

An Act to amend Chapter 17, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to amend Chapter 24, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware as supplemented by Chapter 364, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware, and as amended by Chapters 10 and 11, Vol. 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to raise revenue for the State by taxing manufactures and for other purposes, by exempting certain manufacturers from taking out licenses.

Mr. Corbit gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to refund certain bonds of indebtedness against the town of Middletown.

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

An Act relating the Gravelly Run Marsh Company.

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

An Act to improve the telephone service of the State of Delaware.

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

An Act to change the election districts of Bradywine Hundred, New Castle county.

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

An Act providing for a joint Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House to settle with certain State officers in January, 1908.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty the bill, (House Bill No. 213), entitled:

An Act to regulate fishing in the waters of the Cheasapeake and Delaware canal and its tributaries,

Under suspension of rules.

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Palmer House Bill No. 213 was recommit-
ted.

February 14, 1907.

To the Members of the House of Representatives, of the State of Delaware,

Dover, Delaware,

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Trustees, the Faculty and the students of Delaware College, I respectfully invite the members of the General Assembly of Delaware to visit Delaware College at such time during the present Legislative session that may be most agreeable to them, and I hope they will accept this invitation to come as a body, and to see the working of the college in which all are interested.

Believe me, I am

Yours with much respect,

GEO. A. HORTER,

President.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the invitation was accepted and ordered spread on the minutes.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 39, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow money for the curbing, guttering, grading, widening, paving and improving of streets and avenues and the building of sewers and conduits in the city of Wilmington, Delaware,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the bill, (Senate Bill No. 16) entitled:

An Act to further amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Ferris Reform School.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baggs, Bennum, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harvey, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—27.

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. Taylor the House took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

Mr. Sterner 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. 54.

An Act to compel the attendance of children at the public schools of the State.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No, 243), entitled:

An Act in relation to Municipal Corporations.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 54), entitled:

An Act to compel the attendance of children at the public schools of the State.

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 Education.

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

An Act to reincorporate Delaware College, amend its charter, and appropriate money for its use.

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

An Act to create the office of actuary and examiner for the Insurance Department of this State, to prescribe his duties and powers, and to fix his compensation.

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

An Act to amend Chapter 411, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to protect the people from the dangers resulting from the use of petroleum, coal oils and burning fluids, by increasing the fire tests, and providing for the method or manner of making such tests and by whom such tests shall be made.

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

An Act relating to the catching of terrapins.

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

An Act to amend Chapter 330, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware.

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

An Act to amend Chapter 99, Vol. 22, of the Laws of Delaware.

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

An Act relating to merchants selling at retail.

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

An Act to provide revenue for the State.

Mr. McCafferty gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act empowering the Mayor and Council of the city of Wilmington to issue bonds to the extent of 10% of its assessed valuation.

Mr. McCafferty gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act fixing compensation for voters' assistant by providing payment for their service.

Mr. Keenan gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to raise revenue for the city of Wilmington, by permitting the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy a tax for municipal purposes on all public service corporations using the streets of Wilmington.

Mr. Keenan gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act in relation to securing and maintaining a water supply system for the city of Wilmington.

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

An Act to amend Chapter 139, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act to provide for the repeal of Chapter 380, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, being an Act entitled an Act to provide for the permanent improvement of the public highways in the State of Delaware, and providing for the permanent improvement of the public highways in New Castle county, Delaware, by providing that the Levy Court of New Castle county shall be authorized to do certain work without submission to competitive bidding.

Mr. Keenan 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 creating a board of Park Commissioners of the city of Wilmington.

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

An Act to incorporate the Merchant's Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

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

An Act appropriating certain money to build a new State Library.

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

An Act relating to the sale and exchange of certain books to the Delaware State Library.

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

An Act for the protection of oysters and oyster beds in this State.

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

An Act regulating the catching and taking of oysters in this State.

Mr. Evans gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to prohibit the holding of any election in New Castle county, for Hundred, County, Municipal and State officers in any licensed Inn or Tavern.

Mr. Evans 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 granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors; increasing license fees for the sale thereof; providing for the distribution of such fees; and providing that all powers and authority in any way connected with or relating to the granting or assignning of licenses to keep inns or taverns for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be vested in a board of excise commissioners to be appointed by the Governor.

Mr. Evans 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 granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors and providing that all power and authority in any way connected with or relating to the granting or assignning of licenses to keep inns or taverns for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be vested in a Board of excise commissioners to be appointed by the Governor

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

An Act to amend Chapter 555, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled, a further supplement to the Act entitled: an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, passed at Dover, April 10, 1873, by providing for an increase in the price of a license to keep an inn or tavern, and for the distribution of the license fees so received.

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

An Act relating to the licensing of retailers of intoxicating liquors and providing a high license law.

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

An Act to reincorporate the town of Harrington and increase the appropriation from the Levy Court.

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

An Act authorizing the county school commission to make necessary changes in the boundary lines of the school districts for colored children, within the county of its jurisdiction.

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

An Act to prohibit the sale of liquors within certain hours.

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

An Act to regulate the sale of liquors within certain hours.

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

An Act regulating the business of fire insurance in this State.

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

An Act to regulate the practice of law in the courts of this State.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act providing for State directors or Trustees on all boards of bodies receiving State aid.

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

An Act creating a State police department and providing maintenance for same.

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

An Act in reference to exempting certain persons from paying a manufacturers' tax.

Mr. T.L.Cooper gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to incorporate the Central Kent County Savings and Trust Company.

Mr.T.L.Cooper gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to incorporate the lower Delaware Trust Company.

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

An Act to raise revenue for the State by imposing a State tax upon the stock of all Trust Companies, Banking Institutions and Banks.

On motion of Mr. Richardson House Joint Resolution No. 24, entitled:

A Joint Resolution providing for the investigation of certain matters relating to Delaware college.

Was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, House Joint Resolution No. 25, entitled:

House Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to have plans drawn for a new State Capitol building with library attached,

Was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the bill, (House Bill No. 244), entitled:

An Act in relation to overcharges upon express packages,

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 Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill, (House Bill No. 245), entitled:

An Act regulating the delivery of express packages.

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 Private Corporations.

Mr. Messick presented a Joint Resolution entitled:

House Joint Resolution No. 15 appropriating money for the printing of certain valuable papers and documents relating and referring to the earliest history of the State of Delaware.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Messick moved that the Joint Resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—29.

Nays—Messrs. Conwell, Harrington—2.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Flinn, the bill, (House Bill, No. 246), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 454, Vol. II, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act for the suppression of gambling, being Chapter 132 of the Revised Code, by prohibiting certain forms of gambling.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Flinn, 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.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the bill (House Bill No. 247), entitled:

An Act to incorporate the New Castle Trust and Safe Deposit Company,

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Holcomb 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 Banking and Insurance.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 186, entitled:

An Act to incorporate the town of Bethany Beach and giving it authority to issue bonds.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

An Act appropriating three hundred dollars to Rev. C. H. B. Turner for printing certain valuable papers and documents relating and referring to the earliest history of the State of Delaware.

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

An Act giving the road tax collector of Brandywine hundred the same power as county tax collectors now have.

Mr. Corbit gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 745, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to provide for the lighting of Middletown, relating to the powers of the collector.

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

An Act regarding the salary of Superintendent of public schools of New Castle county.

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

An Act to permit a wife to testify for or against her husband in both Criminal and Civil courts.

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

An Act regulating the lettering upon bags containing fertilizer.

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

An Act to provide State supervision over banks and investment companies in the State of Delaware.

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

An Act in relation to wholesale liquor dealers in the State of Delaware.

Mr. Paradee gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to prohibit the use of labels on prison made clothes with the intention of deception.

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

An Act to fix employer's liability in certain cases, and prescribing rules of pleading, practice and evidence in such cases.

Mr. McCafferty gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of the city of Wilmington and its vicinity, passed at Dover March 13, 1883, by providing that vacancies in the board of Park Commissioners shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor of the city of Wilmington.

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

An Act to regulate the practice of optometry in Delaware.

Mr. Conwell gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act to provide for the condemnation of lands and the vesting of title thereto in the Government of the United States, for the purpose of improving or shortening the water courses of navigable streams in the State of Delaware.

Mr. Conwell gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act in relation to proposed canals intended as free water

ways for the purpose of shortening the course of the navigable waters of St. Jones River.

Mr. Conwell 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 condemnation of lands for the purpose of shortening the water course of St. Jones River.

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

An Act to authorize any person, firm, association or corporation of this State, engaged in navigation to acquire title to lands for the purpose of improving or shortening the water courses of any navigable streams in this State.

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

An Act in relation to mechanics' liens.

Mr. Hirons gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act regulating the school funds of Kent county deposited in the Farmers' Bank at Dover.

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

An Act to authorize corporations of this State engaged in navigation to acquire title to lands by condemnation proceedings for the purpose of improving or shortening the water courses of navigable streams of this State.

Mr. Hirons 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 lien of judgments.

Mr. Hirons 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 providing a General Corporation Law.

Mr. Messick gave notice that on to-morrow or some future

day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act providing for the purchase of lands in Sussex county by the Levy Court Commissioners of any district, to procure material for use upon the roads of Sussex county.

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

An Act providing for the condemnation of lands in Sussex county by the Levy Court Commissioners of any district to procure material for use upon the roads of Sussex county.

Mr. Messick gave notice that on tomorrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled:

An Act to establish a Sussex county workhouse.

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

An Act to repeal Section 21, Chapter 9, Laws of Delaware, relating to the clerk of the Peace.

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

An Act to protect breeders and raisers of poultry from the depredations of dogs.

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

An Act appropriating one thousand dollars for the purchase of a gravel bed, the material to be used for improving the roads of Georgetown Hundred.

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

An Act relating to the improvement of the public highways in the State.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the bill, (House Bill No. 248), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 60, Vol 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act requiring and enforcing payment to the County

Treasurer of all fees of certain offices, regulating accounts of fees and audits thereof, and fixing the compensation of such county officers and of their deputies and clerks.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Newton, 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. Allen the bill, (House Bill No. 249), entitled :

An Act to amend Section. 101 of an Act providing a General Corporation Law concerning electric lines.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Allen, 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. Messick the House adjourned until Monday, February 18th, 1907, at 10.30 a. m.

February 18, 1907—10.30 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs, Allen, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Thomas L., Cooper, Thomas O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Mr. Speaker.

Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

A Resolution concerning bills relating to the city of Wilmington.

Whereas, a number of bills have been introduced in the General Assembly relating to the city of Wilmington and it may not be for the best interests of the city that said bills should become laws, now,

Be it resolved that the General Assembly be requested to ignore any and all bills relating to the city of Wilmington unless the same shall have been or shall be approved by either the Council of Wilmington or the Law Committee of Council, and

Be it further resolved, that the Clerk of the Council of Wilmington be directed to send at once to the Speaker of the respective Houses of the General Assembly and to the Wilmington members thereof, copies of this Resolution.

City of Wilmington, Delaware,

February 16, 1907.

Hon. Joseph E. McCafferty,

Dear Sir:—

The enclosed resolution was unanimously adopted by the City Council of Wilmington, Feb. 14, 1907.

Respectfully yours,

THOS. S. LEWIS,

Clerk of City Council.

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

House Bill No. 62, entitled:

An Act in relation to fishing in the Broadkill river in this State and for other purposes.

Also House Bill No. 82, entitled:

An Act to make valid the record of certain deeds having defective acknowledgements.

Also House Bill No. 85, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to exempt persons residing in incorporated towns and cities in New Castle county from payment of tax for county purposes on any dog owned by them and kept within such towns and cities.

Also House Bill No. 97, entitled:

An Act to change the names of Clarence L. Bull to Clarence L. Hudson, and Blanche C. Bull to Blanche C. Hudson.

Also Substitute for House Bill No. 94, entitled:

An Act to prohibit on and after Jan. 1st, 1908, any increase in the Salary or emoluments attached to any State or County office during the incumbency of the officer.

Amendment to House Bill No. 104.

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

House Bill No. 100, entitled:

An Act in relation to the proposed canal intended for a free water way from the mouth of North West Branch on Smyrna river to the upper end of the first reach in said river above Fleming's Bridge, with a view to shortening the course of the navigable waters of Smyrna river.

Also House Bill No. 129, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 92, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act to provide for the organization and control of the public schools of the city of Wilmington, passed at Dover, March 30, A. D. 1905.

Also House Joint Resolution No. 10, entitled:

House Joint Resolution appropriating the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five dollars and fifty-five cents to the incorporated school districts of Smyrna, Dover, Milford and Seaford, to cover deficiency in General appropriation bill, passed 1905, providing for attendance of pupils at graded schools from ungraded districts, under Chapter 219, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware.

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

Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 27, entitled:

An Act fixing the time for holding school meetings in Kent county.

Also Senate Bill No. 38, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 99 of the Revised Code in relation to forthwith writ of summons issued by Justices of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, the bill, (House Bill No. 250,) entitled:

An Act to limit railroad fares in the State of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan 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. Lambden the bill, (House Bill No. 251), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 194, Volume 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to incorporate the town of Seaford by increasing the Levy Court appropriation.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Lambden 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. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills:

House Bill No. 133, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Secretary of State to procure a new seal to be used as the Great Seal of the State of Delaware, and for other purposes.

Also House Bill No. 69, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Delaware Board of Pharmacy to enter into reciprocal relations with Boards of Pharmacy of other States and to become a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

And returned the same to the House.

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

House Bill No. 102, entitled:

An Act to make valid and legal the marriage of Henry Jes-

ter and Julia A. Jester his wife.

Also House Bill Not 109, entitled:

An Act directing Robert H. Burns, County Treasurer of New Castle county, to pay to the Board of Public Education in Wilmington, all sums received or to be received from colored school taxes assessed against real estate in the city of Wilmington for the years 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, and providing for the distribution of the same.

Also House Bill No. 128, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 93, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Education in Wilmington to issue bonds covering the real estate of said corporation for the purpose of raising sums of money to be used in erecting, furnishing and equipping new school houses in the city of Wilmington.

Also House Bill No 125, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Rosa L. Pleasanton to Rosa L. Lewis.

Also House Bill No. 98, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Elsie L. Seamore to Elsie L. Collins, and making her by adoption the daughter and heir-at-law of Roland R. Collins.

Also House Bill No. 105, entitled:

An Act in relation to lands sold for county taxes in New Castle county.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner 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. 56, entitled:

An Act creating a Board of Revision of Assessment for each Hundred or Assessment district in New Castle county.

Also Senate Bill No. 61.

An Act to provide for the education and training of the indigent adult blind persons of the State of Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, 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 President of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 48, entitled:

An Act to authorize the appointment of a night watchman for the State House and fixing the compensation thereof.

Also Senate Bill No. 20, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commissioners of school districts Numbers 111 and 226, Sussex county, to borrow money for the purpose of building and furnishing a new school house at Rehoboth, Sussex county, Delaware.

Also Senate Bill No. 37, entitled:

An Act to further amend Chapter 188, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware: entitled an Act in relation to the streets and sewers in the city of Wilmington, passed at Dover April 20th, 1887, relative to the expenses of the street and sewer department.

Also Senate Bill No. 16, entitled:

An Act to further amend an Act entitled: an Act to incorporate the Ferris Reform school.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Conwell on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred the bill,

House Joint Resolution No. 22, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the School Laws,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Conwell on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred the bill.

Senate Bill No. 42, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Newark public schools to borrow money and issue bonds to secure the payment thereof, for the purpose of building a new school house.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr Sterner, clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had now concurred in the following House bill,

House Bill No. 37, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 117, Vol. 13, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government by changing the license fee of photographers.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill (House Bill No. 252), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 241, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware entitled: an Act relating to taxes for county and municipal purposes,

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 56) entitled:

An Act creating a Board of Revision of Assessments for each Hundred or Assesment district in New Castle county.

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 61), entitled:

An Act to provide for the education and training of the indigent adult blind persons of the State of Delaware.

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 Education

On motion of Mr. Taylor the bill, (House Bill No. 253), entitled:

An Act authorizing the appointment of a Joint Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House to settle with the State Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioners and Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives at a meeting to be held on the third Tuesday of January, 1908, authorizing the employment of expert assistance and the payment of the expenses of the same.

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 session of said Committee.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the substitute bill,

House Bill No. 114, entitled:

An Act making counties liable in Actions Ex Contractu and Ex Delicto.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 33, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act requiring and enforcing payment to the County Treasurer of all fees of certain officers, regulating accounts of fees and audits thereof, and fixing the compensation of such officers and their deputies and clerks, being Chapter 60, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, by increasing the salary of the Deputy Sheriff of Kent county.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 32, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Alice Snyder to Emma Mildred Boyer and make her by adoption a daughter and heir-at-law of Lewis F. Boyer.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 66, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 126, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act providing for commitment to the New Castle county Workhouse of certain classes of prisoners in Kent and Sussex counties.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 155, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled, an Act to revise and consolidate the Statutes relating to the city of Wilmington, being Chapter 207, Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, relative to the collection of certain taxes.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 130, entitled.

An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 60, Vol 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act requiring and enforcing payment to the County Treasurer of all fees of certain offices, regulating accounts of fees and audits thereof, and fixing the compensation of such county officers and of their deputies and clerks, approved April 6th, A. D., 1905, by increasing the salary of the Coroner of Sussex county.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the substitute bill,

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled.

An Act to amend Chapter 82, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled, an Act regulating the furnishing of supplies for the State, defining the character of advertisements for proposals for supplies, and when such advertisements may be omitted.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 168, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Register of Wills of the State of Delaware in and for Kent county to make new indices for wills, and executors' and administrators' accounts recorded in his office.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 49, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act to authorize the appointment of a janitor for the State House being Chapter 64, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware, fixing the compensation thereof.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 58, entitled:

An Act striking out of the Statutes of the State of Delaware, all provisions in relation to the payment of a registration fee as a qualification to vote.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 215, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 86, Laws of Delaware, as published in the Revised Code of 1893 by changing the return day of summons issued upon order of the Chancellor in partition proceedings in the Court of Chancery from some day in the next term of said Court to the first Monday of the next month but one occurring after twenty days from the time of the issuing thereof.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the bill, (Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 70), entitled:

An Act to divide the second election district of the third Representation district of Sussex county.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Newton 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 Elections.

On motion of Mr. Paradee, the bill, (House Bill, No. 254), entitled:

An Act to repeal Chapter 77, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act creating the office of deputy Coroner.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Paradee, 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. Messick asked that the Senate Joint resolution, No. 12 entitled:

Joint Resolution appointing Directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware at Georgetown.

Be read.

Mr. Messick moved that the Joint Resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey Hiron, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr: Messick asked that the Senate Joint Resolution, No. 13, entitled:

Joint Resolution appointing directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware at Dover.

Be read.

Mr. Messick moved that the Joint Resolution be adopted.

On the question "Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper,

T. L. Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—30

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the Joint Resolution having received the required constitutional majority.

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Messick asked that the Senate Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled:

Joint Resolution appointing directors for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, for the Branch at Wilmington.

Be read.

Mr. Messick moved that the Joint Resolution be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were ordered which being taken were as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—30.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the Joint Resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the bill, (House Bill No. 216), entitled:

An Act in relation to the natural drainage of land.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—29.

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. Paradee the bill, (Senate Bill No. 39), entitled :

An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow money for the curbing, guttering, grading, widening, paving and improving of streets and avenues, and the building of sewers and conduits in 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 the bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson Mr. Speaker—31.

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. Elliott from the Committee on Miscellaneous, reported back the bill,

House Bill No. 180, entitled:

Ad Act to prevent over charges and extortion by public officials.

With amendment.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the amendment was read.

And on his further motion was adopted.

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evars, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—31.

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. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 146, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 23, Chapter 117, Vol. 13, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government, passed March 22nd, 1857, providing that express companies shall transport free of charge all books, papers and public documents for the State Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with substitute bill.

On motion of Mr. Paradee the bill, (House Bill No, 255), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 83, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act providing for a county morgue, and a superintendent thereof, in and for New Castle county, by requiring the Levy Court to erect a morgue.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Paradee 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.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the bill, (House Bill No.256,) entitled:

An Act to reincorporate Delaware College, amend its charter and appropriate money for its use.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Richardson 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. Taylor the House took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 134, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter 90, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 79, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware, relating to the sale of lands by executors and administrators.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

House Bill No. 83, entitled:

An Act in relation to dogs registered in incorporated towns and cities in New Castle county.

Also House Bill No. 91, entitled:

An Act to incorporate the town of Bowers.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner 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. 43, entitled:

An Act in relation to fishing in the Murderkill river in this State and for other purposes.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Hiron the bill (House Bill No. 172), entitled:

An Act to amend and add to Chapter 392, Vol. 20, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act providing for the maintenance, discipline and regulations of the National Guard of Delaware, and an amendment thereto contained in Chapter 284, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—31.

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. Messick on behalf of the Committee on Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 25, entitled:

An Act in relation to a State Hospital at Harrington, Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with substitute bill.

Mr. Sterner 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. 75, entitled:

An Act authorizing the compiling and printing of the provisions of the fish, oyster and game laws.

Also Senate Bill No. 62, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to incorporate the town of Ellendale by increasing and defining the powers of the collector of town taxes.

And presented the same to the House.

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

The special Committee on Revenue and Taxation begs leave to submit the following report:

Immediately after its organization the Committee held a conference with the State Treasurer. It was learned that there is a deficit in the State Treasury, and also that the two hundred and fifty thousand dollar three per cent. bond, issue of 1887, is due June the first, of this year. As there are no funds in the State Treasury to meet these bonds at maturity, it will be necessary for this General Assembly to enact a law empowering the State Treasurer to borrow two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and issue bonds therefor. After careful consideration the committee believes that in the present condition of the money market it is advisable that the bonds bear interest at a rate exceeding three per centum.

This money was borrowed originally for the purpose of aiding either the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company or the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, and bore interest at six per cent. The Company receiving the money gave mortgage to the State bearing interest at the same rate. The bonds issued by the State were subsequently refunded at four per cent. and the rate of interest on the mortgage correspondingly reduced. The bonds were again refunded at three per cent in 1887, and in 1891 the interest on the railroad mortgage was also reduced to three per cent. The Committee therefore recommends that the money be borrowed at four per cent. and that the railroad company be asked to pay the same rate on the mortgage against it held by the State.

The Committee has given the subject of taxation careful consideration, and while it is not prepared to say that its report is as complete as it would have been if more time had been at its disposal, it does believe that if its recommendations are approved that enough additional revenue will be raised to amply meet the expenses of the State government. If this is done it will be comparatively easy for a committee of the next General Assembly to supply or remedy any defects in our revenue laws which may be found then to exist.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

First. A State tax upon all public service corporations.

Second. A revision of existing taxes on public service corporations.

Third. A State tax on State banks, National banks, Trust companies and Savings banks.

Fourth. A State tax on direct and collateral inheritances.

Fifth. A State tax on Malt liquors.

Sixth. An increase in the rate of interest on the mortgage held by the State against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company or the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company from three to four per cent.

The Committee has had bills prepared along the line of its recommendations and has instructed its chairman to introduce them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BAGGS,

Chairman.

CHAS. S. CONWELL.

T. O. COOPER, M. D.

CHAUNCEY P. HOLCOMB.

Secretary.

Mr. Paradee from the Committee on Municipal Corporations, reported back with favorable recommendation the bill,

House Bill No. 241, entitled:

An Act to authorize the submission to the people of Wilmington of questions of public policy in connection with the affairs of the said city.

On motion of Mr. Paradee the bill just reported was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered which being taken were as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L. Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—32.

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. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 43) entitled:

An Act in relation to fishing in the Murderkill river in this State and for other purposes.

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 Fish, Oysters and game.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 62), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to incorporate the town of Ellendale by increasing and defining the power of the collector of town taxes.

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 Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 75), entitled:

An Act authorizing the compiling and printing of the provisions of the fish, oyster and game laws.

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 Printing.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the bill, (House Bill No. 257), entitled:

An Act for the protection of terrapin in any of the streams in the State of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Richardson, 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 Fish, Oysters and Game.

On motion of Mr. Baggs, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 32), entitled:

An Act to change the name of Alice Snyder to Emma Mildred Boyer and make her by adoption a daughter and heir-at-law of Lewis F. Boyer.

Under suspension of rules.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Mr. Speaker—26.

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. McCafferty, the bill, (House Bill No. 155,) entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled, an Act to revise and consolidate the Statutes relating to the city of Wilmington, being Chapter 207, Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, relative to the collection of certain taxes.

Under suspension of rules.

Was taken up for consideration and, on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardsson, Staats, Taylor, Mr. Speaker—28.

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. Corbit the bill, (House Bill No. 134), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter 90, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 79, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware, relating to the sale of lands by executors and administrators.

Under suspension of rules.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harvey, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Mr. Speaker—27

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. Newton the bill, (House Bill No. 197), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 451, Vol. 20, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to amend Chapter 630, Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, passed May 10, 1897, by providing for the burial of animals which die from anthrax.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Cabbage, Elliott, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Taylor, Mr. Speaker—22.

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. Elliott on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 237, entitled:

An Act exempting soldiers and sailors of the Civil War from procuring licenses to act as auctioneers.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the bill, (House Bill No. 258), entitled:

An Act prescribing the method by which the school districts of this State may borrow money for the purpose of building and furnishing, or improving and enlarging school houses.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Newton 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. Hiron the bill, (House Bill No. 259) entitled:

An Act to repeal Chapter 132, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to further protect the oyster interests of the State by prohibiting the use of certain windas in catching oysters, approved April 13, 1905.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Hiron, 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 Fish, Oysters and game.

Mr. Cabbage from the Committee on accounts reported back with favorable recommendation the bill,

House Bill No. 253, entitled:

An Act authorizing the appointment of a Joint Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House to settle with the State Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioners and Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives at a meeting to be held on the third Tuesday of January, 1908, authorizing the employment of expert assistance and the payment of the expenses of the said Session of said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the bill just reported was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered which being taken were as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper. T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Taylor, Mr. Speaker—26.

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. Taylor the House adjourned until to morrow at 10.30 a. m.

February 19, 1907—10.30 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Thos. L., Cooper, Thos. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate, being admitted returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House Joint Resolution, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and Mr. President of the Senate.

House Joint Resolution No. 10, entitled:

House Joint Resolution appropriating the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five dollars and fifty-five cents to the incorporated school districts of Smyrna, Dover, Milford and Seaford, to cover deficiency in General appropriation bill, passed 1905, providing for attendance of pupils at graded schools from ungraded districts, under Chapter 219, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, 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 President of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 39, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow money for the curbing, guttering, grading, widening, and improving of streets and avenues, and the building of sewers and conduits in the city of Wilmington, Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

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

House Bill No. 62, entitled:

An Act in relation to fishing in the Broadkilm river in this State and for other purposes.

Also House Bill No. 97, entitled:

An Act to change the names of Clarence L. Bull to Clarence L. Hudson, and Blanche C. Bull to Blanche C. Hudson.

Also House Bill No. 82, entitled:

An Act to make valid the record of certain deeds having defective acknowledgements.

Also Substitute for House Bill No. 94, entitled:

An Act to prohibit on and after Jan. 1st, 1908, any increase in the Salary or emoluments attached to any State or County office during the incumbency of the office.

Also House Bill No. 85, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to exempt persons residing in incorporated towns and cities in New Castle county from payment of tax for county purposes on any dog owned by them and kept within such towns and cities.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and Mr. President of the Senate.

House Bill No. 100, entitled:

An Act in relation to the proposed canal intended for a free water way from the mouth of North West Branch on Smyrna river to the upper end of the first reach in said river above Fleming's Bridge, with a view to shortening the course of the navigable waters of Smyrna river.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Rash on behalf of the Committee on Printing to whom had been referred the Resolution,

House Joint Resolution No. 20, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the General Corporation Laws as amended.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Rash on behalf of the Committee on Printing to whom had been referred the Resolution,

House Joint Resolution No. 21, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the Constitution of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Rash on behalf of the Committee on Printing to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 75, entitled:

An Act authorizing the compiling and printing of the Fish, Oyster and Game Laws.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Palmer, on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 230, entitled:

An Act appropriating two hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing shells for St. Jones Creek and Murderkill Creek, as an aid in the propagation of oysters.

Reported the same back to the House favorably with substitute bill.

Mr. Palmer on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters; and Game to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 43, entitled:

An Act in relation to fishing in the Murderkill river in this State and for other purposes.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

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

Senate Bill No. 16, entitled:

An Act to authorize the appointment of a night watchman for the State House and fixing the compensaction thereof.

Also Substitute for Senate Bill No. 20, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commissioners of school districts Numbers 111 and 226, Sussex county, to borrow money for the purpose of building and furnishing a new school house at Rehoboth, Sussex county, Delaware.

Mr. Elliott on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 200, entitled:

An Act to suppress gambling.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Elliott on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled:

An Act in relation to the penalty in the official bond of constables in Sussex county.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Wilmington, Delaware,

Feb. 18th, 1907.

To the Speaker of the House,

Dear Sir:—

An earnest and cordial invitation is extended to the members of the House to visit the Delaware Industrial School for Girls on Wednesday afternoon February the twentieth.

A supper prepared by the girls will be served during the afternoon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles M. Curtis.

On motion of Mr. Richards the invitation was accepted.

Mr. Elliott on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous, to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 214, entitled:

An Act to establish a uniform moving day in New Castle county and Kent county,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Elliott on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 40, entitled:

An Act in relation to shortening the course of the navigable waters of Mispillion river.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Palmer on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 232, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 137, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled ;An Act for the protection and preservation of squirrels, by exempting certain persons from the provisions of said Act.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 219, entitled:

An Act to exempt from taxation all persons who served in the Civil War 1861—1865.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the House took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

Mr. Paradee from the Committee on Municipal Corporations reported back the bill,

House Bill No. 171, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 746, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to reincorporate the town of Dover, passed March 2, 1893, by increasing the amount of appropriation by the Levy Court of Kent county for the repair of roads and streets in said county.

With amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hiron the amendment was read.

And on his further motion was adopted.

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—30.

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. Sterner, clerk of the Senate being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and Mr. President of the Senate.

House Bill No. 104, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter 99, in the Revised Code, of the Laws of Delaware, in reference to certain duties of sheriffs and constables of the State

Also House Bill No. 129, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 92, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to provide for the organization and control of the public schools of the city of Wilmington, passed at Dover, March 30, A. D. 1905.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner 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. 90, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensing of individuals, associations of persons, firms or corporations, having their principal places of business without this State, but maintaining within this State branch stores, warehouses, or distributing depots for the sale of products, goods, wares and merchandise; and fixing a rate of taxation therefor.

Also Senate Bill No. 57.

An Act authorizing the State Military Board to dispose of the Armory property in Wilmington, belonging to the State.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Cann the bill (House Bill No. 215), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 86, of the Laws of Delaware, as published in the Revised Code of 1893, by changing the return day of summons issued upon order of the Chancellor in partition proceedings of the Court of Chancery from some day in the next term of said Court, to the first Monday of the next month or the next month but one occurring after twenty days from the time of the issuing thereof.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—31.

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. Holcomb the bill, (Substitute for House Bill No. 114,) entitled:

An Act making counties liable in Actions Ex Contractu and Ex Delicto.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Harrington, Holcomb, James, Lambden, McCafferty, Taylor—11.

Nays—Messrs. Conwell, Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harvey, Hiron, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, Newton, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—21.

So the question was decided in the negative, and the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Cabbage the bill, (House Bill, No. 210), entitled:

An Act in relation to shortening the course of the navigable waters of the Mispillion river,

Was taken up for consideration and, on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—32.

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. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 57), entitled:

An Act authorizing the State Military Board to dispose of the Armory property in Wilmington belonging to the State.

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 Public Buildings

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 90), entitled:

An Act providing for the licensing of individuals, associations of persons, firms for corporations having their principal places of business without this State, but maintaining within this State branch stores, warehouses or distributing depots for the sale of products, goods, wares and merchandise and fixing a rate of taxation thereof.

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Garrison the bill, (House Bill No. 118), entitled:

An Act in relation to the consolidation of school districts.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baggs, Conwell, Corbit, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Richardson, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bennum, Cann, Cooper, Cabbage, Donaway, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Palmer, Rash—14.

So the question was decided in the negative and the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Lost.

Mr. Conwell on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 231, entitled:

An Act in relation to school districts of Kent and Sussex counties, not created, consolidated or united by special Act, the school taxes therein and the appointment of teachers.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Conwell on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 258, entitled:

An Act prescribing the method by which the school districts of this State may borrow money for the purpose of building and furnishing or improving and enlarging school houses.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Cabbage the bill, (House Bill No. 260), entitled:

An Act appropriating three thousand dollars for the classification and preservation of the early records of the State.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Cabbage, Rule 12 was suspended.

ed 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 Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the bill, (House Bill No. 261), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 555, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled: a further supplement to the Act entitled: an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors passed at Dover, April 10, 1873, relating to the certificate now required by the liquor license laws to secure a license to sell intoxicating liquors.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baggs 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.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the bill, (Senate Bill No. 58), entitled:

An Act striking out of the Statutes of the State of Delaware all provisions in relation to the payment of a registration fee as a qualification to vote.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Palmer, Rash, Richardson, Taylor, Wilson—29.

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. Baggs the bill, (House Bill No, 168), entitled:

An Act to authorize the Register of Wills of the State of Delaware, in and for Kent county to make new indices for Wills, and Executors' and Administrators' accounts recorded in his office.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Palmer, Rash, Richardson, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—29.

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. Paradee from the Committee on Municipal Corporations reported back the bill,

House Bill No. 162, entitled:

An Act to reincorporate the town of Milford.

With amendment.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the amendment was read.

And on his further motion was adopted.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered which being taken were as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Richardson, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—27.

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. Richardson the following resolution was adopted:

House Resolution requesting the Governor to return House Joint Resolution No. 10.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives that the Clerk of the House request the Governor to return to the House of Representatives, House Joint Resolution No. 10.

On motion of Mr. Messick the House adjourned until Thursday, February 21st, at 10.30 a. m.

February 21, 1907—10.30 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Thos. L., Cooper, Thos. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

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

Substitute for House Bill No. 99, entitled:

An Act to establish the voting place for the first election district of the ninth Representative district of Kent county, Delaware.

Also House Bill No. 57, entitled:

An Act to require an annual apportionment and accounting of surplus of life insurance companies as to policies heretofore issued.

Also House Bill No. 56, entitled:

An Act to prohibit misrepresentation by life insurance companies.

Also House Bill No. 55, entitled:

An Act regulating life insurance companies and prohibiting

the diversion of funds for political purposes.

Also House Bill No. 54, entitled:

An Act relating to the provisions of life insurance policies.

Also House Bill No. 218, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Front or Water Street in the city of New Castle, Delaware, the "The Strand."

Also House Bill No. 106, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 76, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act providing a stenographer for the Court of Chancery, approved March 23, 1905.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr Sterner, clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills:

Senate Bill No. 83, entitled:

An Act making the terms of office of all members of the Department of Electors for the city of Wilmington, hereafter appointed to said office for full terms under Chapter 70, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, six years.

Also Senate Bill No. 97, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 354, Vol. 22, of the Laws of Delaware entitled: an Act to establish a Board of Education for the town of Lewis, and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes, by increasing the amount of taxes authorized to be raised by taxation.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Corbit on behalf of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 229, entitled:

An Act to confer banking powers on the Liberty Trust Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Corbit on behalf of the Committee on Banking and insurance to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 247, entitled:

An Act to reincorporate the New Castle Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Corbit on behalf of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 236, entitled:

An Act to incorporate the Townsend Trust Title and Safe Deposit Company.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 235, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled, an Act to allow the Town Council of Milford to issue bonds for certain purposes, being Chapter 232, of Vol. 19, of the Laws of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

House Bill No. 98, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Delaware Board of Pharmacy to enter into reciprocal relations with Boards of Pharmacy of other States, and to become a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Also House Bill No. , entitled:

An Act changing the name of Elsie L. Seamore to Elsie L. Collins, and making her by adoption the daughter and heir-at-law of Roland R. Collins.

Also House Bill No. 102, entitled:

An Act to make valid and legal the marriage of Henry Jester and Julia A. Jester, his wife.

Also House Bill No. 105, entitled:

An Act in relation to lands sold for county taxes in New Castle county.

Also House Bill No. 125, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Rosa L. Pleasanton to Rosa L. Lewis.

Also House Bill No. 154, entitled:

An Act to determine the standard measure of milk and cream in this State.

Also House Bill No. 143, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Secretary of State to procure a new seal to be used as the Great Seal of the State of Delaware and for other purposes.

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

House Bill No. 109, entitled:

An Act directing Robert M. Burns, County Treasurer of New Castle county, to pay to the Board of Public Education in Wilmington, all sums received or to be received from colored school taxes assessed against real estate in the city of Wilmington for the years 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, and providing for the distribution of the same.

Also House Bill No. 128, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 93, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Education in Wilmington to issue bonds covering the real estate of said corporation, for the purpose of raising sums of money to be used in erecting, furnishing, and equipping new school houses in the city of Wilmington.

Mr. Evans on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills re-

ported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 37, entitled:

An Act to further amend Chapter 188, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act in relation to the streets and sewers of the city of Wilmington, passed April 20, 1887.

Also House Bill No. 72, entitled:

An Act providing for inspectors to hold elections in the second and third election districts of the third Representative district of Sussex county.

Also House Bill No. 133, entitled:

An Act to provide for a stenographer and typewriter for the Governor and Secretary of State.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 238, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow twenty thousand dollars for the purchase and maintenance of a park in the first Ward of the city of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 228, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to reincorporate the town of Dover, being Chapter 746, of Vol. 19 of the laws of Delaware:

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 227, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Town Council of the town of Dover

to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars for street improvement, and to issue bonds therefor.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. T. O. Cooper, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 198, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 76, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act for the eradication of infectious and contagious diseases among the lower animals, being Chapter 639, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware, by increasing the amount of appropriation to suppress diseases.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No. 262) entitled:

An Act to provide for the publication of the delinquent taxables of New Castle county and the city of Wilmington.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No. 263), entitled:

An Act supplementary to Chapter 594, of Vol. 20, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act in relation to pleading and practice.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No. 264), entitled:

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

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan 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 Corpora-

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No. 265), entitled:

An Act in relation to the duties of the Comptroller of New Castle county.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan 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.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No. 266), entitled:

An Act to provide for the more efficient collection of certain State revenue.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan 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 Revenue and Taxation

On motion of Mr. Messick the bill, (House Bill No. 267), entitled:

An Act to change the name of the Sussex county almshouse to the Sussex county Hospital.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Messick 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 Charities and Eleemosynary institutions.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the bill, (House Bill, No. 268), entitled:

An Act to provide for the payment of a part of the debt of this State by an issue of bonds of the State.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baggs 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 Revenue and Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the bill, (House Bill No, 269), entitled:

An Act imposing a State tax upon public service corporations and providing for the collection thereof.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baggs, 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 Revenue and Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the bill, (House Bill No. 270,) entitled:

An Act imposing a State tax on malt liquors and providing for the collection thereof.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baggs 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 Revenue and Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Newton the bill, (House Bill No, 271), entitled:

An Act to purchase a farm for experimental purposes in the interest of agriculture, and to authorize the issuance of bonds of the State of Delaware to obtain funds for the payment and equipment of said farm.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Newton 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 and Forestry.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the bill, (House Bill No. 272), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 20, Laws of Delaware, being an Act entitled an Act concerning the mortgages held by the State against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company respectively.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Holcomb 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. T.O. Cooper the bill, (House Bill No. 273), entitled:

An Act to provide a clerk for the Auditor of Accounts.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper 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.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the bill, (House Bill No. 274), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 653, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to repeal all statutes relating to planting, propagating, dredging, tongueing or taking of oysters from the natural beds or plantations in the Delaware bay and its tributaries, and to re-enact the same or parts thereof, with amendments, by striking out ail of Section 53.

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 Fish, Oysters and Game

On motion of Mr. Taylor the bill, (House Bill No. 275), entitled:

An Act concerning minors, their adoption, custody and maintenance

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Hirons the bill, (House Bill No. 227) entitled:

An Act authorizing the Town Council of the town of Dover to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars for street improvement, and to issue bonds therefor.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—30.

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. Hirons the bill, (House Bill No, 228), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to reincorporate the town of Dover, being Chapter 746, of Vol. 19 of the laws of Delaware:

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—31

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.

Whereas the members of the Levy Court of New Castle county by personal observation of the overcrowded condition of

the Delaware Industrial School for girls, arising from the increasing number of persons committed to it by the Courts, have realized the imperative present necessity of an additional building for the School, in order that the important reformatory work done there should not be hindered, but rather that fuller scope be given to such work.

Now therefore be it resolved, that it is the sense of the members of the Levy Court, that the amount paid to said School for maintenance and instruction of each person now in said School under the Act of the Legislature, approved March 27, A. D. 1905, Chapter 42, Vol. 23, of the Laws of Delaware, should be increased from twenty-five cents to forty cents per day.

Resolved further, that the Levy Court approve of the passage by the General Assembly of an Act authorizing such increase;

And resolved also, that a certified copy of these resolutions and of the preamble thereto, be sent by the Clerk to each branch of the General Assembly.

Adopted by the Levy Court of New Castle county, February 19th, 1907.

Attest.

J. J. QUIGLEY,

Clerk of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Cabbage the communication was ordered placed on the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Rash the bill (House Bill No. 33), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act requiring and enforcing payment to the County Treasurer of all fees of certain offices, regulating accounts of fees and audits thereof, and fixing the compensation of such county officers and of their deputies and clerks, being Chapter 60, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, by increasing the salary of the Deputy Sheriff of Kent county.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bennum, Cooper, T. O., Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Staats, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—Messrs. Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Corbit, Cubbage, James, McCafferty, Newton, Richardson—10.

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. Evans the bill, (House Bill No. 276,) entitled:

An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the State of Delaware, to pay the sum of ten thousand dollars to the Delaware Industrial School for girls.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Evans 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 Charities and Eleemosynary institutions.

On motion of Mr. Conwell the bill, (Senate Bill, No. 10), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 372, Vol 22, Laws of Delaware, being an Act entitled: an Act for the protection of black bass in the fresh water streams and the lakes or ponds within the jurisdiction of Delaware, by changing the time in which it shall be lawful to catch or fish for black bass.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Staats, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—26.

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. Knotts, the bill, (Substitute for House Bill No. 230), entitled:

An Act appropriating two hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing shells for St. Jones Creek and Murderkill Creek, as an aid in the propagation of oysters.

Was taken up for consideration and, on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Bennum, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—25.

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. Harrington the bill, (Substitute for House Bill No. 25) entitled:

An Act in relation to a State Hospital at Harrington, Delaware.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T.O., Corbit, Donaway, Evans, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Palmer, Rash, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—26.

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. Harvey from the Committee on Judiciary reported back the resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 27 entitled:

Joint resolution, being a resolution fixing the date when bills can be presented to and considered by the General Assembly.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper T. O., Corbit, Donaway, Evans, Flinn, Harrington, Harvey, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—25.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Conwell on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the Resolution,

House Joint Resolution No. 18, entitled:

Joint Resolution accepting the moneys appropriated under an Act of Congress approved March 16, 1906, entitled: an Act to provide for an increased annual appropriation for agricultural experiment stations, and regulating the expenditures thereof,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the House took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

On motion of Mr. Baggs the bill, (House Bill No. 277),
entitled:

An Act imposing a State tax upon State Banks, National Banks, Savings Banks and Trust companies, and providing for the collection thereof.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Baggs 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 Banking and Insurance.

On motion of Mr. Rash the bill, (House Bill No. 278),
entitled:

An Act to provide for the printing and publishing of five hundred copies of Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Rash, 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 Printing.

On motion of Mr Taylor the following communication was accepted and ordered spread on the minutes of the House.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Delaware now in session, extend to your Honorable Body—The House—Greeting.

United we stand, divided we fall. We ask your co-operation.

Signed by Committee,

ETHELYN J. MALONEY.

F. H. GORDON.

J. W. PRETTYMAN.

Mr Evans on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills re-

ported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, the following bills:

House Bill No. 106, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 76, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act providing a stenographer for the Court of Chancery, approved March 23, 1905.

Mr. Sterner, 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 President of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 32, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Alice Snyder to Emma Mildred Boyer, and make her by adoption a daughter and heir at law of Lewis F. Boyer.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, 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. 85, entitled:

An Act to make valid a deed for a tract of land in Pencader Hundred.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and Mr. President of the Senate.

House Bill No. 106, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 76, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act providing a stenographer for the Court of Chancery, approved March 23, 1905.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Conwell the bill, (House Bill No. 231), entitled:

An Act in relation to school districts of Kent and Sussex counties, not created, consolidated or united by special Act, the school taxes therein and the appointment of teachers.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered which being taken were as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Conwell, Cooper, T. O., Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Holcomb, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bennum, Cooper T. L., Corbit, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, James, Knotts, Lambden, Paradee, Rash, Staats—12.

So the question was decided in the negative and the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 83,) entitled:

An Act making the terms of office of all members of the Department of Electors for the city of Wilmington, hereafter appointed to said office for full terms under Chapter 70, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, six years.

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 Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 85), entitled:

An Act to make valid a deed for a tract of land in Pencader Hundred.

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill (Senate Bill No. 97), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 354, Vol. 22, of the Laws of Delaware entitled: an Act to establish a Board of Education for the town of Lewis, and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes, by increasing the amount of taxes authorized to be raised by taxation.

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 Education.

On motion of Mr. T.O. Cooper the bill, (House Bill No. 279), entitled:

An Act to authorize the City Council of the city of Wilmington to elect the chief engineer and assistant engineers of the Fire Department of said city, and to repeal Chapter 212, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time, by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Allen the bill, (House Bill, No. 280), entitled:

An Act limiting the charges for carrying passengers upon railroads in this State and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Allen, 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. Harvey the bill, (House Bill No. 281) entitled:

An Act requiring the placing of safety gates at a certain railroad crossing in Brandywine Hundred.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Harvey 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. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 220, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 175, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act to reincorporate the town of Newark, to provide a per capita assessment of the male citizens of the town.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Paradee on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 62, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware entitled: an Act to incorporate the town of Ellendale by increasing and defining the powers of the collector of town taxes.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Elliott on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 246, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 454, Vol. 11, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act for the suppression of gambling, being Chapter 132 of the Revised Code, by prohibiting certain forms of gambling.

Reported substitute back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Paradee the bill, (House Bill No. 282), entitled:

An Act to compel prison authorities who manufacture articles to label such articles "prison made."

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Paradee 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.

On motion of Mr. Corbit the bill, (House Bill No. 283), entitled,

An Act to amend Chapter 36, Vol. 12, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to incorporate the town of Middletown, by changing the method of collecting taxes.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Corbit Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Corbit the bill, (House Bill No. 284), entitled:

An Act to authorize the town Commissioners of the town of Middletown to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, for the purpose of paying off the balance of the bond issue of 1887.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Corbit 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. Knotts presented a joint resolution, entitled:

House Joint Resolution No. 20 entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the General Corporation Laws as amended.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Knotts moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—24.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Knotts presented a joint resolution entitled:

House Joint Resolution No. 21, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the Constitution of the State of Delaware.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Knotts moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On the question "Shall the Joint resolution be adopted?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—24.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bennum the bill, (House Bill No. 146), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 24, of Chapter 117, Vol. 13, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government passed March 22nd, 1857, providing that express companies shall transport free of charge all books, papers and public documents for the State Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—26.

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. Rash the House adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a. m.

February 22, 1907—10.30 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Thos. L., Cooper, Thos. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

Mr. Sterner, Clerk of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had not concurred in the following House bill:

House Bill No. 43, entitled:

An Act prohibiting pawn brokers from lending money on wearing apparel and tools.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas this present session of the General Assembly is drawing to a close, and there are many bills on the House calendar, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met.

That hereafter the privilege of the floor to address this House shall not be granted to any person who is not a member of the Senate or of the House, for a period greater than ten minutes, unless a motion to extend said privilege shall prevail.

Mr. Sterner 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. 92, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 42, Vol 23, Laws of Delaware, relating to the pay for the maintenance of persons committed to the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.

Also Senate Bill No. 84.

An Act to amend an Act in relation to the Levy Court of New Castle county, being Chapter 50, Vol 22, Laws of Delaware, by changing the boundaries of certain Levy Court districts.

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Harvey on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom had been referred the bill,

Senate Bill No. 50, entitled:

An Act to enlarge the powers of deputies of the Register of Wills, for the several counties of this State.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Speaker. the bill, (Senate Bill No, 92), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 42, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, relating to the pay for the maintenance of persons committed to the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.

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 Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the bill, (House Bill No. 293). entitled:

An Act permitting a wife or husband to testify for or against each other in both criminal and civil causes.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Cann Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Harvey the bill, (House Bill No. 285), entitled:

An Act concerning the second election district of the sixth Representative district in New Castle county.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Harvey 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 Elections.

On motion of Mr. Messick the bill, (House Bill No. 286), entitled,

An Act appropriating three hundred dollars for the printing of certain valuable papers and documents relating and referring to the earliest history of the State of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Messick 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 Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill (House Bill No. 287), entitled:

An Act imposing a tax upon trolley cars for municipal purposes.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Keenan 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. Taylor, the bill, (House Bill No, 288), entitled:

An Act authorizing the State Librarian to dispose of certain books in the State Library.

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Garrison the bill, (House Bill No. 289) entitled:

An Act for the improvement of school houses for colored children in Kent county, and making an appropriation therefor.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Garrison, 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. T.O. Cooper the bill, (House Bill No. 290), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act to provide for the organization and control of the public schools of the city of Wilmington, being Chapter 92, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. T. O. Cooper 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. Paradee the bill, (House Bill No. 203), entitled:

An Act relating to the assessment of real estate in the city of Wilmington.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Staats, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—31.

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. Hirons the bill, (House Bill, No. 291), entitled:

An Act providing for the appointment of additional constables in certain districts in this State.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Hirons, 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.

On motion of Mr. Hirons the bill, (House Bill No. 292), entitled:

An Act to punish adulterous cohabitation.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Hirons 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 Crimes and Punishments.

Mr. Sterner, 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. 112, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Levy Court of New Castle county to borrow five hundred thousand dollars to be expended for the permanent improvement of public highways of New Castle county under the provisions of Chapter 139, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act to provide for the repeal of Chapter 380, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, being an Act entitled, an Act to provide for the permanent improvement of the public highways in the State of Delaware, and providing for the permanent improvement of the public highways in New Castle county, Delaware.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Hiron the bill, (House Bill No. 232), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 137, Vol. 33, Laws of Delaware, entitled ;An Act for the protection and preservation of squirrels, by exempting certain persons from the provisions of said Act.

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Corbit House Bill No. 232 was recommended.

On motion of Mr. Keenan the bill, (House Bill No. 219), entitled:

An Act to exempt from taxation all persons who served in the Civil War 1861—1865.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion, was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baggs, Cooper, T. O., Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Hiron, Holcomb, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, Paradee, Rash, Richards, Wilson,—14.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Cooper, T. L., Corbit, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, James, McCafferty, Palmer, Staats, Mr. Speaker —13.

So the question was decided in the negative and the bill not having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Lost.

Mr. Knotts on behalf of the Committee on Elections to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No 70, entitled:

An Act to divide the second election district of the third Representative district of Sussex county.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Knotts on behalf of the Committee on Elections to whom had been referred the Resolution.

House Joint Resolution No. 19, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the Election Laws.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Messick on behalf of the Committee on Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 267, entitled:

An Act to change the name of the Sussex county almshouse to the Sussex county Hospital.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Messick on behalf of the Committee on Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions, to whom had been referred the bill

House Bill No. 276, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the State of Delaware, to pay the sum of ten thousand dollars to the Delaware Industrial School for girls.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 112, entitled;

An Act to authorize the Levy Court of New Castle county to borrow five hundred thousand dollars to be expended for the permanent improvement of public highways of New Castle county under the provisions of Chapter 139, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to provide for the repeal of Chapter 380, Vol. 22 Laws of Delaware, being an Act entitled: an Act for the permanent improvement of the public highways in the State of Delaware, and providing for the permanent improvement of the public highways in New Castle county.

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 Public Highways.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 84,) entitled:

An Act to amend an Act in relation to the Levy Court of New Castle county, being Chapter 50, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, by changing the boundaries of certain Levy Court Districts.

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 Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 52), entitled:

An Act in relation to the penalty in the official bond of constables in Sussex county.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baggs, Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Corbit, Cabbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Staats, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—28.

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. Cabbage the House took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

JOINT SESSION.

To hear the Hon. R. R. Kenney read Washington's Farewell address.

At the close of the reading Mr. Speaker moved that a rising vote of thanks be given Mr. Kenney and that the Members stand in silence for the remembrance of the Man whose birth we are celebrating.

Which motion

prevailed.

Mr. Rose of the Senate moved that the two Houses do now separate.

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

House Bill No. 172, entitled:

An Act to amend and add to Chapter 392, Vol. 20, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act providing for the maintenance, discipline, and regulation of the National Guard of Delaware, an amendment thereto, contained in Chapter 284, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware.

Also House Bill No. 194, entitled:

An Act fixing the compensation of the crier of the Courts of Delaware sitting in New Castle County, and requiring and enforcing payment to the County Treasurer of all fees collected for the use of such officers.

Also House Bill No. 142, entitled:

An Act increasing the amount of the official bond of the Secretary of State.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill, (House Bill No. 226), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 175, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act to re-incorporate the town of Newark to provide a per capita assessment of the male citizens.

Was taken up for consideration and, on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Bennum, Cann, Conwell, Cooper. T. L., Cooper, T.O., Corbit, Cubbage, Donaway, Evans, Elliott,

Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Taylor, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—29.

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. Conwell the bill, (House Bill No. 294), entitled,

An Act to provide for the condemnation of lands for the purpose of shortening the water course of St. Jones River.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Conwell, 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 Public Highways.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty the bill, (House Bill No. 295) entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: a further supplement to the Act entitled: an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, passed at Dover April 10th, 1873, being Chapter 555, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, by providing that one-third of amounts raised from certain license fees shall be paid to certain cities and towns.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCafferty Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty the bill, (House Bill No. 296) entitled:

An Act authorizing and empowering municipal corporations to borrow money and to issue bonds for the payment thereof.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCafferty, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations,

On motion of Mr. Hirons the bill, (House Bill, No. 297), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act authorizing the Town Council of the town of Dover to fund its indebtedness incurred in the enlargement and improvement of its light and water plant by issuing bonds for twelve thousand dollars, being Chapter 177, of Volume 23, of the Laws of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Hirons, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hirons the bill, (House Bill No. 298), entitled:

An Act to require the Insurance Commissioner to make at least one examination each year of banking institutions under the supervision of the Insurance Department of this State.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Hirons 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 Banking and Insurance.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Temperance to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 261, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 555, Vol. 18, Laws of Delaware, entitled: a further supplement to the Act entitled: an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, passed at Dover April 10, 1873, relating to the certificate now required by liquor license laws, to secure a license to sell intoxicating liquors.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Committee on Temperance to whom had been referred the bill.

House Bill No. 51, entitled:

An Act to prohibit the giving away of intoxicating liquors at elections.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

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

Senate Bill No. 32, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Alice Snyder to Emma Mildred Boyer and make her by adoption a daughter and heir-at-law of Lewis D. Boyer

Also House Bill No. 71, entitled:

An Act designating voting places in the second and third election districts of the third Representative district of Sussex county.

Also House Bill No. 83, entitled:

An Act in relation to dogs registered in incorporated towns and cities in New Castle county.

Also House Bill No. 91, entitled:

An Act to incorporate the town of Bowers.

Mr. Sterner 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. 79, entitled:

An Act defining certain misdemeanors concerning the books of the Law Library Association, of New Castle county, and prescribing penalties therefor.

Also Senate Bill No. 93, entitled:

An Act regulating the distribution of stationery, postage and supplies for the General Assembly.

Also Senate Bill No. 67, entitled:

An Act directing the County Treasurer of Sussex county to give additional bond for the faithful performance of his official duties.

Also Senate Bill No. 91, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 5, Chapter 131, of the Revised Code, enlarging the term of imprisonment for bigamy.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr Taylor the following resolution was adopted:

House Resolutions.

Whereas we have heard with deep regret of the death of the mother of one of our members, Representative Richardson, also the mother-in-law of Representative Newton, therefore,

Be it resolved that we extend to our fellow members, Representatives Richardson and Newton, our heartfelt sympathies, in this, their hour of deep sorrow.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Representatives Richardson and Newton, and also that they be spread upon the records of this House.

Mr. Baggs moved to have printed five hundred copies of House Bill No. 269.

Which motion

Was lost.

On motion of Mr. Paradee the bill, (House Bill No. 191), entitled:

An Act in relation to the dressing of certain animals,
Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Paradee, House Bill No. 191, was made
special order of the day, Monday 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the House adjourned until Monday
February 25th at 10.30 a. m.

February 25, 1907—10.30 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Allen, Baggs Cann, Conwell, Cooper, Thos. L., Cooper, Thos. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

Mr. Flinn on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 9, entitled:

An Act to amend an Act entitled: an Act to provide for the permanent improvement of the public highways in Sussex county.

Reported the same back to the House on its merits.

Mr. Flinn on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 221, entitled:

An Act to make valid the proceedings of ditch or drainage companies.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

House Bill No. 54, entitled:

An Act relating to the provisions of life insurance policies.

Also House Bill No. 55, entitled:

An Act regulating life insurance companies and prohibiting the diversion of funds for political purposes.

Also House Bill No. 56, entitled:

An Act to prohibit misrepresentation by life insurance companies.

Also House Bill No. 57, entitled:

An Act to require an annual apportionment and accounting of surplus of life insurance companies as to policies heretofore issued.

Also Substitute for House Bill No. 99, entitled:

An Act to establish the voting place of the first election district of the ninth Representative district of Kent county, Delaware.

Also House Bill No. 218, entitled:

An Act to change the name of Front or Water Street in the city of New Castle, Delaware, to "The Strand."

Mr. Palmer on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game, to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 213, entitled:

An Act to regulate fishing in the waters of the Chesapeake and Delawaee Canal and its tributaries.

Reported Substitute bill back to the House favorably.

Mr. Flinn on behalf of the Committee on Public Highways to whom had been referred the Resolution.

House Joint Resolution No. 23, entitled:

Joint resolution calling upon the County Treasurer of Sussex county and State of Delaware, to furnish certain information in regard to special road tax for Broad Creek Hundred, Sussex county and State of Delaware,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and Mr. President of the Senate.

House Bill No. 125, entitled;

An Act to change the name of Rosa L. Pleasanton to Rosa L. Lewis.

Also House Bill No. 105, entitled;

An Act in relation to lands sold for county taxes in New Castle county.

Also House Bill No. 98, entitled:

An Act changing the name of Elsie L. Seamore to Elsie L. Collins, and making her by adoption the daughter and heir-at-law of Roland R. Collins.

Also House Bill No. 69, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Delaware Board of Pharmacy to enter into reciprocal relations with Boards of Pharmacy of other State, and to become a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Also House Bill No. 72, entitled:

An Act providing for inspectors to hold elections in the second and third Representative district of Sussex county.

Also House Bill No. 133, entitled:

An Act to provide for a stenographer and typewriter for the Governor and Secretary of State.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate, being admitted returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House Joint Resolution, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House and Mr. President of the Senate.

House Bill No. 102, entitled:

An Act to make valid and legal the marriage of Henry Jester and Julia A. Jester his wife.

Also House Bill, No. 154, entitled:

An Act to determine the standard measure of milk and cream in this State.

Also House Bill No. 143, entitled:

An Act to authorize the Secretary of State to procure a new seal to be used as the Great Seal of the State of Delaware, and for other purposes.

Also House Bill No 109, entitled:

An Act directing Robert M. Burns, county Treasurer of New Castle county, to pay to the Board of Public Education in Wilmington, all sums received or to be received from colored school taxes assessed against real estate in the city of Wilmington for the years 1902, 1903, 1904, and 1905, and providing for the distribution of the same.

Also House Bill No. 128, entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 93, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Education in Wilmington to issue bonds covering the real estate of said corporation for the purpose of raising sums of money to be used in erecting, furnishing and equipping new school houses in the city of Wilmington.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, clerk of the Senate being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had not concurred in the following House Bill,

House Bill No. 152, entitled:

An Act requiring railroad companies to furnish passenger cars with cuspidors and toilet articles.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner, 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. 13, entitled:

An Act in relation to fees of Justices of the Peace and constables.

And presented the same to the House.

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

Senate substitute for House Bill No. 107, entitled:

An Act defining certain nuisances in public conveyances on railroads and railways and prescribing penalties therefor.

Also substitute for House Bill No. 88, entitled:

An Act providing a punishment for persons trespassing upon lands and committing depredations thereon in New Castle county.

Also House Bill No. 197, entitled.

An Act to amend Chapter 451, Vol. 20, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act to amend Chapter 630, Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, passed May 10, 1897, by providing for the burial of animals which die from anthrax.

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Paradee the bill, (House Bill No. 191), entitled:

An Act in relation to the dressing of certain animals.

Was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, James, Keenan, Lambden, den, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—30.

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. Taylor, the bill, (House Bill No, 299), entitled:

An Act authorizing Commissioners of school district No. 14 in Kent county, to borrow money for the purpose of building a new school house and furnishing the same.

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 Education.

On motion of Mr. Harrington the bill, (House Bill No. 300), entitled:

An Act to reincorporate the town of Harrington.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Harrington, 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. Messick from the Committee on Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions reported back the bill, (House Bill No. 90) entitled:

An Act appropriating twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the maintenance and support of the Old Peoples' Home at Dover.

With amendment.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the amendment was read.

And on his further motion was adopted.

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hiron, Holcomb, James, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—25.

Nays—Messrs. Baggs, Corbit, Flinn, Keenan, Knotts, Richardson, Staats—7.

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. T. O. Cooper, the bill, (House Bill No. 156) entitled:

An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

Was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—31.

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. Flinn, the bill, (Substitute for House Bill No. 246), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 454, Vol. 11, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act for the suppression of gambling, relating to the playing of craps.

Was taken up for consideration and, on his further motion was read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Conwell, Cooper. T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cubbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Holcomb, James, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—28.

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. Elliott, the bill, (House Bill No. 301,) entitled:

An Act to alter and re-establish the charter of the town of Laurel.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Elliott, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations,

On motion of Mr. James, the bill, (House Bill No. 302), entitled:

An Act relating to the appointment of collectors of taxes, Trustees of the Poor, and overseer or overseers of roads in Sussex county.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. James, 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.

On motion of Mr. Conwell the bill, (House Bill No. 303), entitled,

An Act to raise revenue for the State by imposing a tax for the benefit of the State upon the property or estate transferred on the death of deceased persons.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Conwell, 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 Revenue and Taxation.

On motion of Mr. James, the bill, (House Bill No. 304), entitled:

An Act to incorporate the town of Bethel.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. James, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Lambden the bill, (House Bill No, 305), entitled:

An Act designating the voting places in the second and third election districts of Representative district No. 2, in Sussex county.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Lambden, 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 Elections.

On motion of Mr. Lambden, the bill, (House Bill No. 306), entitled:

An Act to divide the second election district of Representative district No. two in Sussex county into two election districts.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Lambden. 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 Elections.

On motion of Mr. Lambden the bill, (House Bill No. 307), entitled:

An Act designating the person who shall be inspector of the second election district of Representative district No. two, in Sussex county, and providing for the appointment of an Inspector for the third election district of Representative district No. two in Sussex county to hold the election in said election district at the general election to be held in the year 1908.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Lambden 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 Elections.

On motion of Mr. Knotts the bill, (House Bill, No. 308),

entitled:

An Act to renew and re-enact an Act entitled: an Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia, being Chapter 568, Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Knotts Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill.

And further on his motion the bill was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Knotts the bill (House Bill No. 309), entitled:

An Act providing for the purchase of a new watch boat to protect the oyster interests of the State of Delaware.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Knotts, 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 Fish, Oysters and Game.

On motion of Mr. Messick the bill, (House Bill, No. 310), entitled;

An Act to amend Chapter 78, Vol 23, Laws of Delaware, entitled: an Act in relation to the indices of New Castle county, by extending the provisions of said Act to Sussex county.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Messick 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.

Mr. Cabbage presented a joint resolution,

House Joint Resolution No. 18, entitled:

Joint resolution accepting the moneys appropriated under an Act of Congress approved March 16th, 1906, entitled: an Act to provide for an increased annual appropriation for agricultural experimental station and regulating the expenditures thereof.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Cabbage moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, Messick, McCafferty, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards, Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—30.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the joint resolution having received the required constitutional majority,

Was declared

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty the bill, (House Bill No. 229), entitled:

An Act to confer banking powers on the Liberty Trust Company, a corporation 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 the bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baggs, Cann, Conwell, Cooper, T. L., Cooper, T. O., Corbit, Cabbage, Evans, Elliott, Flinn, Garrison, Harrington, Harvey, Hirons, Holcomb, James, Keenan, Knotts, Lambden, McCafferty, Newton, Paradee, Palmer, Rash, Richards Richardson, Staats, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—32.

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. Taylor, the House took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Same day—2 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess.

Mr. Speaker announced that he would declare a recess until 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

House met pursuant to recess, 4.30 p. m.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the bill, (House Bill No. 311), entitled:

An Act to amend an Act defining offences against religion, morality and decency.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Richardson, 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 Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions.

Mr. Sterner, 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. 101, entitled:

An Act for the relief of the heirs of Harriet¹A. Houston, deceased.

Also Senate Bill No. 100, entitled:

An Act to repeal Chapter 153, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, which was an Act to amend Chapter 162, Vol. 22, Laws of Delaware, entitled an Act in relation to peddlers, within the county of New Castle, as amended by Chapter 390, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware, by exempting persons selling or peddling grain, provisions, provender, fruits, vegetables, or other farm products, from giving a bond to the State or paying a license.

Also Senate Bill No. 88, entitled:

An Act to fix the time for holding the Superior Court and Court of General Sessions in the several counties of this State.

Also Senate Bill No 80, entitled:

An Act to make certain statements made under oath or affirmative a misdemeanor, and to provide for the punishment therefor.

Also Senate Bill No. 68, entitled:

An Act directing the Levy Court of Sussex county to make additional settlements with the County Treasurer.

Also Senate Bill No. 107, entitled;

An Act in relation to assessments in White Clay Creek Hundred.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Flinn the bill, (House Bill No. 312), entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment to Section 15, Article 2, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, relating to the com-

pensation of the members and presiding officers of the General Assembly.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Flinn, 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 Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the bill, (House Bill No. 313), entitled,

An Act defining certain nuisances in public conveyances on railways and prescribing penalties therefor.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. Holcomb 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. Speaker, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 67), entitled:

An Act directing the County Treasurer of Sussex county to give additional bond for the faithful performance of his official duties.

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 Miscellaneous.

Mr. Newton moved that the House sit as a Committee of the whole Wednesday, 2 o'clock, p. m., to confer on certain revenue bills.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Speaker the bill, (Senate Bill No. 79), entitled:

An Act defining certain misdemeanors concerning the books of the Law Library Association, of New Castle county, and prescribing penalties therefor.

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 93,) entitled:

An Act regulating the distribution of stationery, postage and plies for the General Assembly.

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 Stationery and Supplies.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty the bill, (House Bill No. 314), entitled:

An Act authorizing and empowering the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow money on the faith and credit of said corporation and to issue bonds for the payment thereof.

Was read a first time.

On the further motion of Mr. McCafferty, 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. T. O. Cooper, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health, to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 47, entitled:

An Act to amend and add to an Act entitled- an Act regulat-

ing the practice of medicine and surgery in this State, being Chapter 40, Vol. 20, Laws of Delaware.

With amendment,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. T.O.Cooper on behalf of the Committee on Public Health to whom had been referred the bill,

House Bill No. 220, entitled:

An Act in relation to the sale of drugs and chemicals in this State and providing for a State Board of Pharmacy.

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

House Joint Resolution No. 12, entitled:

Joint Resolution appointing directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, at Georgetown.

Also House Joint Resolution No. 13, entitled:

Joint Resolution appointing directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, at Dover.

Also House Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled:

Joint Resolution appointing directors for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, for the Branch at Wilmington.

Also House Joint Resolution No. 20, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the General Corporation Laws as amended.

Also House Joint Resolution No. 21, entitled:

House Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have printed the Constitution of the State of Delaware.

With an amendment.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Sterner Clerk of the Senate being admitted informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence

of the House in the following Joint Resolutions:

Senate amendment to House Joint Resolution No. 27, entitled:

Joint Resolution fixing the date when bills can be presented to and considered by the General Assembly.

And presented the same to the House.

Also Senate Joint Resolution, No. 15, entitled:

Joint Resolution fixing the date for taking a recess and also for the adjournment sine die of the General Assembly.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 13), entitled:

An Act in relation to fees of Justices of the Peace and Constables.

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 Miscellaneous.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the bill, (Senate Bill No. 91), entitled:

An Act to amend Section 5, Chapter 131, of the Revised Code, enlarging the term of imprisonment for bigamy.

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 Revised Code.

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

House Bill No. 215, entitled:

An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 86, of the Laws of Delaware, as published in the Revised Code of 1893, by changing the return day of summons issued upon order of the Chancellor in partition proceedings in the Court of Chancery, from some day in the next term of said Court, to the first Monday of the next month or the next month but one, occurring after twenty days from the time of the issuing thereof.

Also Substitute for House Bill No. 139, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commissioners of school district No. 181, in Sussex county to borrow money for the purpose of building a school house and furnishing same.

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Speaker:—

In submitting this report we desire to call your attention to the completeness in detail of this report, and the full information given in each department of the receipts and expenditures.

This committee at its first session asked for bids for doing the work from accountants familiar with auditing, and awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, by employing Colonel Theo. Townsend as the accountant to discharge the arduous duties. The work was commenced early in January, and he has been shown every courtesy by the heads of each department, where every account, book and voucher has been opened and the closest scrutiny invited to each item; and we are pleased to report that every penny has been satisfactorially accounted for and vouchers shown for every transaction.

The accountants work has been entirely satisfactory to this committee, and we submit the report for your consideration.

REMSEN C. BARNARD,
SAMUEL E. REED,
CHAUNCEY P. HOLCOMB.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:—

We have caused the various departments of State Government to be audited and have the honor to submit the following report as a true and correct statement of the receipts and disbursements, as disclosed by the books and vouchers.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

The following report of the financial transactions of the Office of the Secretary of State is a correct exhibit, and is made up from the record of corporation fees for original certificates, amendments, etc., as examined by your committee; all of which is respectfully submitted, as follows :

From January 1st, 1906, to December 31st, 1906.

Received from fees for commissions to officers,.....	\$ 894.00
Received from corporation fees for original certificates, amendments, dissolutions, reinstatements, renewals, other certificates, acts of Assembly, foreign corpora- tions, etc.	4,5748.77

Total receipts.....	\$4,6642.77
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All of this amount has been paid over to the State Treasurer, except five dollars; or, the sum of \$46 637 77. This reduction was in pursuance to an order of the Legislative Auditing Committee of 1906, which directed that sum to be returned to the Tappannah Marsh Company; which sum had been inadvertently charged to and paid by said Company. This sum had been returned to the Company and their receipt is on file therefor.

The total receipts for Corporations for year 1906, were derived from the following sources:

From new Corporations, 553, to Dec. 31st, 1906, ...	\$32,735.60
From Dissolution, 39,	780.00
From Reinstatements, 26,.....	4,765.02
From Renewals, 5,	100.00
From Acts of Assembly, 1,.....	20.00
From Consolidation, 1,	20.00
From Amendments, including reductions, capital stock, 74,	1,480.00
From Amendments, including increase capital stock, 25,	5,458.25

From Foreign Corporations, 6,.....	300.00
From other Certificates, 18,	90.00
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	\$45,748.77

Total receipts from Corporation Fees, 1904,	\$33,218.11
Total receipts from Corporation Fees, 1905,	39,439.60
Total receipts from Corporation Fees, 1906,	45,748.77

We desire to call attention to the economy with which this money has been collected. The total funds collected including salary of Secretary of State, his assistants and contingent fund, amounts to \$3,400; or about seven and one-half per cent. for collecting and paying the same into the Treasury.

OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER.

Statement showing receipts and disbursements from January 9th, 1906, to January 8th, 1907.

ASSETS.

Bank Stock—Par Value.

5700 shares of Farmers' Bank stock @	
\$50.00 per share.....	\$285,000.00
254 shares of Union National Bank stock	
@ 25.00 per share.....	6,350.00
114 shares National Bank of Delaware	
stock @ \$100.00 per share.....	11,400.00
114 shares National Bank of Smyrna	
stock @ \$50.00 per share.....	5,700.00
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	<u>\$308,450.00</u>

Bank Stock—Market Value.

5700 shares Farmers' Bank stock @	
\$125.00 per share.....	\$712,500.00
114 shares National Bank of Delaware	
stock @ \$216.00 per share	24,624.00
254 shares Union National Bank stock	
@ \$88.00 per share.....	22,352.00

114 shares National Bank of Smyrna stock @ \$75.00 per share.....	8,550.00	
		<u>768,026.00</u>

Mortgages.

Junction and Breakwater Railroad Com- pany @ 3%	185,000.00	
Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Com- pany @ 3%	200,000.00	
		<u>385,000.00</u>

Bonds.

One bond, State of Delaware, to School Fund @ 6%.	178,785.00
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Real Estate.

State House, including Law Library (estimated).....	65,000.00	
Armory Building (estimated)	10,000 00	
Jump Property (estimated).....	8,000.00	
		<u>83,000.00</u>

Cash.

Cash in Treasury January 8th, 1907,.....	87,698.14
	<u>\$1,502,509.14</u>

LIABILITIES.

250 bonds, \$1,000 each, at 3%, issue of 1887, payable June 1, 1907; redeem- able at option of the State on any June 1st, or December 1st, in or after 1897	250,000.00
245 bonds, \$1,000 each, at 3%, issue of 1897, payable December 1st, 1927; redeemable at option of the State on any June 1st, or December 1st, after December 1st, 1922,.....	245,000 00
One bond, State of Delaware, to School Fund, at 6%, issued July 1st, 1906, payable July 1st, 1926,.....	178,785.00

One Certificate of Indebtedness to the Trustees of Delaware College, @ 6% . perpetual.....	83,000.00	
Guarantee Railway deposits	52,400.00	
		<u>809,185.00</u>
Amount of Assets over Liabilities.....		<u><u>\$693,324.14</u></u>

GENERAL FUND.

Investments.

Bank Stock—Market Value.

40 shares National Bank of Delaware stock at \$216.00 per share.....	\$	8,640.00
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Mortgages.

Junction and Breakwater Railroad Co....	\$185,000.00	
Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Co.,	200,000.00	
		<u>385,000.00</u>
		<u><u>\$393,640.00</u></u>

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 9th, 1906,	\$	28,951.21
Licenses and Fees,		163,796.72
Winfield S. Quigley, Clerk of the Peace, New Castle county.....	\$109,036.11	
James V. McCommons, Clerk of the Peace, Kent county.....	10,504.47	
James H. Wright, Clerk of the Peace, Sussex county	11,432.26	
George W. Marshall, Insurance Commissioner,	32,823.88	
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Railroad—State Tax.....	\$	78,800.00
Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company	\$	40,000.00
Delaware Railroad Company.....		10,000.00

Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company	800.00	
Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad Company	27,500.00	
Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company.....	500.00	
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Interest—Mortgages.		\$ 11,550.00
Junction & Breakwater Railroad Company.....	\$ 5,550.00	
Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company.....	6,000.00	
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Telegraph and Telephone Companies—State Tax.....		\$ 7,727.15
Western Union Telegraph Company....	\$ 1,828.20	
The Diamond State Telephone Co.....	528.00	
Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company.....	4,233.60	
Delmarvia Telephone Company.....	142.45	
Wilmington Light, Power and Telephone Company.....	186.65	
Postal Telegraph Cable Company	771.50	
American Telephone and Telegraph Company	36.75	
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Express Companies—State Tax.....		\$ 1,090.16
Adams Express Company.....	\$ 1,013.45	
United States Express Company.....	76.71	
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Banks and Banking Associations—State Tax		\$ 182.82
Fruit Growers' National Bank of Smyrna.....	\$ 182.82	
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Collateral Inheritance Tax.....		\$ 1,142.54
Fred E. Bach, Register of Wills, New Castle county.....	\$ 910.38	
Daniel J. Layton, Register of Wills, Sussex county.....	232.16	
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Licenses—Manufacturers of Spirituous or Alcoholic

Liquors	\$	2,800.00
Levy & Glosking.....	\$	100 00
Elmer Bowdle.....		420.00
Isaac K. Gooden		200.00
John E. Bourke.....		120 00
J. Walter Anderson		200.00
Bruffit J. Satterfield.....		240.00
Thomas Hurd.....		220 00
J. Fred Brown.....		200.00
Mrs. Lizzie Warren.....		240.00
Evin C. Reese.....		220.00
George W. Gordy.....		180.00
Horace E. Fleetwood		20.00
James K. Lord.....		140.00
Joseph W. Hastings.....		260.00
Elisha Wright.....		40.00

Sale of Law Books.....	\$	275.45
Frank L. Speakman, Prothonotary of New Castle county.....	\$	242.30
Walter Pardoe, Prothonotary of Kent county		33.15

United States Government	\$	25,000.00
Appropriation to Colleges of Agriculture, etc.....	\$	25,000.00

Rents,	\$	250.00
Mrs. R. A. Slaughter.....	\$	250.00

Appropriations Refunded.....	\$	1,230.00
Amount overpaid Delaware College for Special Appropriation.....	\$	1,000.00
Education at Normal Schools, as follows:—		
New Castle Co. School Commission.....		98.00
Kent County School Commission.....		82.00
Sussex County School Commission.....		50.00

Corporations—State Tax.....	\$ 45,743 77
Joseph L. Cahall, Secretary of State.....	\$ 45,743 77

Corporations—Franchise Tax.....	\$103,118 48
Dividends	400 00
National Bank of Delaware.	\$ 400 00
Civil Commissions.....	894 00
Joseph L. Cahall, Secretary of State.....	\$ 894 00

Guarantee Railway Deposits.....	\$ 2,900 00
Wilmington and Edgemoor Electric Railway Company.....	\$ 1,500 00
Clayton, Smyrna and Bay-shore Trac- tion Company.....	1,400 00

Fines and Forfeitures.....	\$ 9 00
Special Emergency Fund, Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.....	8,221 51
Board of Trustees of Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.....	\$ 8,221 51

State Treasurer's Contingent Fund Refunded.....	.25
	<u>\$484,083 06</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries.....	\$ 53,966 67
Hon Preston Lea, Governor.....	\$ 2,000 00
Hon. Isaac T. Parker, Lieutenant-Gov- ernor	100 00
Hon. John R. Nicholson, Chancellor...	4,500 00
Hon. John R. Nicholson, Chancellor for reporting.....	200 00
Hon. Charles B. Lore, Chief Justice....	4,500 00
Hon. Ignatius C. Grubb, Associate Judge.....	4,000 00
Hon. William C. Spruance, Associate Judge.....	4,000 00

Hon. James Pennewill, Associate Judge	\$ 4,000.00
Hon. James Pennewill, Associate Judge for reporting.....	200.00
Hon. William H. Boyce, Associate Judge	4,000.00
Joseph L. Cahall, Secretary of State.....	1,500.00
Robert H. Richards, Attorney-General,	2,500.00
Daniel O. Hastings, Deputy Attorney- General.	1,000.00
Thomas N. Rawlins, State Treasurer,	1,450.00
George H. Dick, Auditor of Accounts,	1,200.00
George W. Marshall, Insurance Com- missioner	2,000.00
A. D. Marshall, Insurance Commis- sioner's Clerk.....	900.00
Edmond C. Hardesty, Court Steno- grapher.....	2,000.00
Albert L. Massey, Stenographer for Court of Chancery.....	600.00
Thomas W. Wilson, State Librarian...	800.00
Lewis Chambers, State House Janitor,	500.00
Charles J. Luff, Fish Commissioner.....	500.00
Arthur R. Spaid, Superintendent of New Castle County Schools.....	1,200.00
James E. Carroll, Superintendent of Kent County Schools.....	1,200.00
John D. Brooks, Superintendent of Sussex County Schools.....	1,200.00
Charles E. Gray, State Detective.....	976.67
James L. Hawkins, State Detective.....	1,200.00
Miss Fannie S. Herrington, Steno- grapher for Governor and Secretary of State.....	700.00
Charles G. Wright, Collector of Oy- ster Revenue.....	700.00
Crew of Oyster Watch Boat.....	2,340.00
Francis A. Price, New Castle County State Highway Commissioner.....	1,000.00
Joseph A. Bond, Factory and Work- shop Inspector,.....	1,000.00

Allowances by Legislative Committee.....\$ 1,000.00

Special Appropriations	\$	12,500.00
Daughters of American Revolution.....	\$	1,000.00
Delaware College.....		8,500.00
State College for Colored Students.....		3 000.00

Contingent Funds.....	\$	4,816.59
Governor.	\$	512.77
Secretary of State.....		1,181.05
State Treasurer.....		200.25
Attorney General.....		1,199.49
Auditor of Accounts.....		500.00
Insurance Commissioner.....		799.81
Fish Commissioner.....		123 21
State Librarian....		100.01
Chancellor.. ..		200.00

Improvement of Public Highways.....	\$	17,737.16
New Castle County.....	\$	10,000.00
Kent County		372.39
Sussex County.....		7,364.77

Interest.....	\$	30,846.05
Philadelphphia National Bank.....	\$	14,850.00
Delaware College Trustees.....		5,930.00
State Bond to school fund....		10,066.05

Printing.....	\$	6,720.94
Judicial Reports.....		500.00
State Library.....	\$	500.00

General Appropriations.....	\$	179,846.77
Requisitions.....	\$	299.87
Repairs to State's Property.....		73.48
Insurance on State's Property.....		48.30
Registrars and Assistant Registrars....		12,215.00
Farmers' Institute.....		600.00
State Treasurer for Purchase of Text Books.....		500.00
State Treasurer for Bond.....		250.00