

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

"An act to compel clubs outside of the City of Wilmington to take out license for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

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

"An act to open a piece of public road and to widen a certain public road in Mill Creek hundred, New Castle County."

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

"An act in relation to license for peddlers and venders."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 87, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 707, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act in relation to the public roads in Mill Creek and Christiana hundreds."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 347, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in relation to insurance companies.'"

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

“An act in relation to tax liens on real estate of Wilmington.”

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

“An act in relation to road commissioners of New Castle County.”

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

“An act to divorce Florence P. Smith from her husband, Harry D. Smith.”

Mr. McCoy, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 343) entitled

“An act to amend and supplement Chapter 152, of Volume 15 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the City of New Castle, as at present amended and supplemented,’ ”

Which, on motion of Mr. McCoy, was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCoy, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 243, entitled

"An act to repeal Section 3 of Chapter 146, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 116, entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie E. Redmond from her husband, W. Dennis Redmond,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (H. B. No. 334) entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of an additional Notary Public in and for Kent County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 328) entitled

"An act to re-enact and amend Section 3, Chapter 665, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. McCoy offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to bill of E. S. R. Butler & Son, for stationery and supplies furnished the General Assembly,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill (H. B. No. 335) entitled

"An act to reduce the legal rate of interest to five per cent,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, Rule 12 was suspended as to House bill No. 336, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to improve and promote the colored schools in this State,'"

And the bill was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill (H. B. No. 256) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 34 of the Revised Code of the State 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 300) entitled

"An act regarding the assignment of liquor licenses,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 111) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 180, Volume 20 Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hazell moved that further consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 116) entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie E. Redmond from her husband, W. Dennis Redmond,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 243) entitled

"An act to repeal Section 3 of Chapter 146, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Dukes moved that further consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 212) entitled

"An act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow a certain sum of money,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And on further motion of Mr. Cheairs,

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Municipal Corporations,

Was read as follows:

Amend Section 1 by striking out the word "and," in the fifteenth line thereof, and also by striking out all that occurs after the word "and" in the seventeenth line and before the word "for," in the twentieth line thereof, respectively.

Amend Section 11 by inserting between the word "about" and the word "the," in the twenty-first line thereof the following: "Some one of," and also by adding at the end of said section the following: "Provided, however, that it shall be discretionary with the Board of Directors of the Street and Sewer Department as to which improvement or improvements, any or all of said money or moneys shall be applied."

And, further on Mr. Cheairs motion

The amendments were

Adopted.

The bill as amended, on his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Eliason, the bill (H. B. No. 314) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 11, Volume 15, Delaware Laws,”

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 this bill pass the House?”

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 111) entitled

“An act to divorce Mary Josephine Reed from her husband, Joseph Howard Reed, a vinculo matrimonii,”

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 this bill pass the House?”

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the Senate substitute for Senate bill No. 33, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 637, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Industrial School for Girls,'"

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Short, Smith, Taylor, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented

for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate:

Senate bill No. 169, entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes,”

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (S. B. No. 85) entitled

“An act to incorporate Guarantee Storage and Warehouse Company, of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Smith offered an amendment to the bill,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

House amendment,

Amend Senate bill No. 85 by inserting between the words “year” and “special,” in the second line of Section 5 the words “in the City of Wilmington, Delaware, where its principal office shall be located.”

And, on his further motion

The amendment was

Adopted.

The bill as amended, on his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, Mc-

Coy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (S. B. No. 149) entitled

“An act to incorporate Venus Temple, No. 9, Grand Order of Union American Circle of Glasgow, New Castle County, State 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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative;

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Dempsey offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution for the relief of Hubert Cassidy,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And further on his motion was

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 136) entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie Sholes from her husband, Robert Sholes,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Hazell, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and



On motion of Mr. Dukes,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 344) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Hazell, was read.

Mr. Dempsey, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 345) entitled

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large or feeding, grazing or pasturing upon the public highways in Mill Creek and Christiana hundreds, New Castle County, Delaware,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Dempsey, was read.

Mr. McCullough, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 346) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary F. Demby from her husband, Thomas H. Demby,"

Which, on motion of Mr. McCullough, was read.

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

Senate bill No. 169, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes."

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 18, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 161, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to reincorporate the town of Milford,'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (H. B. No. 244) entitled

"An act in relation to the sale of cider within the hundreds of Seaford and North West Fork, 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"House bill No. 182, entitled

"An act in relation to the Levy Court of Kent County,"

With amendment.

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to provide an equitable distribution of the county taxes in this State."

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

"An act to lay out a new public road in South Murderkill hundred."

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

"An act in relation to the foreclosure of mortgages in this State."

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

"An act in relation to obtaining money or goods under false pretenses."

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

"An act to better provide for the purity of the ballot."

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning private corporations,' " being Chapter 147, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware.

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

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Central Railroad Company."

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

"An act to divorce Edward Horn from his wife, Jennie Horn."

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

"An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 16, Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware as amended by Section 1, Chapter 26, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to repeal and supply parts of Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 423, Volume 117, Laws of Delaware.'"

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

"An act in relation to express companies doing business in this State."

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

"An act to further amend an act entitled 'An act to revise, renew and provide for the current expenses of the State government,' " being Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware.

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act providing for the

registration of voters,' " being Chapter 38, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware .

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

"An act to amend an act entitled, an act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Georgetown,' " being Chapter 240, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware.

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

"An act to incorporate the Citizens' Market House Company."

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

"An act to incorporate the Pneumatic Delivery Company."

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

"An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 597, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act in relation to the State Board of Education."

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

"An act amending the oyster and fish laws of this State."

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

"An act to compel railroads to place watchmen at dangerous crossings of other roads."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 444, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware, as amended."

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

"An act in relation to certain corporations doing business in this State."

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

"An act submitting the constitution of the present Constitutional Convention to the people for ratification."

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

"An act to incorporate the You Can't Wilmington Trading and Transportation Company."

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

"An act to relieve and to facilitate the work of the bar of the State of Delaware."

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

"An act in relation to certain public improvements."

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

"An act to incorporate the Dover Bicycle Club."

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

"An act in relation to the Marshy Hope Improvement Company."

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

"An act for the better protection of liverymen and to raise revenue."

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

"An act in relation to private corporations."

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

"An act to lay out a new public road in Kent County."

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

"An act to repeal Chapter 242, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act for the relief of married women, and other purposes."

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

"An act to raise revenue, and for other purposes."

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

"An act to amend the charter of the Hartmann & Fehrenbach Brewing Company."

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 218, Volume 18, of the Laws of Delaware.'"

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

"An act to amend the act relating to State contracts for school books."

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

"An act to change the time of holding school elections for Sussex County."

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

"An act in relation to abduction."

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

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Racing Association."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 707, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware."



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

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Building and Loan Association."

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

"An act in relation to the City of Wilmington."

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

"An act in relation to certain real estate in Kent County."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware."

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

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to reincorporate the town of Smyrna,' " passed at Dover, March 7, 1897.

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

"An act in relation to certain corporations."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 282, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act to incorporate the Christiana Marsh Company."

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

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Distilling Company."

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

"An act in regard to residence of the Justice of the Peace in Mill Creek hundred."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 74, Section 1, Revised Code of 1852, as amended."

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

"An act to punish incest."

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

"An act to incorporate the Spring Valley Distilling Company."

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

"An act creating an excise board for the State of Delaware."

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

"An act to prevent an appeal being taken in actions for wages on amounts of less than twenty-five dollars."

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

"An act to amend Section 16, Chapter 11, Volume 9, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act to incorporate the Aylford Land Company."

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

"An act in relation to the Justices of the Peace in the State of Delaware."

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

"An act to incorporate the Indian River Steamboat Company."

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

"An act in relation to marsh lands."

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

"An act to incorporate the Merchants Delivery Company."

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

"An act to encourage horticulture."

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

"An act to regulate the system of weights and measures."

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

"An act to incorporate the Greenwood Hotel Company."

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

"An act for the better protection of game in the State of Delaware."

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

"An act to incorporate the Delmarvia Insurance Company."

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

"An act to provide for the more equal distribution of the Sheriff's printing in the several counties."

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 18) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 161, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Milford,'"

Was taken up for consideration.

Pending consideration of the bill the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday.

Tuesday, April 20, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Dukes, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 267, entitled

“An act in relation to foreign corporations,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 312, entitled

“An act to straighten a public road in Mispillion hundred, Kent County, Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 238, entitled

"An act appointing commissioners to straighten and widen the public road leading from the Red Mill to the Five Points, in Lewes and Rehoboth hundreds,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With amendment.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 339, entitled

"An act to change and straighten a part of a public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 338, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Greenwood Manufacturing Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 308, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Rehoboth Land and Improvement Company, of Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 324, entitled

"An act to incorporate Diamond Council, No. 5, Junior Order United American Mechanics,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 172, entitled

“An act to incorporate William D. Mullen Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

House bill No. 164, entitled

“An act to divorce Annie Clee from her husband, James Clee,  
a vinculo matrimonii,”

With Senate amendment.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bill:

House bill No. 253, entitled

“An act to transfer the farm of Berend W. Myer from School District No. 13 to School Districts, Nos. 18, 60, 90, 91, 92 and 101, in Kent County,”

With amendment.

Also, the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speakers of both Houses:

House bill No. 265, entitled

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to improve and promote the colored schools in this State,’” being Chapter 17, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware.

House bill No. 206, entitled

"An act to incorporate the New Castle News Publishing Company."

House bill No. 204, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Beaver Dam Ditch Company, in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County.'"

House bill No. 168, entitled

"An act to re-enact, revive and renew the act entitled 'An act to incorporate Union American Circle Friendship, located in Delaware,' " passed at Dover, March 1, 1875.

House bill No. 194, entitled

"An act authorizing School District No. 52, in Sussex County to borrow money for building purposes."

House bill No. 202, entitled

"A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes,' " Chapter 36, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware.

House bill No. 288, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 444 of Volume 13 of the Laws of Delaware."

House bill No. 98, entitled

"An act to incorporate the College Settlement Company."

House bill No. 171, entitled

"An act to divorce Keziah F. Hayes and her husband, Richard E. Hayes, from the bonds of matrimony."



House bill No. 230, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 628, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware."

House bill No. 190, entitled

"An act concerning the town of Middletown."

House bill No. 220, entitled

"An act transferring the farm of William S. Martin from School District No. 132, in Sussex County to School District No. 18, in Sussex County."

House bill No. 106, entitled

"An act to appoint Elias S. R. Butler, trustee to sell the lands of Sallie A. Butler, in Sussex County, and empower him to grant a good and sufficient deed for the same."

House bill No. 184, entitled

"An act to divorce George E. Warrington from his wife, Mary E. Warrington."

House bill No. 188, entitled

"An act to divorce Mary S. Stanton from her husband, Nathan Stanton."

House bill No. 172, entitled

"An act in relation to the appointment and election of inspectors of election in and for the State of Delaware, exclusive of the City of Wilmington."

House bill No. 210, entitled

"An act to incorporate Union Castle, No. 17, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Smyrna, Del."

House bill No. 85, entitled

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the town of Frederica, and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes."

House bill No. 154, entitled

"An act to further amend the act entitled 'An act for incorporating the Friendship Fire Company, of the borough of Wilmington,' " being Chapter 168, Volume 3, Laws of Delaware, passed at Dover, January 15, 1805, and amended by a private act passed at Dover, March 29, 1871.

Also, the following duly and correctly enrolled House joint resolutions, the same having been signed by the Speakers of both Houses:

House joint resolution entitled

"House joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the State Librarian and to settle with him."

House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to the laws governing the general election."

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 218, entitled

"An act to prevent dogs from running at large certain months of the year in Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Miscel-

aneous Business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 326, entitled

"An act to amend an act in relation to the admission of insane persons to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst," passed at Dover, April 12, 1893,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 235, entitled

"An act to divorce Ezmy K. Windsor from her husband, William H. Windsor,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 229, entitled

"An act divorcing John Taylor and Anna, his wife,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 181, entitled

"An act to divorce Ananias Rogers from his wife, Sarah E. Rogers,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

The Speaker presented, and on motion had read petitions from the citizens of Sussex County in favor of passage of House bill No. 113; also, letters in favor of same bill from Albert N. Sutton, J. P., St. Georges, Del.; James Cleaver, Esq., Port Penn, Del.; Francis McIntire, Esq., Delaware City, Del.; James Richardson, M. D., St. Georges, Del.; John B. Money, Mayor, Delaware City, Del.

Mr. Cheairs, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 347) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 125, Revised Statutes,”

Which, on motion of Mr. Cheairs, was read.

Mr. Cheairs, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 348) entitled

“An act in relation to auctions and auctioneers in the City of Wilmington,”

Which, on motion of Mr. Cheairs, was read.

Mr. Davis, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Dukes,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 349) entitled

“An act fixing the salary of the Coroner of Kent County, and for other purposes,”

Which, on motion of Mr. Davis, was read.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 182, entitled

“An act in relation to the Levy Court of Kent County,”

Was read as follows:

Amendment to House bill No. 182, entitled

"An act in relation to the Levy Court of Kent County."

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That the terms and powers of office of the Levy Court Commissioners of Kent County heretofore elected, the Collectors of Taxes heretofore appointed by said Levy Court for the year A. D., 1897, and the County Treasurer heretofore elected shall be and the same are hereby declared to be terminated and ended, and the terms of said offices as now fixed by law are hereby abolished. That the Levy Court of Kent County shall hereafter be composed of five Commissioners instead of Nine, and that the Governor of this State shall within five days after the passage of this act, appoint one Levy Court Commissioner in each of the five districts hereinafter created, who shall serve until the second Tuesday in February, A. D., 1899. Each of said Levy Court Commissioners, as well as his successor in office, shall be a qualified voter and freeholder in the district for which he shall be appointed, and each such Commissioner appointed as aforesaid shall qualify within five days after his appointment, or his office shall be vacated, and the Governor shall immediately upon receiving notice thereof fill the office of said Levy Court Commissioner by appointment.

Sec. 2. That the County of Kent shall, for the purpose of this act, be and the same is hereby divided into five districts, to wit: One shall be composed of Duck Creek and Little Creek hundreds, and shall be known as the First District. Another shall be composed of Kenton and West Dover hundreds, and the Western Election District of North Murderkill hundred, and shall be known as the Second District. Another shall be composed of East Dover hundred, and the Eastern Election District of North Murderkill hundred, and shall be known as the Third District. Another shall be composed of Mispillion hundred, and the Election District No. 1 of South Murderkill hundred, and shall be known as the Fourth District. The remaining district shall be composed of Milford hundred and the Election District No. 2 of South Murderkill hundred, and shall be known as the Fifth District.

Sec. 3. That at the general election to be held in the year 1898, and at the general election to be held in every fourth year thereafter, there shall be elected from among the resident freeholders of each said districts, by the qualified voters thereof, one person to be Levy Court Commissioner of Kent County, to hold office for the term of four years, commencing on the first Tuesday in the month of February next following such election. The said Levy Court Commissioners to be appointed under this act shall meet for organization on the Tuesday next in April after their appointment, and after taking the oath now provided by law for Levy Court Commissioners to take, shall proceed to elect one of their number to be presiding officer. Three of said Levy Court Commissioners shall be sufficient for the purpose of organization, and shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The said Levy Court Commissioners shall have power to make rules for their government, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States, and after their said first meeting, they shall meet at the times now prescribed by law for the meetings of the Levy Court of Kent County; and the Levy Court Commissioners to be elected in pursuance of this act shall meet on the first Tuesday in February after their election, and shall take the same oath and possess all the powers required of and conferred upon the Commissioners to be appointed under this act, and shall also meet at the times now prescribed by law for the meeting of the Levy Court of Kent County. In case of death, resignation or removal from the district of any Commissioner appointed or elected under this act, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint some suitable person to fill such unexpired term, having the qualifications heretofore required in that behalf. The Levy Court Commissioners to be appointed or elected under this act shall have full and complete jurisdiction over all and every the matters and things now vested by law in the Levy Court of Kent County as at present constituted, and in the several members thereof, and shall exercise every power, privilege, right and duty which now belongs to the Levy Court of Kent County, as fully and completely as the said Levy Court now by law is authorized to do, except as the same are or may be modified by the provisions of this act.

Should any two or more persons voted for as Levy Court Commissioner of any district receive an equal and the highest number of votes cast at any election, the Board of Canvass shall certify the fact to the Governor, who shall forthwith appoint one of said persons to be the Levy Court Commissioner from said District for the same term for which he was voted for. The Levy Court Commissioners appointed or elected under this act, shall be paid as compensation for their services at the rate of \$300 per annum in equal quarterly instalments by warrants duly drawn upon the Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer.

Sec. 4. That it shall be the duty of the present Levy Court of Kent County and of every Commissioner thereof, and of every other person having possession or control of any records, books, papers or other property belonging or relating to the business of the Levy Court of the said county immediately after the appointment of the Levy Court Commissioners under this act, to surrender and deposit the same with the Clerk of the Peace of said county, who shall keep the same subject to the control of the Levy Court Commissioners appointed under this act. And in case the said Levy Court, as now constituted, or any Commissioner thereof, or any other person having possession as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse on demand of the Levy Court Commissioners to be appointed under this act to deliver up and surrender any of such records, books, papers or other property to the said Clerk of the Peace in and for Kent County, each and every person so neglecting and refusing as aforesaid be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of \$500, and be imprisoned for the term of one year, or until the said records, books, papers and other property shall be delivered into the custody of the said Levy Court Commissioners appointed under this act.

Sec. 5. That nothing herein contained shall in any wise affect the power, obligations or duties of any of the collectors of taxes in the various hundreds in Kent County appointed prior to the year 1897, nor shall it affect the liability of any such collector or the sureties of any such collector upon his official bond.

Sec. 6. The Levy Court Commissioners to be appointed under this act shall, within three days after their meeting and or-

ganization, appoint some good and substantial citizen of the county to be "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer." The person so appointed shall hold office from the date of his appointment until the second Tuesday in the month of February, A. D., 1899, or until his successor is duly qualified; and the Levy Court Commissioners shall, on the said second Tuesday of February, A. D., 1899, and thereafter biennially on the second Tuesday of February, appoint some good and substantial citizen of the county to be "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," who shall hold office for the term of two years from the date of his appointment or until his successor shall be duly qualified. Every "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" appointed under the provisions of this act, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond as provided by Chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes of this State in relation to County Treasurer. In the case of the death, resignation, or refusal to act, or inability to give bond as aforesaid of any person appointed "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," as aforesaid, the Levy Court Commissioners shall appoint some other competent person to act as "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" during the residue of the term in which said vacancy shall happen, and such person so appointed shall be subject to all the provisions of law respecting said office. Every person who shall be appointed to said office of "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before some person authorized to administer oaths, an oath of affirmation, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Delaware, and that he will perform the duties of the office of "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" with fidelity. Said oath or affirmation shall be filed with the Clerk of the Peace of Kent County, and by him kept with the other papers belonging to the Levy Court.

Sec. 7. That it shall be the duty of the Levy Court Commissioners to have prepared from the assessment lists for the year beginning 1897, and as shall be settled thereafter in succeeding years, duplicates of the taxes of each hundred for the use of the said "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," on or before the first day of June in every year, and shall fix the rate of



county, road and poor taxes, and issue their warrants to the said receiver of the same. The said "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" shall have prepared for each hundred a book of blank receipts, which receipts, numbered serially, when delivered upon payment of taxes shall show the amount of the assessment, distinguishing real, personal and poll assessments, and showing the rata of county, road and poor taxes; each receipt shall have a corresponding stub, which shall be retained in the said book. The said "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" shall have his office in Dover, and shall, in pursuance of public notice thereof, attend not less than twice, either in person or by deputy, in each of the months of August, September and October, at the voting place in each hundred, exclusive of East Dover hundred, for the receipt of taxes due in such hundreds, or any adjoining hundred; in case the hundred has been or may be divided into two or more election districts, the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" shall attend at each of the voting places of the hundred, either in person or by deputy.

At his office in Dover, he shall receive taxes assessed in any hundred in the county. He shall give notice in two newspapers, published in the county, of the times and places, when and where he will receive taxes in the hundreds exclusive of East Dover hundred. It shall be his duty to attend, either in person or by deputy, at his office in Dover, every day except Sundays and legal holidays, and except the days he may be attending in other hundreds in the county, for the receipt of taxes as hereinbefore provided. It shall be his duty to attend, either in person or by deputy, at his office in Dover, from nine o'clock, A. M. until twelve o'clock, M., and from one o'clock, P. M., till four o'clock, P. M., and in the hundreds exclusive of East Dover hundred, he shall attend at least five hours on every day so appointed.

Sec. 8. That on all taxes paid before the first day of September, there shall be an abatement of three per cent; on all paid before the first day of October, there shall be an abatement of two per cent; and on all paid before the first day of November, there shall be an abatement of one per cent. On all taxes unpaid, on the first day of January, five per cent thereof shall be added thereto, and the said duplicates, with the taxes that have

been paid, distinctly marked thereon, shall then be placed in the hands of "collectors of delinquent taxes," who shall be appointed by the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," hereinbefore provided for, and who shall be a resident of the district for which he shall be appointed, and shall have all the powers now conferred by law upon the collectors of the county taxes, except the power to imprison the body. Such collectors shall give bond in double the amount of the taxes placed in their hands for collection; such bond shall be in form and with such sureties as the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" shall prescribe and approve. Each collector shall be furnished with such a receipt book as is required by Section 7 of this act. Every such collector shall, between the first and second Tuesday in January in every year, publish in a newspaper printed in the hundred of which he is collector, or in an adjoining hundred, or in case there be none such, then in a newspaper published in a hundred nearest such hundreds, ten days notice that he will attend at convenient times and places, stating the same, to receive such taxes; and he shall also give the same notice by hand bills, posted in at least ten of the most public places of the hundred of which he is collector; such notice, and the notices hereinbefore required to be given by the said "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," shall be deemed and taken to be a sufficient demand under existing law in relation to the collection of taxes in this State. All taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of March shall be extinguished, except taxes on real estate, or other property, and against persons assessed therewith, and as to such, the authority of the collector shall continue until the first day of June following, or until such further time as the said "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" shall determine. Such collectors shall make payments twice in every month to the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," and take duplicate receipts for the same, one of which receipts shall be filed with the Clerk of the Peace. Collectors shall be allowed eight per cent. commission on every tax so collected by them.

Whenever a person holding the office of County Constable shall be appointed Collector of Delinquent Taxes, he shall be obliged to qualify as such collector, and perform the duties of

said office of Collector of Delinquent Taxes, under the penalty of forfeiting his office of constable.

Sec. 9. That upon the personal application of any taxable whose tax has been paid, a duplicate receipt shall be given for his or her taxes upon its being shown that the receipt for such taxes has been lost, mislaid or destroyed, or in the possession of some person unknown to the applicant, or, if known, who refuses to deliver the same, such receipt and its corresponding stub shall be plainly stamped with the word "Duplicate."

Sec. 10. That if any "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" or collector, as aforesaid, shall give a receipt for an extinguished tax, or fraudulently antedate or postdate any tax receipt, or use any other fraud in giving the same, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined one hundred dollars, and further shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars to any person who will sue therefor.

Sec. 11. That the trustee of the poor shall, on or before the first Tuesday in March, A. D., 1898, and on or before the first Tuesday in March in each and every year thereafter, certify to the Levy Court Commissioners the sum necessary for the maintenance of the almshouse; which sum, if approved by the said Commissioners, shall be obtained by a rate laid for that purpose, otherwise said Commissioners shall themselves ascertain the sum and fix the rate therefor.

Sec. 12. That for all work and labor hereafter required to be done, and all merchandize, tools, implements and machinery to be furnished or had and used by or for account of the county, where the cost in any particular case will probably exceed the sum of \$500, the Levy Court Commissioners shall publicly invite sealed proposals for the doing of such work, and the furnishing of such merchandise, tools, implements and machinery, and give the contract to the lowest bidder or bidders; provided, that the said Commissioners may require of such bidder or bidders security for the faithful performance of such contract, and the said Levy Court shall have full power and authority to enter into contracts therefor, which shall be under the hand of the President with the seal of said court.

Sec. 13. That the present County Treasurer shall, immediately upon the organization of the Levy Court Commissioners appointed under this act, and of a "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," settle with the said Commissioners or a committee thereof, and pay over all moneys in his hands to the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" elected by said Levy Court, upon the order of the said Commissioners or the committee thereof, and shall also surrender and deliver to the said "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" all books, papers and other property in his hands belonging to his office of County Treasurer, or to Kent County, which shall or may be in his possession and under his custody and control, and upon his full and complete compliance with these requirements, his official bond shall, upon the direction of the said Levy Court Commissioners be satisfied and cancelled. All balance of taxes as settled and determined by the present Levy Court, as due from the county collectors shall be paid to the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," appointed under this act, at such times as the Levy Court Commissioners appointed under this act shall determine and direct upon default of compliance with the provisions of this Section by any collector of taxes, the said last mention Levy Court shall have full power and authority to proceed upon the official bond of such defaulting officer; and in the case of full payment as the same shall be ascertained by the Levy Court, the said Levy Court shall cause the bond of the collector, making such payment to be cancelled.

Sec. 14. The "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" shall settle with the Levy Court or a committee thereof at such times and as often as the said court or a committee thereof at such times and as often as the said court shall designate, and shall be allowed a compensation for all services as such "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer," the annual sum of two thousand and dollars, payable in equal quarterly installments by orders signed by the President of the Levy Court, and countersigned by the clerk thereof.

Sec. 15. That all moneys received by the "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer" from any and all sources, shall be de-

posited by him in "The Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, at Dover," to his credit as "Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer;" such deposits shall be made within three days after the money shall come into his hands.

Sec. 16. That all acts or things done and performed by the present Levy Court, as such court, as the same shall appear upon the proceedings of said Court, in the hands of the Clerk of the Peace, who, by law, is the clerk of the Levy Court, prior to the time when this act shall take effect, shall be and the same are hereby ratified and affirmed, and all appointments made by said Court shall remain and be valid, except as are modified, and annulled or altered by this act, and the appointees thereof shall hold and enjoy their respective offices until their terms shall by law expire.

Sec. 17. That all acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 18. That this act shall be deemed and taken to be a public act and shall take effect in five days after the passage thereof.

Mr. Hazell moved that the House non-concur in the amendments and ask for committee of conference on the bill,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Speaker appointed as committee on part of the House, Messrs. Hazell, Adams and Davis.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Dempsey, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Short,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 351) entitled

"An act to open a piece of public road and widen a certain public road in Mill Creek hundred, New Castle County,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Dempsey, was read.

Mr. Short, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 350) entitled

“An act to provide for an additional constable in Sussex County,”

Which, on motion of Mr. Short, was read.

Mr. Short, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 352) entitled

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State government,’ being Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,

Which, on motion of Mr. Short, was read.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (H. B. No. 345) entitled

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large or feeding, grazing, or pasturing upon the public highways in Mill Creek and Christiana hundreds, New Castle County, Delaware,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 346) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary F. Danby from her husband,  
Thomas H. Danby,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorce.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 341) entitled

"An act in relation to expert witnesses,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 344) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes."

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the Senate amendments to House bill No. 67, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Charles M. Smith Printing and Stationery Company,"

Was read as follows:

Amend the bill as follows:

By inserting between the words "dollars" and "the," in the fourth line of Section 2 the following words: "Not be less than three thousand dollars and the sum of three thousand dollars shall be fully paid in before the said corporation shall be authorized to commence business."

Also, by inserting between the words "year" and "special," in the second line of Section 4, the following words: "In the City of Wilmington, Delaware, where the principal office of the said corporation shall be located."

In the Senate, April 5, 1897.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

S. P. DOHERTY,  
Clerk of Senate.

On the question "Shall the amendments be concurred in?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Elia-



son, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. McCullough, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 353) entitled

“An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle County to make certain deeds,”

Which, on motion of Mr. McCullough, was read.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 18) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 161, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to reincorporate the town of Milford,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Smith offered an amendment to the bill,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

House amendment.

Amend Senate bill No. 18 by adding at the end of Section 6 the words, “not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars.”

And, on his further motion

The amendment was

Adopted.

The bill as amended, on his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 181) entitled

"An act to divorce Ananias Rogers from his wife, Sarah E. Rogers,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the bill (H. B. No. 338) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Greenwood Manufacturing 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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (S. B. No. 132) entitled

“An act to enable Guarantee Storage and Warehouse Company to hold real estate,”

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Adams, the bill (H. B. No. 312) entitled

"An act to straighten a public road in Mispillion hundred, Kent County, 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bill, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate:

Senate bill No. 164, entitled

“An act to divorce Gertrude P. Kitchen from her husband, William T. Kitchen.”

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to Senate bill No. 85, entitled

“An act to incorporate Guarantee Storage and Warehouse Company, of Delaware.”

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 172) entitled

“An act to incorporate William D. Mullen 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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

House bill No. 45, entitled

"An act to reincorporate the town of Clayton."

Also, Senate bill No. 164, entitled

"An act to divorce Gertrude P. Kitchen from her husband, William T. Kitchen."

On motion of Mr. Whitney, chairman of Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, the time for consideration of House bill No. 89, was extended one week.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 91) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary A. Garrett from Howard W. Garrett, a vinculo matrimonii,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill (H. B. No. 329) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Bimetallic Printing 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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (H. B. No. 327) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Peninsula Camp Meeting and Summer School Association,”

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (H. B. No. 273) entitled

"An act to authorize the laying out and establishing a new public road in North West Fork hundred, 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.



Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 251, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Townsend,' " being Chapter 569, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,

Was read as follows:

Senate amendment to House bill No. 251.

Amend the bill by striking out the words "one dollar," in the seventh line of Section 1 thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty cents."

Adopted in Senate, April 13, 1897.

For concurrence.

S. P. DOHERTY,

Clerk of Senate.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be concurred in?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the amendments were declared

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Johnson offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution increasing the committee on Farnhurst investigation,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker named as additional committee members on part of the House in relation to the foregoing joint resolution, Messrs. Adams and Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill (H. B. No. 238) entitled

“An act appointing Commissioners to straighten and widen the public road leading from the Red Mill to the Five Points, in Lewes and Rehoboth hundreds,”

With amendment,

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 this bill pass the House?”

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 164, entitled

“An act to divorce Annie Clee from her husband, James Clee, a vinculo matrimonii,”

Was read as follows:

Amend House bill No. 164 as follows, viz: By striking out all of Section 3 thereof and by inserting instead thereof the following:

"Section 3. That the name of the said Annie Clee is hereby changed to Annie Rawley, and that she shall henceforth be known by that name."

“Section 4. That this act shall be and is a private act.”

Adopted in Senate, April 19, 1897.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

S. P. DOHERTY,

Clerk of Senate.

And, on Mr. Taylor's further motion

The amendment was Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Dempsey presented the bill of John Dunning in relation to the Cheairs vs. Dickey contest,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 21, 1897, 10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 271, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Equitable Land Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 167, entitled

“An act to revive and re-enact an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Horsepen Drain Ditch Company,’”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 264, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act requiring a license for the carrying on the business of opening oysters for the purpose of exportation from this State,' " being Chapter 551, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Cheairs, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 354) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Liberty Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 9, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware,' "

Which, on motion of Mr. Cheairs, was read.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 287, entitled

"An act for the protection of game,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With an amendment.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 203, entitled

"An act in relation to fish in New Castle County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With an amendment.

Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 355) entitled

"An act to divorce James S. Melvin from his wife, Sallie C. Melvin, a vinculo matrimonii,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Speaker, was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Speaker, 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 Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 348) entitled

"An act in relation to auctions and auctioneers in the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 347) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 125, Revised Statutes."

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (H. B. No. 351) entitled

"An act to open a piece of public road and to widen a certain public road in Mill Creek hundred, New Castle County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 353) entitled

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle County to make certain deeds,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (S. B. No. 349) entitled

"An act fixing the salary of the Coroner of Kent County and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 350) entitled

"An act to provide for an additional constable in Sussex County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 352) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State government,'" being Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate:

Senate bill No. 139, entitled

"An act to incorporate Stars and Stripes Publishing Company."

Senate bill No. 126, entitled

"An act to divorce Annie T. Harris from her husband, Thomas H. Harris.

Senate bill No. 120, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Insurance Company."

Senate bill No. 140, entitled

"An act to authorize the clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register in Chancery in and for Kent County to make an examination of the funds deposited in said courts and record the same in a separate docket.



Senate bill No. 154, entitled

"An act to reincorporate and renew the Fame Hose Company, No. 1, of the City of Wilmington, under the name of the Fame Fire Company, No. 6, of Wilmington, Delaware, and for other purposes."

Senate bill No. 7, entitled

"An act to change the name of Mary C. Steele."

Also, Senate bill No. 148, entitled

"An act to revive and re-enact an act entitled 'An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for the City of Wilmington.'"

Senate bill No. 155, entitled

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company, in the City of Wilmington, under the name of the Phoenix Fire Company, No. 4, of Wilmington, Delaware, and for other purposes."

Mr. Doherty, 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. 84, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Christiana Fire Insurance Company."

Senate bill No. 137, entitled

"An act to incorporate the trustees of Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

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

House bill No. 333, entitled

"An act to revive and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to permanently improve the condition of certain public roads in New Castle County,' " being Chapter 670, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, which was revived and re-enacted April 19, 1895.

House bill No. 292, entitled

"An act to incorporate Stars and Stripes Council, No. 26, Jr. O. U. A. M. of the town of Smyrna, Delaware."

House bill No. 200, entitled

"An act to incorporate Transpeninsular Telegraph and Telephone Company."

House bill No. 4, entitled

"An act to enable the Commissioners of School District No. 48, in Kent County to borrow money for building purposes."

Reported with Senate substitute and submitted to the House for concurrence.

Also, Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to bill of E. S. R. Butler & Son for stationery and supplies furnished the General Assembly."

Also, House bill No. 294, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Christiana Yacht Company, of Delaware,"

With amendment.

House bill No. 79, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Mortgagees Protective and Title Guarantee Company."

Title amended as follows:

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Title and Trust Company."

Reported with Senate substitute and presented for concurrence of House.

House bill No. 270, entitled

"An act to re-enact, revive, amend and supplement the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company,'" passed at Dover, February 10, 1841 and revived and amended March 13, 1877, and as amended February 28, 1883,

With amendment.

Also, House bill No. 291, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Call Printing Company,"

With amendment.

Also, House bill No. 278, entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Sussex County to take up and keep in repair a certain public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County,"

With amendment.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the request of the House to appoint a committee of conference in relation to House bill No. 182.

Committee on part of Senate, Messrs. Fenimore and Meredith.

Mr. Short, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Cheairs,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 356) entitled

"An act to further amend an act entitled 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State government,'"

Which, on motion of Mr. Short, was read.

Mr. Short, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 357) entitled

"An act to amend Section 10, Chapter 9 of the Revised Code, entitled 'Clerk of the Peace,'"

Which, on motion of Mr. Short, was read.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 291, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Call Printing Company,"

Was read as follows:

Senate amendment.

Amend House bill No. 291 by inserting between the words "dollars" and "the" in the ninth line of Section 2 the following words: "provided that the sum of one thousand dollars shall be fully paid in on the said capital stock before the said corporation shall be authorized to commence business."

Adopted in Senate, April 20, 1897.

Extract from Journal.

Attest:

SIMON P. DOHERTY,

Clerk.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be concurred in?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cheairs, Dempsey, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

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. L. S. Hopkins, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 270, entitled

"An act to re-enact, revive, amend and supplement the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company,' passed at Dover, February 10, 1841, as revived and amended March 13, 1877, and as amended February 28, 1883,

Was read as follows:

Amend the bill by adding thereto the following at the end of Section 1 thereof. "Third, by striking out in the eighth and ninth lines of Section 2 of the amendment passed at Dover, March 13, 1877, the words 'the public road leading from Felton to Whitleysburg' and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'The ditch known as the Samuel H. Mimn ditch.'"

Adopted in Senate, April 20, 1897.

SIMON P. DOHERTY,

Clerk of Senate.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be concurred in?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cheairs, Dempsey, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

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. Eliason, the bill (H. B. No. 203) entitled  
"An act in relation to fish 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 this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Dempsey moved that further consideration of this bill be postponed for one week,

Which motion Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. McCullough, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 358) entitled

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Chandler Trustee Company,’”

On his further motion the bill was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCullough, 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 Private Corporations.

Mr. McCullough, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 359) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Building Company,”

On his further motion the bill was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCullough, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill (S. B. No. 137) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Wilson, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 84) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Christiana Fire Insurance Company,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dempsey, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, Senate substitute for House bill No. 79, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Title and Trust Company,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCullough, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 119) entitled

"An act to divorce Alexander B. Russell from his wife, Ella B. Russell,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

House bill No. 283, entitled

"An act for the relief of School District No. 96, in New Castle County,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Doherty, 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. 182, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 731, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware."

Senate bill No. 174, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 47, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware."

Mr. Speaker presented a petition from the citizens of Smyrna, Delaware, in favor of passage of House bill No. 113,

Which, on his motion, was read.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 235) entitled

"An act to divorce Ezmy K. Windsor from her husband, William H. Windsor,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 174) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 47, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (S. B. No. 95) entitled

"An act to divorce Margaret A. Miller from her husband, Robert S. Miller,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Short, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 360) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Central Railway Company,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Short, was read.

Mr. J. H. Hopkins, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 361) entitled

"An act to amend Section 4, Chapter 120 of the Revised Code."

Mr. W. R. Davis, on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishments, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 78, entitled

"An act to establish the Delaware State workhouse,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 142) entitled

"An act to incorporate Winona Council, No. 9, Junior Order United American Mechanics,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, Senate substitute for House bill No. 4, entitled

"An act to authorize School District No. 48, in Missillion hundred, in Kent County, to borrow money to build and erect a new school house, and to sell the old school house, and for other purposes,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Hopkins, 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 Education.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 315, entitled

"An act to authorize the State Board of Education to add a system for teaching vertical writing to the official list of school books,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Hopkins moved that further consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, Thursday.

Thursday, April 22, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 247, entitled

“An act to divorce Henry E. Walls from his wife, Patience E. Walls,”

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 319, entitled

“An act in relation to holding the annual school elections in New Castle County, exclusive of incorporated cities and towns,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the Senate substitute for House bill No. 4, entitled

"An act to authorize School District No. 48, in Mispillion hundred, in Kent County to borrow money to build and erect a new school house, and to sell the old school house, and for other purposes,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 137, entitled

"An act to incorporate the trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 182) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 731, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dempsey, 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. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 174) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 47, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 361) entitled

"An act to amend Section 4, Chapter 120, of the Revised Code,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 253, entitled

"An act to transfer the farm of Berend W. Meyers from School District No. 13 to School District No. 18, 60, 90, 91, 92 and 101,"

Was read as follows:

Amend House bill No. 253 by inserting the following as an enacting clause:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware in session met."

Adopted in Senate, April 19, 1897.

Extract from Journal.

S. P. DOHERTY,

Clerk of Senate.

And, on Mr. Wilson's further motion

The amendment was

Concurred in

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.



On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 357) entitled

"An act to amend Section 10, Chapter 9 of the Revised Code, entitled 'Clerk of the Peace.'"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 360) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Central Railroad Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Davis offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution for the relief of the State Library,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 137) entitled

"An act to incorporate the trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate:

Senate bill No. 111, entitled

"An act to divorce Mary Josephine Reed from her husband, Joseph Howard Reed, a vinculo matrimonii."

Senate bill No. 33, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 637, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.'"

Senate bill No. 149, entitled

"An act to incorporate Venus Temple No. 9, Grand Order

of Union American Circle of Glasgow, New Castle County, State of Delaware."

Senate bill No. 136, entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie Sholes from her husband, Robert Sholes."

Senate bill No. 116, entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie E. Redmond from her husband, W. Dennis Redmond."

Senate bill No. 85, entitled

"An act to incorporate Guarantee Storage and Warehouse Company, of Delaware."

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

House bill No. 127, entitled

"An act to divide School District No. 63, in New Castle County and to unite the same, and for other purposes."

House bill No. 280, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 177, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington.'"

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills:

Senate bill No. 198, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide a sinking

fund for the payment of the City debt of Wilmington,' " passed at Dover, February 9, 1855.

Senate bill No. 159, entitled

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to provide for a municipal police commission for the City of Wilmington,'" passed at Dover, April 18, 1893.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (S. B. No. 159) entitled

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to provide for a municipal police commission for the City of Wilmington,'" passed at Dover, April 18, 1893,

Was read a first time.

Mr. Donaldson moved that further consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion Prevailed.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 356) entitled

"An act to further amend an act entitled 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State government,'"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Adams, on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 334, entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of an additional Notary Public in and for Kent County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Wilson offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution providing for the payment of counsel in Cheairs vs. Dickey contest,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

On the question, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were called for.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Eliason, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Smith, Mr. Speaker—5.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, L. S. Hopkins, Martin, McCoy, Short, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney—11.

Mr. Donaldson, who had voted yea, asked and obtained leave to change his vote to nay.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the joint resolution was declared Lost.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 308) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Rehoboth Land and Improvement Company, of Sussex County,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion the amendment to the bill proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations,

Was read as follows:

House amendment.

Amend House bill No. 308 by inserting between the words "dollars" and "the," in the fourth line of Section 2 the following words: "Nor be less than five thousand dollars, and the said company shall not be authorized to commence business until the sum of five thousand dollars has been fully paid in on its said capital stock."

And further on Mr. Dukes' motion

The amendment was Adopted.

The bill as amended, on further motion of Mr. Dukes, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney. Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, the bill (H. B. No. 319) entitled  
 "An act in relation to holding the annual school elections in  
 New Castle County, exclusive of incorporated cities and  
 towns,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion the House adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker presented a letter from C. Watkins, Odessa,  
 Delaware, in favor of the passage of House bill No. 113,

Which was read.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 259, entitled

"An act for the better protection of the holders of life insurance policies in this State,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Donaldson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 362) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 639, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Which, on his motion, was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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.

Mr. Donaldson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 363) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 630, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

Which, on his motion, was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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.

Mr. Dukes, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 364) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Salt Pond Ditch Company,"

Which, on his motion, was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dukes,, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (S. B. No. 170) entitled

"An act to change the name of Elizabeth Cook to the name of Bessie Wright and to make her by adoption a daughter and heir-at-law of Elisha Wright, of Willow Grove, 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (S. B. No. 167) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Horsepen Drain Ditch 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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Hazell the bill (S. B. No. 174) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 47, Volume 19, 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (H. B. No. 334) entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of an additional Notary Public in and for 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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the Senate substitute for House bill No. 4, entitled

"An act to authorize School District No. 48, in Mispillion hundred, in Kent County to borrow money to build and erect a new school house,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House, as follows:

"An act to authorize School District No. 48, in Mispillion hundred, in Kent County to borrow money to build and erect a new school house and to sell the old school house, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met:

Section 1. That J. Will Powell, M. C. Jackson and Henry H. Callaway, three freeholders and taxables of said School District are hereby appointed a building committee, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose of building and erecting a new school house for said School District on the same lot of land whereon the old schoolhouse now stands, and to use the money so borrowed in building and erecting or causing to be built and erected a new school house in said district on said lot of land, and also to sell the old school house and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof for paying off the aforesaid loan, or to apply the same towards the building of the said new school house, if needed for that purpose. And that the said sum of four hundred dollars shall be borrowed on four years' time, made payable in four equal annual instalments of one hundred dollars each, with lawful interest on the whole principal sum or on any unpaid balance in each and every year from the date of the securing the said loan, until the whole principal sum of four hundred dollars and all interest thereon shall be paid.

Section 2. That the said building committee named in Section 1 of this act are hereby authorized and empowered to secure the payment of said loan by bond, or by bond and mortgage from under their hands and seals, duly executed and acknowledged upon the terms and conditions mentioned in Section 1 of this act, the same to be made a lien against the said new school house and upon the lot of land whereon the same is to be erected and upon all other property belonging to said School District.

Section 3. That, for the purpose of providing for the payment of said loan according to its terms and conditions, the Commissioners of said School District or their successors in office, are hereby authorized, directed and required to levy and collect yearly from the taxables of said School District, in addition to the tax for carrying on a school or schools, directed to be levied by law at the stated meetings, the sum of one hundred dollars in each and every year, with the interest on the whole principal loan, or on any unpaid balance thereof until the whole of said sum of four hundred dollars and all interest shall be paid; the same to be levied and collected as other school money is collected, the said additional yearly sum of principal and interest of said loan to be used for the purpose of paying off said loan, with its interest as the same becomes due and payable according to the terms thereof.

Section 4. That this act shall be deemed and taken to be a public act.

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

Senate bill No. 30, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Citizens' Trust and Insurance Company."

Senate bill No. 148, entitled

"An act to revive and re-enact an act entitled 'An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for the City of Wilmington.'"

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following House bills:

House bill No. 304, entitled

"An act for the relief of Effie Strawbridge Cobb."

House bill No. 318, entitled

"An act to divide Baltimore hundred, in Sussex County into two voting districts and to establish a voting place in each district."

House bill No. 338, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Greenwood Manufacturing Company."

House bill No. 313, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association."

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bill:

Senate bill No. 186, entitled

"An act to change the name of Martha Patterson to Martha Barnes."

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 182, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 731, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 322, entitled

"An act to transfer the farm of William Artis from School District No. 18, in Kent County to united School Districts, Nos. 96 and 133½, in said county,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 361, entitled

"An act to amend Section 4, Chapter — of the Revised Code,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 167, entitled

"An act to amend Section 16, Chapter 66, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

On motion this bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Dempsey moved to reconsider the vote on Senate bill No. 174, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 47, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Dempsey, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Taylor, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, McCullough, Short, Smith, Thompson—9.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was declared **Lost.**

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Friday.



Friday, April 23, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Hazell, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Thompson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 303, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Life Insurance Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 359, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Building Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With an amendment.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 296, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Stanton Store Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With an amendment.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations to whom had been referred the Senate substitute for House bill No. 79, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Title and Trust Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 84, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Christiana Insurance Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 153, entitled

"An act to transfer the lands of W. C. J. Wilson from School Districts Nos. 3, 175 and 175½ to School District No. 117, in Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 277, entitled

"An act relating to the carrying of bicycles by railroads and other transportation companies,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, further consideration of this bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 286, entitled

"An act to divorce May E. Bailey from her husband, Henry H. Bailey,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill No. 330, entitled

"An act to divorce Lucretia R. Hitch from her husband, William S. Hitch,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (S. B. No. 186) entitled

"An act to change the name of Martha Patterson to Martha Barnes,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Cheairs, 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. Martin, the bill (S. B. No. 198) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide a sinking

fund for the payment of the debt of Wilmington,' " passed at Dover, February 9, 1855,

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Martin, 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.

Mr. Cheairs, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Short,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 365) entitled

"An act to divorce Anna M. Reybold from her husband, George M. T. Reybold,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Cheairs, was read.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 354) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Liberty Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 9, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware,' "

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 277 was indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. McCoy moved that the bill be referred back to the committee for amendment,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, the bill (H. B. No. 303) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Life Insurance 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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Hazell, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Thompson, Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Dempsey presented a petition from citizens of Kent County in favor of the passage of House bill No. 113,

Which was read.

Mr. Doherty, 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 joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution directing the State Librarian to have the old Latin Bible repaired and a case made to preserve the same."

Also, Senate bill No. 204, entitled

"An act to authorize the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, a corporation existing under the Laws of the State of Maryland, to conduct a banking business in the State of Delaware."

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (S. B. No. 162) entitled

"An act to incorporate Star of Bethel Lodge, No. 19, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle County, State 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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Hazell, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Thompson, Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

Monday, April 26, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

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

Senate bill No. 139, entitled

“An act to incorporate Stars and Stripes Publishing Company.”

Senate bill No. 126, entitled

“An act to divorce Annie T. Harris from her husband, Thomas H. Harris.”

Senate bill No. 120, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Insurance Company.”

Senate bill No. 140, entitled

“An act to authorize the clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register in Chancery in and for Kent County to make an ex-



amination of the funds deposited in said courts and record the same in a separate docket."

Senate bill No. 154, entitled

"An act to incorporate and renew the Fame Hose Company, No. 1, of the City of Wilmington, under the name of the Fame Fire Company, No. 6, of Wilmington, Delaware, and for other purposes."

Senate bill No. 111, entitled

"An act to divorce Mary Josephine Reed from her husband, Joseph Howard Reed, a vinculo matrimonii."

Senate bill No. 33, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 637, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.'"

Senate bill No. 149, entitled

"An act to incorporate Venus Temple, No. 9, Grand Order of Union American Circle of Glasgow, New Castle County, State of Delaware."

Senate bill No. 136, entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie Sholes from her husband, Robert Sholes."

Senate bill No. 116, entitled

"An act to divorce Sallie E. Redmond from her husband, W. Dennis Redmond."

Senate bill No. 7, entitled

"An act to change the name of Mary C. Steele."

Senate bill No. 155, entitled

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company, in the City of Wilmington, under the name of the Phoenix Fire Company, No. 4, of Wilmington, Delaware, and for other purposes."

House bill No. 207, entitled

"An act incorporating the Peninsula Press Company."

Senate bill No. 112, entitled

"An act to divorce Annie F. Edmunds and Milton J. Edmunds."

Senate bill No. 123, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Laurel Publishing Company."

House bill No. 258, entitled

"An act to divorce William S. Wiley from his wife, Kate L. Wiley."

House bill No. 272, entitled

"An act to further amend an act to incorporate the Wilmington Fountain Society."

Senate bill No. 102, entitled

"An act to divorce John W. Sanderson from his wife, Mary L. Sanderson."

Senate bill No. 94, entitled

"An act to divorce James A. Daniels from his wife, Eliza J. Daniels."

House bill No. 237, entitled

"An act to open and lay out a new public road in West Dover hundred, Kent County."

House bill No. 224, entitled

"An act to incorporate John M. Clayton Council, No. 24, Junior Order United American Mechanics."

Senate bill No. 85, entitled

"An act to incorporate Guarantee Storage and Warehouse Company, of Delaware."

Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to investigate discrimination of freight rates,

Reported that committee would meet immediately after the morning session and requested full attendance of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 204) entitled

"An act to authorize the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, a corporation existing under the laws of Maryland, to conduct a banking business in the State of Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dempsey, 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. Johnson, the Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution directing the State Librarian to have the old Latin Bible repaired and a case made to preserve the same,"

Was read,

And, on his further motion, was **Concurred in.**

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, the bill (H. B. No. 366) entitled

"An act to exempt improvements to the value of \$500 from taxation,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCoy, 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 Taxation.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, the bill (H. B. No. 367) entitled

"An act to exempt live stock from taxation,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCoy, 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 Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (H. B. No. 368) entitled

"An act in relation to minors misrepresenting their age to liquor dealers,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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 Temperance.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 364, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Salt Pond Ditch Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 311, entitled

"An act to reincorporate the Lewes River Improvement Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With an amendment.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 354, entitled:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Liberty Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 9, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware,'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 365) entitled

"An act to divorce Anna M. Reybold from her husband, George M. T. Reybold,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 369) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Ocean View Improvement Company,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dukes, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 182) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 731, Volume 19, 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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 271) entitled

“An act to incorporate Equitable Land 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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 322) entitled -

"An act to transfer the farm of William Artis from School District No. 18, in Kent County, to united School Districts Nos. 96 and 133,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

House bill No. 239, entitled

"An act to divorce Edward S. Compton from his wife, Carrie Compton,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Doherty, 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 bill:

Senate bill No. 191, entitled

“An act to vacate a portion of old Ferry road.”

Also, that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 260, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Park Amusement Association,”

With Senate amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, House bill No. 311, entitled

“An act to reincorporate the Lewes River (formerly Lewes Creek) Improvement Company,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On further motion of Mr. Smith, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations,

Was read as follows:

“Amend House bill No. 311 by striking out the name of Ebe W. Tunnell, in the first line of Section 2 and substituting in lieu thereof the name of William P. Thompson.”

On the question, “Shall the amendment be adopted?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment was declared

Adopted.

And further on motion of Mr. Smith, the bill as amended was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 330) entitled

"An act to divorce Lucretia R. Hitch from her husband, William S. Hitch,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill (H. B. No. 370) entitled

“An act to divorce George A. Johnson from his wife, Mary E. Johnson,”

Was read a first time.

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On the further motion of Mr. Thompson, 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 Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 371) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the owners and possessors of the swamps and low grounds situate on the head waters of Blackwater mill pond, in Baltimore hundred, in Sussex County, to cut a ditch or drain through the same,'" passed at Dover, January 21, 1811,

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dukes, 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 Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (S. B. No. 191) entitled

"An act to vacate a portion of old Ferry road,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Davis, 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 Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 372) entitled  
 "An act to lay out a new public road in Gumboro hundred,"  
 Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dukes, 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 Roads and Vacant Lands.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Taxation, to  
 whom had been referred the House bill, No. 366, entitled

"An act to exempt improvements to the value of \$500 from  
 taxation,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Taxation, to  
 whom had been referred the House bill, No. 367, entitled

"An act to exempt live stock from taxation,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes,  
 to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 301, and substi-  
 tute entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 217, Volume 17, Laws of Dela-  
 ware,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, further consideration of this bill  
 was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 328, entitled

"An act to re-enact and amend Section 3, Chapter 665, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 297, entitled

"An act to lay out a new public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex County, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With amendment.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 351, entitled

"An act to open a piece of public road and to widen a certain public road in Mill Creek hundred, New Castle County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 337, entitled

"An act for the relief of certain marsh owners in the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 342, entitled

"An act to transfer certain real estate from School District No. 49, to School District No. 84, in Kent County,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Doherty, 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. 199, entitled

"An act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow fifteen thousand dollars and to provide for the payment thereof."

Senate bill No. 133, entitled

"An act to divorce Emma L. Gordon from her husband, William Gordon, a vinculo matrimonii."

Senate bill No. 197, entitled

"An act to authorize the levying of a special tax for shelling the county roads of Broad Creek hundred, Sussex County."

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

House bill No. 300, entitled

"An act regulating the assignment of liquor licenses."

House bill No. 235, entitled

"An act to divorce Ezmy K. Windsor from her husband, William H. Windsor."

Also, that the Senate had concurred in House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution for the relief of the State Library,"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the Senate amendment to House bill No. 278, entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Sussex County to take up and keep in repair a certain road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County, Delaware,"

Was read as follows:

Senate amendment to House bill No. 278.

Amend the bill by striking out after the word "County," in the second line of Section I, the words "be and the same is hereby empowered and authorized, and also hereby directed to," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "May."

Adopted the Senate, April 20, 1897.

Attest

SIMON P. DOHERTY,

Clerk.

And, on Mr. Dukes' further motion

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House bill No. 250, entitled

"An act to divide Kenton hundred into two election districts,"

Was referred back to the committee.

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



House bill No. 179, entitled

"An act to consolidate united School Districts Nos. 28 to 80, in Kent County."

House bill No. 225, entitled

"An act to divorce Elizabeth P. Rulon from her husband, William H. Rulon."

House bill No. 263, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Back Bay Ditch Company."

House bill No. 131, entitled

"An act amending an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company, of Georgetown,' being Chapter 483, Volume 16, pamphlet Laws of Delaware.

House bill No. 252, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act creating an additional Justice of the Peace, Notary Public and Constable in and for Kenton hundred, Kent County,' being Chapter 178, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware.

House bill No. 103, entitled

"An act to divorce Benjamin Doran from his wife, Sarah J. Doran."

House bill No. 245, entitled

"An act to authorize and empower James A. Martin to alter and straighten a portion of the public road leading from Martin's Corner to Frederica, in Milford hundred, Kent County."

House bill No. 198, entitled

"An act to lay out a public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County."

House bill No. 43, entitled

"An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public for New Castle County."

House bill No. 189, entitled

"An act to divorce Katie S. Heal from her husband, Harry E. Heal, and to change her name."

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the House bill No. 296, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Stanton Store Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations,

Was read as follows:

Amend House bill No. 296 by inserting between the words "dollars" and "said," in the fourth line of Section 3, the following words: "Nor be less than the sum of one thousand dollars, and the said corporation shall not be authorized to commence business until the sum of one thousand dollars shall have been fully paid on its capital stock."

And further on Mr. Dempsey's motion

The amendment was

Adopted.

The bill as amended, on further motion of Mr. Dempsey, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 355, entitled

“An act to divorce James S. Melvin from his wife, Sallie C. Melvin, a vinculo matrimonii,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 222, entitled

“An act to divorce George W. Phillips from Roberta M. Phillips,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 355) entitled

“An act to divorce James S. Melvin from his wife, Sallie C. Melvin, a vinculo matrimonii,”

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 222) entitled

"An act to divorce George W. Phillips from Roberta M. Phillips,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 354) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Liberty Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 9, of the City of Wilmington, 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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 22) entitled

"An act to divorce Ella Colgain from her husband Robert Colgain,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 109) entitled

"An act to divorce Grace Whitaker from her husband, William Whitaker,"

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 this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday.

Tuesday, April 27, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 369, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Ocean View Improvement Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

House bill No. 234, entitled

“An act appointing Commissioners to straighten and widen the public road leading from Lewes, beginning at or near the house of John S. Tindall and extending to the low water mark of the ocean.”

Mr. Dempsey, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the State Hospital at Farnhurst, reported that arrangements were about completed and the committee would soon perform their duties.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 373) entitled  
 "An act to lay out a new public road in Baltimore hundred,"  
 Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Dukes, 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 Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 374) entitled

"An act to transfer the farm and premises of Henry B. Mitchell from School District No. 144 to School District No. 189, in Sussex County,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Short, 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 Education.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (H. B. No. 375) entitled

"An act for the relief of the Newark Building and Loan Association,"



Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (S. B. No. 197) entitled

"An act to authorize the levying of a special tax for shelling the county roads of Broad Creek hundred, Sussex County,"

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Whitney, 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 Roads and Vacant Lands.

Mr. Taylor, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 376) entitled

"An act to establish and maintain a State Board of Agriculture and define its powers and duties,"

Which, on his motion, was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Taylor, 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 Agriculture.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the House bill, No. 78, entitled  
 "An act to establish the Delaware State Workhouse,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Dempsey offered an amendment to the bill,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Amend Section 2 by adding in the second line from the bottom of page 4, between the words "act" and "payments," the following: "And also for payment of interest on the foregoing loan and for the temporary maintenance of the workhouse."

And, on his further motion

The amendment was

Adopted.

And further on his motion the bill as amended was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Short moved to postpone further consideration of this bill until 3 o'clock, P. M., May 4,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate:

Senate substitute for House bill No. 4:

"An act to authorize School District No. 48, in Mispillion hundred, in Kent County, to borrow money to build and erect a new school house and to sell the old school house, and for other purposes."

Senate bill No. 18, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 161, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to reincorporate the town of Milford.'"

Senate bill No. 167, entitled

"An act to revise and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Horsepen Ditch Company.'"

Senate bill No. 170, entitled

"An act to change the name of Elizabeth Cook to the name of Bessie Wright, and to make her by adoption a daughter and heir-at-law of Elisha Wright, of Willow Grove, Delaware."

Senate bill No. 142, entitled

"An act to incorporate Winona Council, No. 9, Junior Order United American Mechanics."

Senate bill No. 137, entitled

"An act to incorporate the trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Mr. Dempsey moved that House bill No. 113, entitled

"An act to amend acts of incorporation of Wilmington and New Castle Electric Railway Company," said acts being Chapter 707, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware, and Chapter 87, Volume 20, of the Laws of Delaware.

Be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Short arose to point of order, that on a former motion to take this bill up for consideration the House had declared in the negative, and therefore the bill had lost its standing.

The Speaker decided that the motion to take the bill up was in order, and in so deciding spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen: As the case in question is somewhat familiar to me, I will endeavor to give you my views in regard to the matter.

"The bill in question, which is known as House bill No. 113, was reported to this House by the Committee on Private Corporations the 31st day of March without recommendation. On the 14th day of April Mr. Thompson asked and moved that it be taken up for consideration, Mr. Dempsey objecting, at the same time requesting that it be not taken up at that particular time as some of the friends of the measure were absent and it would not be treating those gentlemen with fairness, and asked Mr. Thompson if he was a friend to the bill? Mr. Thompson replied in such a manner as to lead others to think that he was not. The question being called, which was, "Shall the bill be taken up now?" which question was decided in the negative

Now each and every member stands equally with other members on the floor of this House as to their individual rights, and

while I am presiding officer it is my duty to see to it that they are respected in those rights while in discharge of their respective duties, respecting the rights of their constituents.

In the early part of the session at the instigation of Mr. Donaldson, when not a dissenting voice was heard (or at least not by myself) it was agreed that no bill or other measure should be called up in the absence of its friends, as things might be rushed through the House to the detriment of such absent member and his people. Such summary actions would be a bad precedent for this House to set. No member would be safe at any moment in leaving the hall, as any other member might take the advantage of such absentee.

As law is generally founded on common sense, and under circumstances surrounding this particular case, of which I think I fully understand, I will have to decide that the failure to take up the bill at that time, and to reconsider in the three days' limit, does not debar it from being called up at any time its friends see proper to do so.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill

Was taken up for consideration,

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

Mr. Adams moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dukes, J. H. Hopkins, McCullough, Short, Taylor, Thompson—8.

Nays—Messrs. Cheairs, Dempsey, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Smith, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was declared

Lost.

Mr. Dempsey moved that further consideration of this bill be postponed until Wednesday at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 28, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Resumption of consideration of House bill No. 113.

Mr. Doherty, 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. 193, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Commercial Fire Insurance Company, of Wilmington, Delaware.”

Senate bill No. 166, entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 566, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware.”

Senate bill No. 171, entitled

“An act in relation to taxation of the unimproved lands in the Second ward, City of Wilmington.”

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

House bill No. 256, entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 34, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.”

House bill No. 226, entitled

“An act to appoint a collector of taxes and assessor for Little Creek hundred, Sussex County.”

House bill No. 320, entitled

“An act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 23, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware.”

With the Senate amendment.

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

House bill No. 257, entitled

“An act to change the place for holding the general elections in Indian River hundred.”

Mr. Donaldson sent to the Clerk and had read, editorials from Evening Journal, criticizing the actions of members of the General Assembly.

Mr. J. H. Hopkins moved to adjourn,

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for.

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



Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Dukes, J. H. Hopkins, McCullough, Thompson, Wilson—6.

Dr. Donaldson was excused from voting.

Nays—Messrs. Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Short, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was declared Lost.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Resumption of consideration of House bill No. 113.

Mr. Dempsey offered amendments to the bill,

Which, on his motion, were read as follows:

Amend House bill No. 113 by adding to Section 1 the following:

“And provided further that the said road shall not use, occupy  
“or cross any county or other public road or bridge without the  
“consent of the Levy Court of the county where the same is  
“situated, or of the authorities having such road or bridge in

"their charge, and under such regulations and conditions as they may prescribe."

Amend House bill No. 113 by striking out the whole of Section 1 and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 1, as follows:

Section 1. That Section two (2) of Chapter 87, Volume 20, of the Laws of Delaware, being Section six (6) of the charter of the Wilmington and New Castle Electric Railway Company, be and the same is hereby amended by adding after the words "New Castle County," in the forty-third line of said Section 2, the following:

"The said company is hereby further authorized and empowered to build, maintain, operate and extend its lines either by single or double track through and along such street or streets of the City of Wilmington as permission may be obtained to use from the Wilmington city authorities; provided, however, the said company shall not build and construct more than one line of railway through the City of Wilmington; and provided further, that said company shall not have power to build a line of railway from the point where it connects with the line of the Wilmington City Railway Company, south of Eden Park, to the Christiana river so long as the contract executed between this company and the said Wilmington City Railway Company, bearing date July 20, A. D., 1896, is kept and performed upon the part of the Wilmington City Railway Company. And the said company shall have power to build, maintain, operate and extend a line of railway, either by single or double track, from the City of Wilmington to a point on the line which divides the State of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware, and for that purpose may use the public roads, bridges or turnpikes, or condemn private property, as provided by the act to incorporate the said company, or the said line may be built partly on the public roads or turnpikes and partly by such other route as the directors may determine; and the said company is hereby further authorized and empowered to build, maintain, operate and extend its present line of railway, either by single or double track, from the City of New Castle, south, touching such towns as the said company shall deem expedient to and through the town of

Smyrna, and for this purpose the said company shall have power to build and operate its said road along and on the public roads and bridges, or partly by public roads and partly by such other route as the directors of the said company may determine, and if it be expedient to cross private property the same may be condemned by and under the provisions of the act of incorporation of the said company. Provided, also, the said company shall build and construct one mile of railway south of the City of New Castle for each mile of railway constructed north of the Christiana river."

Strike out Section 3 of the bill and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

Section 3. That said Section 2 of Chapter 87, Volume 20, of the Laws of Delaware, being Section 6 of the charter of the Wilmington and New Castle Electric Railway Company, be and the same is hereby further amended by striking out of the said section all that portion commencing with the words "And it is likewise further expressly provided," in the hundred and first line of the said section and ending with the words "track or tracks so crossed," in the hundred and twenty-first line of the said section, and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Provided, if the said road to be constructed under the provisions of this act shall cross the main line of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company within the City of Wilmington, such crossing shall not be at grade, but shall be either an overhead or undergrade crossing, which, if undergrade, shall be so located and constructed as not to disturb the roadbed so intersected, or, if overhead, shall be at such an elevation as not to impede or interfere with the free and safe passage of engines and trains on the tracks so crossed; and provided further, that if the railway to be constructed under the provisions of this act shall cross the tracks of any railroad using steam as a motive power, the car or cars of this company before crossing such railroad shall come to a full stop and the conductor or other person having charge of the car shall go ahead and look both ways for trains, and if there be a moving engine, car or train of cars in sight, the car or cars of this company shall not move or cross such railroad until such engine, car or train of cars has passed

such crossing." That the said section be further amended by striking out the last six lines of said section, commencing with the words "and provided further, however."

On the question "Shall the amendments be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, Smith, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—10.

Mr. Donaldson was excused from voting.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Dukes, Eliason, McCullough, Thompson, Wilson—6.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the amendments were declared Lost.

Mr. Dempsey moved to refer the bill back to the committee for further consideration and amendment, to be reported in one week,

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Donaldson moved that House bill No. 113, with proposed amendments be printed,

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 89, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 166, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,'"