, the bill,

(H. B. No. 359), entitled

“An Act making appropriations for the expense of the State Government other than legislative expenses for the fiscal year ending on Monday immediately preceding the second Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two,”

Under suspension of rules,

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 106), entitled

“An Act providing for the Inspector of Factories and Workshops in New Castle County,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nays—Messrs. Hardesty, Vinyard.—Nays, 2.

Absent—Messrs. Flinn, Layton, Monaghan, Pepper, Pilling, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed

the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills:

House Bill No. 209, entitled

"An Act in relation to peddlers within New Castle County."

House Bill No. 282, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 67, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware."

House Bill No. 175, entitled

"An Act for the satisfaction of mortgages," etc.

House Bill No. 331, entitled

"An Act incorporating the School Committee of School District No. 133, of Kent County."

House Bill No. 305, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of Lewes to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof for the purpose of providing a supply of water, electric lights and a sewer system for the town of Lewes."

House Bill No. 177, entitled

"An Act to make valid certain acts of the Commissioners of Consolidated Districts Nos. 26 and 227, Sussex County."

House Bill No. 276, entitled

"An Act for the protection of foxes."

House Bill No. 309, entitled

"An Act to re-enact and revise the insurance laws of Dela-

were in order to make them conform with the requirements of the amended Constitution and of the General Corporation Laws."

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 327), entitled

"An Act to amend Section 91 of Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware, by providing that the goods and chattels of tenants shall not be liable for the taxes of their landlords,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Lwing, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Long, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nay—Mr. Gooden.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Hitchen, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Pepper, Ralph.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 241), entitled

“An Act providing additional duties for the Plumbing Inspector of the city of Wilmington,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Pepper, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 26.

Nays—Messrs. Aron, Clark.—Nays, 2.

Absent—Messrs. Clendaniel, Flinn, Hardesty, Monaghan, Moore, Pilling, Warren.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 257), entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, by providing that one-third of the money arising from licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be paid to the incorporated cities or towns in which the licensed places are located,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Warren, Wright.—Yeas, 20.

Nays—Messrs. Aron, Clark, Clendaniel, Hope, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Short, Vinyard, White, Mr. Speaker.—Nays, 11.

Absent—Messrs. Layton, Monaghan, Moore, West.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robertson appealed from the decision of the Chair on the question shall the decision of the Chair be sustained.

A yea and nay vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hope, Long, Pilling, Prettyman, Short, Vinyard, West, White.—Yeas, 15.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Ewing, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Layton, Moore, Pepper, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Warren, Wright.—Nays, 17.

Not voting—Mr. Speaker.

Absent—Messrs. Monaghan, Ralph.

And the decision of the Chair was not sustained and Mr. Speaker declared the bill passed.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bill, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and President pro tempore of the Senate :

House Bill No. 309, entitled

“An Act to re-enact and revise the insurance laws of Delaware in order to make them conform with the requirements of the amended Constitution and of the General Corporation Laws.”

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 88), entitled

“An Act supplemental to Chapter 247, Volume 21, Laws of

Delaware, approved March 16, 1899, governing the employment of persons confined in the New Castle County Workhouse."

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb.—Yeas, 4.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Nays, 26.

Absent—Messrs. Baynard, Hodgson, Monaghan, Moore, Shallcross.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bill:

House Bill No. 257, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Laws of Dela-

ware, by providing that one-third of the moneys arising from licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be paid to the incorporated cities or towns in which the licensed places are located."

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 290), entitled

"An Act to amend an act, entitled 'An Act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the city of Wilmington,' passed at Dover, April 13, 1885, empowering the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy an annual tax on foreign fire insurance companies doing business within the limits of the city of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Gooden, Hitchen, Hutchinson, Pepper, Prettyman, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren.—Yeas, 10.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Long, Moore, Pilling, Ralph, Robertson, Short, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Nays, 21.

Absent—Messrs. Ewing, Hardesty, Layton, Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 329), entitled

“An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy and collect taxes on all gas companies doing business within the limits of the city of Wilmington,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Layton, Wright.—Yeas, 3.

Nays—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Vinyard, Warren, West, White.—Nays, 24.

Not voting—Mr. Speaker.

Absent—Messrs. Dayett, Hardesty, Healey, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Moore, Scotten.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 328), entitled

“An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow one hundred and twenty thousand dollars and to issue sinking fund bonds in payment therefor,”

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Pilling, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 30.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Clark, Flinn, Hardesty, Monaghan, Scotten.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Monaghan, the bill,

(H. B. No. 82), entitled

“An Act to regulate the hours of labor of employes of this State or of any political division thereof,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yea—Mr. Healey.

Nays—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Hearn, Hitchen, Monaghan, Moore, Robertson, Shallcross.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pepper, the bill,

(H. B. No. 169), entitled

"An Act authorizing the Town Council of Georgetown to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof for the purpose of providing a supply of water and lights for the town of Georgetown,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Shallcross, Short Warren, White, Mr. Speaker.
—Yeas, 24.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Ralph, West.—Nays, 3.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Hitchen, Hodgson, Monaghan, Robertson, Scotten, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pepper, the bill,

(H. B. No. 172), entitled

"An Act to authorize the Town Council of Georgetown to

levy a special tax for the support of the water works and light plant of the town of Georgetown,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 28.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Monaghan, Scotten, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pepper, the bill,

(H. B. No. 168), entitled

"An Act authorizing the Town Council of Georgetown and appointing a Board of Light and Water Commissioners for the town of Georgetown, which shall establish, control and

regulate a light plant and water works, prescribing the duties and powers of said board, and providing for the election of their successors,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 27.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Monaghan, Ralph, Vinyard, West, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Prettyman, the bill,

(H. B. No. 203), entitled

"An Act to revive and extend the time of recording private acts,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Ewing, Flinn, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Long, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Warren, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 18.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Dayett, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Ralph, Shallcross, Vinyard, West, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and President pro tempore of the Senate:

House Bill No. 168, entitled

"An Act authorizing and appointing a Board of Light and Water Commissioners for the town of Georgetown, which shall establish, control and regulate a light plant and water

works, prescribing the duties and powers of said board, and providing for the election of their successors."

House Bill No. 169, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Town Council of Georgetown to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof for the purpose of providing a supply of water and lights for the town of Georgetown."

House Bill No. 172, entitled

"An Act to authorize the Town Council of Georgetown to levy a special tax for the support of the water works and light plant of the town of Georgetown."

Report of Enrolling Committee for March 7, 1901:

Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, the following bills:

House Bill No 61,

"An Act to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Wilmington and Northern Railroad Company in commutation of its State taxes, under the Act of April 8th, 1869."

House Bill No. 58, entitled

"An Act to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Delaware Railroad Company in commutation of its State taxes."

House Bill No. 60, entitled

"An Act to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company in commutation of its State taxes."

House Bill No. 294, entitled

"An Act to establish bulkhead, wharf and pier lines on the Delaware River, in front of the city of Wilmington and vicinity."

House Bill No. 250, entitled

"An Act appropriating one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the State Board of Agriculture in making an exhibition of the agricultural products of the State at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo."

House Bill No. 276, entitled

"An Act for the protection of foxes."

House Bill No. 168, entitled

"An Act authorizing and appointing a Board of Light and Water Commissioners for the town of Georgetown, which shall establish, control and regulate a light plant and water works, prescribing the duties and powers of said board, and providing for the election of their successors."

House Bill No. 169, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Town Council of Georgetown to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof for the purpose of providing a supply of water and lights for the town of Georgetown."

House Bill No. 172, entitled

"An Act to authorize the Town Council of Georgetown to levy a special tax for the support of the water works and light plant of the town of Georgetown."

House Bill No. 252, entitled

"An Act to authorize the Governor to appoint an inspector for the Second Election District of the Seventh Representa-

tive District of Kent County for the general election A. D. 1902."

House Bill No. 251, entitled

"An Act to authorize the Governor to appoint an inspector for the First Election District of the Seventh Representative District of Kent County for the general election A. D. 1902."

House Bill No. 63, entitled

"An Act authorizing the State Treasurer to pay to Isaac N. Fooks the sum of four hundred dollars for preparing the annual report of John A. Lingo, late Auditor of Accounts, deceased, for the year 1899, and for superintending the publication thereof."

House Bill No. 213, entitled

"Being an act entitled 'An Act to amend Chapter 273, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware,' being an act providing a General Corporation Law, approved March 10th, A. D. 1899."

House Bill No. 255, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 111, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house."

House Bill No. 235, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 112, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house."

House Bill No. 194, entitled

"An Act to authorize the Commissioners of School District No. 115, in Pencader hundred, New Castle County, to

borrow money to pay for the repairing and remodeling of their school-house."

House Bill No. 144, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 487, of Volume 16, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An Act to reincorporate the town of Milton,' by changing place of holding town elections."

House Bill No. 100, entitled

"An Act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the burial of certain indigent soldiers, sailors or marines."

House Bill No. 264, entitled

"An Act appropriating one hundred dollars to the Mercantile Printing Company for printing one thousand copies of the corporation laws for the Secretary of State."

House Bill No. 265, entitled

"An Act appropriating six hundred and one dollars and sixty-one cents to James H. Hughes, former Secretary of State, to reimburse him for money expended by him for contingent expenses of the office of Secretary of State, and to pay him for recording report, field notes, etc., relating to the boundary between the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

House Bill No. 267, entitled

"An Act appropriating five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents to the Dover Index for printing licenses, corporation blanks, etc., for the Secretary of State."

House Bill No. 305, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of Lewes to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof for the purpose of providing a supply of water, electric lights and a sewer system for the town of Lewes."

House Bill No. 57, entitled

"An Act prescribing the method of apportioning the public school fund among the school districts of this State."

Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker the following joint resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 12, entitled

"Joint Resolution appropriating certain money out of the State Treasury of this State to pay certain expenses connected with the present session of the General Assembly."

Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for Speaker, the following bills:

House Bill No. 44, entitled

"An Act to appropriate six thousand dollars for the erection and repair of buildings at the State College for Colored Students."

House Bill No. 12, entitled

"An Act authoriing and empowering the Board of Public Education in Wilmington to issue certificates of indebtedness for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the payment of the new High School and the buildings connected therewith, and the proper furnishings and equipments of the same."

House Bill No. 200, entitled

“An Act to enable the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in New Castle County for Wilmington hundred.”

House Bill No. 309, entitled

“An Act to re-enact and revise the insurance laws of Delaware in order to make them conform with the requirements of the amended Constitution and of the General Corporation Laws.”

House Bill No. 40, entitled

“An Act to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection and repair of buildings at Delaware College.”

House Bill No. 6, entitled

“An Act to grant State aid to the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Delaware for the purpose of defraying the annual expenses of the several Grand Army posts in the State of Delaware for the expenses incurred by said posts annually in the proper observance of Memorial Day.”

House Bill No. 285, entitled

“An Act to increase the salary of the Chancellor and Chief Justice.”

House Bill No. 124, entitled

“An Act appropriating seventy-nine dollars and twenty-six cents to pay Andrew J. Horsey, Columbus Watkins and John S. Harrington, Commissioners, under Chapter 515, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware.”

House Bill No. 30, entitled

"A further supplement to an act entitled 'An Act to provide for public parks for the use of the city of Wilmington and its vicinity,' passed March 13th, 1883."

House Bill No. 225, entitled

"An Act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 51, of the Revised Code of Delaware, as amended and published in A. D. 1893, on Page 394 of the said Revised Code, by striking out the words 'Or shooting match.'"

House Bill No. 257, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, by providing that one-third of the moneys arising from licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be paid to the incorporated cities or towns in which the licensed places are located."

House Bill No. 202, entitled

"An Act appropriating two hundred dollars to Herring-Hall, Marvin Safe Company for two safes recently purchased for the Senate and House."

House Bill No. 223, entitled

"An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow a certain sum of money for the elimination of grade crossings of railroads and for other purposes."

House Bill No. 122, entitled

"An Act authorizing and directing the Court of Chancery in and for Sussex County to order and direct the sale of all the public lands belonging to Sussex County within the town of Georgetown not used by and occupied for county or municipal purposes, and defining the uses and purposes to which the funds thus arising shall be applied."

House Bill No. 125, entitled

“An Act in relation to the Department of Elections for the City of Wilmington.”

House Bill No. 23, entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 67, of Volume 21, of the Laws of Delaware, by extending the term of first grade certificates of teachers, and providing for life grade certificates in certain cases.”

House Bill No. 210, entitled

“An Act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for West Dover hundred, Kent County, to reside at Hartley.”

House Bill No. 344, entitled

“An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 107, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house.”

House Bill No. 269, entitled

“An Act requiring all veterinarians to register and pay an annual license fee of ten dollars to the State therefor.”

House Bill No. 253, entitled

“An Act to appoint an additional Notary Public for New Castle County.”

House Bill No. 254, entitled

“An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 110, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house.”

House Bill No. 231, entitled

"An Act to authorize and empower the Commissioners of United School Districts Nos. 113 and 113 1-2 to borrow money to repair, rebuild, enlarge or remodel their school-house or otherwise provide for a better and more suitable site or more commodious school facilities in and for said districts."

House Bill No. 281, entitled

"An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to amend an act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools,"' passed at Dover, February 26, 1877; passed at Dover, March 8, 1883; passed at Dover, March 25th, 1885, relative to the sum to be raised by taxation in any one year."

House Bill No. 226, entitled

"An Act providing that Constables in New Castle County shall wear a badge or star with the word 'Constable' engraved thereon."

House Bill No. 246, entitled

"An Act to further amend the act entitled 'An Act for the protection of women.'"

House Bill No. 240, entitled

"An Act to divide Representative District No. 7, of Kent County, into two election districts."

House Bill No. 49, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 694, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, in relation to corporate suretyship and foreign surety companies, permitting surety companies to become surety on bonds of State, County and Municipal officers."

House Bill No. 343, entitled

"An Act authorizing the Commissioners of School District No. 108, of New Castle County, to borrow money to build a new school-house."

House Bill No. 243, entitled

"An Act empowering School District No. 21, of Kent County, to tax for school purposes the property of the Alms-house of Kent County."

House Bill No. 188, entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code, by striking out all of Section 4 of said chapter, as printed and published on Page 594, by providing that colored people shall not produce certificates of a Justice of the Peace."

House Bill No. 54, entitled

"An Act to enable the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for Kent County, to reside at or near Masten's, in Mispillion hundred."

Mr. Ewing moved that the House take a recess until 7.15 o'clock P. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Dover, Del., Same Day, March 7, 1901—7.30 o'clock P. M.

House met at expiration of recess.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and President pro tempore of the Senate:

House Bill No. 200, entitled

"An Act to enable the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in New Castle County for Wilmington hundred."

House Bill No. 124, entitled

"An Act appropriating seventy-nine dollars and twenty-six cents to pay Andrew J. Horsey, Columbus Watkins and John S. Harrington, Commissioners, under Chapter 515, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware."

House Bill No. 12, entitled

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Education in Wilmington to issue certificates of indebtedness for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the payment of the new High School and the buildings connected therewith, and the proper furnishings and equipments of the same."

On motion of Mr. Pilling, the bill,

(H. B. No. 292, entitled

"An Act in relation to Road Commissioners in New Castle County and Commissioners of Roads in Brandywine hundred, in said County,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 29.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Hearn, Hodgson, Layton, Monaghan, West.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ralph, the bill,

(H. B. No. 220), entitled

"An Act dividing the Fifth Representative District of Sussex County into two election districts by a new dividing line of said district,"

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 24.

Nays—Messrs. Warren, Wright.—Nays, 2.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Clark, Gooden, Hardesty, Hodgson, Layton, Monaghan, Pepper, Robertson.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared adopted as amended.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ralph, the bill,

(H. B. No. 221), entitled

“An Act designating the voting places in the election districts of Representative District No. 5, in Sussex County,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 31.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Hodgson, Monaghan, Pepper.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ralph, the bill,

(H. B. No. 222), entitled

“An Act providing for inspectors for the election district of the Fifth Representative District of Sussex County for the general election of A. D. 1902,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel,

Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 30.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Hodgson, Monaghan, Pepper, White.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ralph, the bill,

(H. B. No. 171), entitled

“An Act authorizing the Commissioners of the town of Delmar to build and establish water works and to provide for apparatus for extinguishing fires, and to borrow money and issue bonds for the payment therefor,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel,

Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 32.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Hodgson, Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill,

(H. B. No. 2), entitled

“An Act to provide for the improvement of the Christiana River,”

As amended.

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hol-

comb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scot-ten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 31.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Aron, Hardesty, Hodgson, Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared adopted as amended.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill,

(H. B. No. 295), entitled

“An Act to repeal Section 12 C. and 12 F. of Chapter 362, Volume 6, Laws of Delaware, passed at Dover, February 8, 1826,” etc., etc.,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Flinn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 19.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Pepper, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 13.

Absent—Messrs. Ewing, Hearn, Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared not adopted.

Mr. Prettyman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, the following bill:

House Bill No. 131, entitled

“An Act to amend Chapter 24, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, as supplemented by Chapter 364, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, and as amended by Chapters 10 and 11, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An Act to raise revenue for the State by taxing manufacturers,’ and for other purposes.”

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill,

(H. B. No. 202), entitled

“An Act appropriating two hundred dollars to Herring-Hall, Marvin Safe Company for two safes recently purchased for the Senate and House,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 33.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Hearn, Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bill:

House Bill No. 202, entitled

“An Act appropriating two hundred dollars to Herring-Hall, Marvin Safe Company for two safes recently purchased for the Senate and House.”

Mr. Robertson presented a joint resolution, entitled

“Joint resolution appropriating certain money to pay the attorneys—\$1,000,”

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Robertson moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Hutchinson moved that the joint resolution be laid on the table.

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Shallcross, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 28.

Nays—Messrs. Hitchen, Robertson, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren.—Nays, 6.

Absent—Mr. Monaghan.

So the motion was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Robertson presented a joint resolution, entitled

"Appropriating certain money out of the State Treasury of this State to pay certain expenses connected with the present session of the General Assembly—\$800 for attorneys,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Robertson moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 34.

Nays, none.

Absent—Mr. Monaghan.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baynard, the bill,

(H. B. No. 313), entitled

“An Act to amend an act, entitled ‘An Act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the city of Wilmington,’ being Chapter 210, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, in relations to the election and terms of office of the members of the Board of Public Education in Wilmington,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten Vinyard, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 32.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Monaghan, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(H. B. No. 303), entitled

“An Act creating a Public Land Commission for Sussex County, defining their power and duties, and specifying the manner of the application of funds coming into the hands of said commission,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

On motion of Mr. Robertson the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the bill,

(H. B. No. 226), entitled

“An Act appropriating fifty dollars to Miranda Adams,”

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clendaniel, Ewing, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 26.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Clark, Dayett, Flinn, Gooden, Hitchen, Hodgson, Monaghan, Vinyard, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative;

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Shallcross, the bill,

(H. B. No. 87), entitled

“An Act to authorize the Levy Court Commissioners of

New Castle County to borrow money and issue bonds for the same,"

As amended and amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Warren, White, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 29.

Nays, none.

Absent—Messrs. Hardesty, Hodgson, Monaghan, Scotten, Vinyard, West.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Robertson, and, on his motion, was adopted by unanimous vote.

"House resolution appropriating certain money out of the

Treasury of the State to pay the compensation of the members and officers of the House of Representatives, and certain expenses connected with the present session of the General Assefbly.

“Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the following amounts be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the compensation of the members and officers of the House of Representatives and the expenses connected with the present session of the General Assembly, viz :”

James V. McCommons, Speaker	\$ 360 00
James Hitchen	300 00
Samuel H. Baynard	300 00
James W. Robertson	300 00
Thomas M. Monaghan	300 00
John E. Healey	300 00
Frank P. Ewing	300 00
William R. Flinn	300 00
Richard T. Pilling	300 00
William Clrandler	300 00
Chauncey P. Holcomb	300 00
John W. Dayett	300 00
Theodore F. Clark	300 00
James T. Shallcross	300 00
Richard Hodgson	300 00
Andrew J. Wright	300 00
Thomas C. Moore	300 00
John L. Scotten	300 00
John W. Hutchinson	300 00
James P. Aron	300 00
Cornelius B. Hope	300 00
John H. Gooden	300 00
William G. Hardesty	300 00
David Vinyard	300 00
John M. White	300 00
George B. Clendaniel	300 00

Robert R. Layton	300 00
Walter M. Hearn	300 00
William J. West	300 00
David W. Ralph	300 00
Shadrach Short	300 00
Daniel J. Long	300 00
Harry S. Prettyman	300 00
Eli Pepper	300 00
Ebenezer W. Warren	300 00
William T. Deighton, Clerk	1200 00
John W. Green, Reading Clerk	500 00
W. Scott Vernon, Enrolling Clerk	200 00
Joshua S. Spanish, Sergeant-at-Arms	200 00
Rev. F. S. Spencer, Chaplain	50 00
Rowland Johnson, Page	50 00
F. L. Speakman, Prothonotary	214 00
Charles M. Smith, Printing and Stationery Co.	851 00
The Sentinel Printing Company	333 50
C. G. Guyer	6 00
A. R. Boyle	10 00
The Globe Printing Company	118 00
Robert T. Stuart	37 00
The Globe Printing Company	175 00
Fannie S. Herrington	246 75
C. E. Field	86 80
John S. Rowan	148 20
W. L. Gooding	35 00
J. C. Hutchinson	75 00
W. Scott Vernon	200 00

Mr. Moore presented the following House Resolution:

“Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three on the part of the House to act in union with a committee of two on the part of the Senate to provide for a reunion during the year A. D. 1901, at Buffalo, of the members of the present General Assembly.”

Which was read and adopted.

Messrs. Moore, Holcomb and Flinn committee appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Layton presented a resolution entitled

“House resolution appropriating certain money to the Reading Clerk of the House for additional services to the House.

“Be it resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to John W. Green for additional services to this House,”

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Moore moved that the resolution be adopted.

On the question, “Shall the resolution be adopted?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Layton Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 23.

Nays—Messrs. Hutchinson, Wright.—Nays, 2.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Hearn, Hodgson, Hope, Monaghan, Shallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Mr. Layton presented a resolution, entitled

“Appropriating certain money to the Sergeant-at-Arms for additional services to this House.

“Be it resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to Joshua S. Spanish for additional services to this House,”

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Layton moved that the resolution be adopted.

On the question, “Shall the resolution be adopted?”

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Gooden, Hardesty, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Hope, Hutchinson, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Pilling, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, Vinyard, West, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 26.

Nay—Mr. Wright.

Absent—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Hodgson, Monaghan, Ralph, Shallcross, Scotten, Warren.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Shallcross, the bill,

(H. B. No. 87), entitled

"An Act to authorize the Levy Court Commissioners of New Castle County to borrow money and issue bonds for the same,"

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

Mr. Holcomb moved that the action on this bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Flinn moved that the vote be reconsidered by which this bill was indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Ewing, the bill,

(H. B. No. 225), entitled

"An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 51, of the Revised Code of Delaware, as amended and published in A. D. 1893, on Page 394 of the said Revised Code, by striking out the words 'Or shooting match,'"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, the Senate amendment thereto was read.

On the question, "Shall the House concur in the amendment?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Clark, Ewing, Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hitchen, Holcomb, Layton, Long, Moore, Pepper, Prettyman, Robertson, Shallcross, Short, Scotten, Warren, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 20.

Nays—Messrs. Clendaniel, Dayett, Flinn, Hodgson, Ralph, Vinyard, White.—Nays, 7.

Absent—Messrs. Baynard, Hardesty, Hope, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Pilling, West, Wright.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Scotten, the bill,

(H. B. No. 249), entitled

"An Act designating Good Friday as a legal holiday,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

Mr. Moore moved that the bill be laid on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Scotten, the bill,

(H. B. No. 301), entitled

“An Act granting to Walter S. Hendrickson the title of the State to certain tract of salt marsh in Little Creek hundred, in Kent County,”

As amended,

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

Mr. Moore moved that the bill be laid on the table.

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Pilling, Prettyman, Ralph, Short, Warren, Wright, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 19.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Pepper, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, West, White.—Nays, 11.

Absent—Messrs. Baynard, Flinn, Hardesty, Monaghan, Vinyard.

So the motion was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill laid on the table.

Mr. Cain, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House joint resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 12, entitled

“Joint resolution appropriating certain money out of the State Treasury of this State to pay certain expenses connected with the present session of the General Assembly.”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Aron, the bill,

(S. B. No. 65), entitled

“An Act creating the office of Voters’ Assistant, and prescribing the duties thereof,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Flinn presented the following:

“Resolved, That Senate Bill No. 65 be, and the same is, hereby made the special order of business of the House to the exclusion of any and all other matters; and said bill shall be reported from committee, considered, and a third reading had thereon, and the same disposed of at once.

“That all resolutions heretofore adopted not in conformity herewith be, and the same are, hereby rescinded and superceded,”

Which, on his motion, was adopted.

Mr. Moore, on behalf of the Committee on Elections,

To whom had been referred the bill,

(S. B. No. 65), entitled

"An Act creating the office of Voters' Assistant, and prescribing the duties thereof,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the bill,

(S. B. No. 65), entitled

"An Act creating the office of Voters' Assistant, and prescribing the duties thereof,"

Was taken up for consideration, and,

On his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aron, Baynard, Chandler, Clendaniel, Dayett, Ewing, Flinn, Hitchen, Hodgson, Hope, Layton, Long, Moore, Prettyman, Robertson, Short, White, Mr. Speaker.—Yeas, 18.

Nays—Messrs. Gooden, Hearn, Healey, Hutchinson, Pepper, Ralph, Snallcross, Scotten, Vinyard, Warren, West, Wright.—Nays, 12.

Absent—Messrs. Clark, Hardesty, Holcomb, Monaghan, Pilling.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,