

The bill (H. B. No. 356) entitled

"An act to make a private road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county, a public road;"

The bill (H. B. No. 415) entitled

"An act to lay out a new public road across the dividing line between New Castle and Kent counties, near the Town of Clayton,"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the vote by which the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing a committee to investigate the tampering with House bill No. 358,"

Was adopted,

Was

Reconsidered.

Mr. Higgins offered an amendment to the joint resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins, the joint resolution as amended, was read,

And, on his further motion,

The joint resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Tindall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Chipman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 462) entitled

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

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

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

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Hickman, Rule 12 was suspended as to the bill (S. B. No. 92) entitled

"An act in relation to the Levy Court of Sussex county,"

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill (S. B. No. 118) entitled

"An act to provide for lighting the Town of Middletown,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill (S. B. No. 123) entitled

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle county to procure a new press and seal of office,"

Was read a first time.

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

"An act to prevent accidents at a certain railroad crossing,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Vital Statistics.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (S. B. No. 107) entitled

"An act to provide for the registration of voters in the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill (H. B. No. 453) entitled

“An act to amend an act to incorporate the West End Improvement Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Ridgely, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the bill (S. B. No. 122) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Kentmere Land Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Elkinton, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,
Passed the House.

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

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the duly and correctly enrolled House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution for the relief of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad Company,"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing a committee to investigate the tampering with House bill No. 358,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that Messrs. Houston and Pilling had been appointed, on the part of the Senate, members of the committee provided for in said joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the bill (S. B. No. 100) entitled

"An act to incorporate Pencader Construction Company;"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hickman, Morris, E. J., and Ridgely—3.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

SAME DAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, the bill (H. B. No. 376) entitled

"An act to aid the Laurel and Roaring Point Railroad Company to construct their road, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration.

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Thomas, West and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Rickards and Walton—2.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Eisenbrey moved that the vote by which the bill (H. B. No. 376) entitled

“An act to aid the Laurel and Roaring Point Railroad Company to construct their road, and for other purposes,”

Was lost, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House bill and joint resolution, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 278) entitled

“An act to incorporate Brandywine Commandery, No. 51, of the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta, of the State of Delaware;”

The House joint resolution entitled

“Joint resolution appointing a committee to investigate the tampering with House bill No. 358,”

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 287) entitled

“An act to provide for the payment of the mortgages held by the State against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company,”

Reported back a substitute for the bill, and recommended that the substitute be adopted, and that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the substitute was read for the information of the House.

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

“An act in relation to the taxation of investments,”

Was read for the information of the House.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Tindall, the bill (H. B. No. 378) entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of a janitor for the State House,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

"Amend Section 1 by striking out, in second line, 'first Tuesday in May' and inserting in lieu thereof 'first day of July.'"

"Amend Section 3 in line three by striking out the words 'four hundred and fifty dollars' and insert in lieu thereof 'three hundred dollars the year there is no session of the Legislature and five hundred dollars the year there is a session of the Legislature.'"

IN SENATE, May 6, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate."

And, on the further motion of Mr. Tindall,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 287) entitled

"An act to provide for the payment of the mortgages held by the State against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the substitute reported by the special committee, 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.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The substitute was

Adopted.

Mr. E. J. Morris moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Higgins, Morris, E. J., Smith, Thomas and Walton—9.

Nays—Messrs. Elkinton, Hickman, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, West and Mr. Speaker—10.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to postpone was

Lost.

On the further motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nay—Mr. Morris, E. J.—1.

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. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled

"An act to drain certain portions of the city of Wilmington;"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the duly and correctly enrolled House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing a committee to investigate the tampering with House bill No. 358,"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 454) entitled

"An act to provide tickets for the electors at the election to be held May 19, 1891, to decide for or against a constitutional convention,"

Reported the same back to the House with recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 454) entitled

"An act to provide tickets for the electors at the election to be held May 19, 1891, to decide for or against a constitutional convention,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Rickards, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 452) entitled

"An act incorporating the Irons Branch Canal Company,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Rickards, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 456) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Manufacturing Company,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 446) entitled

"An act to repeal and supply 'An act to authorize the School Committee of United School Districts Nos. 125 and 171, in Sussex county, to borrow money to build a schoolhouse, and for other purposes,'"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Walton moved that the vote by which the bill (S. B. No. 122) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Kentmere Land Company,"

Passed the House, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And further, on his motion, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 446) entitled

"An act to repeal and supply 'An act to authorize the committee of United School Districts Nos. 125 and 171, in Sussex county, to borrow money to build a schoolhouse, and for other purposes,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 446) entitled

“An act to repeal an act entitled ‘An act to authorize the School Committee of United School Districts Nos. 125 and 171, in Sussex county, to borrow money to build a schoolhouse, and for other purposes,’”

Reported back to the House a substitute for the same, and recommended the adoption of the substitute and the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 446) entitled

“An act to repeal an act entitled ‘An act to authorize the School Committee of United School Districts Nos. 125 and 171, in Sussex county, to borrow money to build a schoolhouse, and for other purposes,’”

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the substitute reported by the Committee on Education, was read,

And, on the further motion of Mr. E. J. Morris,

The substitute was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 457) entitled

“An act in relation to justices of the peace,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Jackson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Chipman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 463) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Real Estate and Investment Company,"

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (H. B. No. 439) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Improvement Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations was read, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 19 and 115, in Kent county, and to provide for building a schoolhouse, and for other purposes, passed at Dover, March 26, 1891,'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of Stevenson & Slaughter, against the State, for \$432.66,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of John G. Gray, against the State, for \$5.00,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Elkinton, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 422) entitled

"An act to reestablish the course of a public road in Mispillion hundred, Kent county;"

The bill (H. B. No. 448) entitled

"An act to enable the Levy Court of New Castle county to build a bridge over the Brandywine creek,"

Reported the same back to the House, with the recommendation that they pass.

On motion of Mr. Eisenbrey, the bill (H. B. No. 422) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 181, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title, and inserting the following in lieu thereof—

"An act to reestablish the course of a public road in Mispillion hundred, Kent county,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Eisenbrey

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 8, 1891, 10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 461) entitled

"An act in relation to legislation affecting the free schools of this State,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Hickman, on behalf of the Committee on Divorce, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 266) entitled

“An act to divorce Mary E. Webb and her husband;”

The bill (H. B. No. 222) entitled

“An act to divorce John H. Apel from his wife, Mary Apel;”

The bill (H. B. No. 103) entitled

“An act to divorce Birdie E. Crossley and William F. Crossley, her husband, from the bonds of matrimony;”

The bill (H. B. No. 136) entitled

“An act to divorce Anthony Kiss from his wife, Mary Kiss;”

The bill (H. B. No. 205) entitled

“An act to divorce John Barber from his wife, Ann Barber;”

The bill (H. B. No. 148) entitled

“An act to divorce Sarah C. Williams from her husband;”

The bill (H. B. No. 312) entitled

“An act to divorce Henry Stahman from Dorothea Elizabeth Stahman;”

The bill (H. B. No. 215) entitled

“An act to divorce William C. Bolton from his wife, Charlotte Louisa Bolton;”

The bill (H. B. No. 359) entitled

“An act to divorce Louisa Thompson from her husband, Obediah Thompson;”

The bill (H. B. No. 421) entitled

“An act to divorce Waitman Hopkins from his wife, Susan Hopkins;”

The bill (H. B. No. 425) entitled

"An act to divorce Wilhelmina E. Conroy from the bonds of matrimony;"

The bill (H. B. No. 167) entitled

"An act to divorce Melrose L. Mudge from his wife, Annie L. Mudge;"

The bill (H. B. No. 235) entitled

"An act to divorce Jacob Pusey from his wife, Jane R. Pusey,"

Reported the same back to the House, with the recommendation that they do not pass.

Mr. Jackson, on behalf of the Committee on Temperance, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 425) entitled

"An act to take the sense of the people on the question of granting a license to sell intoxicating liquors,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. West offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to adjournment *sine die*,"

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

And further, on his motion,

The joint resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Smith presented a resolution from the Board of Park Commissioners of Wilmington, requesting the General Assembly of the State to make no change in the provisions of the act creating the commission in relation to the opening of streets or roads through the park,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

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

"An act in relation to the consignees of fruit and other produce,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled
"An act to drain certain portions of the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill (S. B. No. 93) entitled
"An act in relation to the Levy Court of Kent county,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill (S. B. No. 118) entitled
"An act to provide for lighting the Town of Middletown,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (H. B. No. 463) entitled
"An act to incorporate the Delaware Real Estate and Investment Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

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

The bill (H. B. No. 340) entitled

"An act to revive, reënaçt and reëstablish an act passed by the General Assembly of this State, January 22, 1831, entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to enable the

owners and possessors of the marsh-meadow on the north side of Christiana river, called Brandywine Marsh, and a tract of meadow, marsh and cripple on the south side of the said river, called Holland's Creek Marsh, and also of a tract of marsh-meadow near Newport, called Conrad's Cripple, to keep the banks, dams and sluices in repair and raise a fund to defray the expense thereof, so far as the same relates to the said Holland's Creek Marsh;"

The bill (H. B. No. 449) entitled

"An act to lay out a new public road in Georgetown hundred, Sussex county;"

The bill (H. B. No. 451) entitled

"An act for the relief of the courts of this State;"

The bill (H. B. No. 418) entitled

"An act for the benefit of the estate of James Riddle, deceased;"

The bill (H. B. No. 260) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 472, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 120) entitled

"An act to provide for distributing the money appropriated to the State of Delaware by an act of Congress,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill (S. B. No. 123) entitled

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle county, to procure a new press and seal of office,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (S. B. No. 76) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1 of the act passed at Dover, April 13, 1887, entitled 'A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 120) entitled

"An act to provide for distributing the money appropriated to the State of Delaware by an act of Congress,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Cranston, the bill (H. B. No. 387) entitled

"An act in relation to underground wires in the city of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yea—Mr. Day—1.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Elkinton, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—13.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 425) entitled

"An act to take the sense of the people on the question of granting license to sell intoxicating liquors,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Ridgely moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed,

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Elkinton, Rickards, Ridgely, Tindall and Mr. Speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Smith, Thomas and Walton—9.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was

Lost.

On the further motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill under consideration was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Morris, R. R., Rickards and Ridgely—4.

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. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had directed him to request the return to the Senate of the bill (H. B. No. 433) entitled

"An act to incorporate the North Park Land Company."

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the Clerk was directed to return the bill as requested by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 461) entitled

"An act in relation to legislation affecting the free schools of this State,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Attix, the bill (S. B. No. 99) entitled

"An act to amend the charter of the Town of Smyrna,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Eisenbrey presented a petition relating to the division of Mill Creek hundred, in New Castle county,

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

Mr. Cranston presented a remonstrance against the division of Mill Creek hundred,

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

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 311) entitled

"An act to divide Mill Creek hundred into three election districts,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Eisenbrey, Hickman, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Elkinton, Higgins, Smith, Thomas and Walton—8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

SAME DAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. E. J. Morris offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to a reunion of the members of the General Assembly,"

Which, on motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, was read,

And further, on his motion,

The joint resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker announced as the committee on the part of the House, under the provisions of the aforesaid joint resolution, Messrs. E. J. Morris, Hutson and Higgins.

Mr. Day, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 464) entitled

"An act to encourage the propagation of bullfrogs in certain undiscoverable pools of Brandywine hundred,"

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

On motion of Mr. Day, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (H. B. No. 456) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Manufacturing Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations was read, as follows:

“Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

“An act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Concord Land and Improvement Company,’ ”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Day,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Ridgely, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (H. B. No. 113) entitled

“An act concerning peach yellows,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on the further motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill was recommit-
mitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the bill (H. B. No. 378) entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of a janitor for the State House,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Hutson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Hickman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 465) entitled

"An act to destroy sassafras sprouts,"

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

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

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 465) entitled

"An act to destroy sassafras sprouts,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, Rule 12 was suspended.

And, on his further motion, the bill (H. B. No. 465) entitled

"An act to destroy sassafras sprouts,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"An act to prevent tampering with legislative proceedings,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Higgins, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Cranston, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 466) entitled

"An act providing for the purity of the ballot,"

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

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

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the special committee to whom had been referred the matter of tampering with the bill (H. B. No. 358) entitled

"An act to amend Section 11, Chapter 188, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

Made a report, which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware—

Your joint committee appointed to investigate the tampering with House bill No. 358, would respectfully report,

That the bill has evidently been materially altered, and that alteration was made while the bill was in the custody of William H. Lee, between 12 o'clock, midnight, of Thursday, April 30,

1891, and 12 and 1 o'clock, noon, on Friday, May 1, 1891; and further that between those hours named the said William H. Lee went to Wilmington on the midnight train, and came back with the bill next morning, arriving in Dover between 12 and 1 o'clock noon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HUTSON,
T. B. SMITH,
H. J. HICKMAN,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hutson,

The report was *Adopted,*

And, on motion of Mr. Jackson, the committee was discharged.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 109) entitled

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex county to make a new index of deed records from 1830 to 1891, and also to make new index for mortgage records,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 457) entitled

"An act in relation to Justices of the Peace,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of Freeman & Weber, against the State, for \$7.50,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 457) entitled

“An act in relation to Justices of the Peace,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday next, May 11, at 10 A. M.

MONDAY, May 11, 1891, 10 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Day, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 462) entitled

“An act to authorize the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity to drain certain low lands,”

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 445) entitled

"An act in relation to collectors;"

The bill (H. B. No. 444) entitled

"An act in relation to assessors,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 260) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 472, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

The bill (H. B. No. 340) entitled

"An act to revive, reenact and reestablish 'An act passed by the General Assembly of the State, January 22, 1831, entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh-meadow on the north side of Christiana river, called Brandywine Marsh, and a tract of meadow, marsh and cripple on the south side of said river, called Holland's Creek Marsh, and also a tract of marsh-meadow, near Newport, called Conrad's Cripple, to keep the banks, dams and sluices in repair, and raise a fund to defray the expenses thereof, so far as the same relates to the Holland's Creek Marsh;'"

The bill (H. B. No. 418) entitled

"An act for the benefit of the estate of James Riddle, deceased;"

The bill (H. B. No. 423) entitled

"An act to enable George W. Jones to take up certain vacant lands in Gumboro hundred, Sussex county, Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 449) entitled

"An act to lay out a new public road in Georgetown hundred, Sussex county;"

The bill (H. B. No. 451) entitled

"An act for the relief of the Courts of this State,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to adjournment *sine die*,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to a reunion of the members of the General Assembly;"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that Messrs. Moore and McMullen had been appointed members, on the part of the Senate, of the joint committee provided for in said joint resolution.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled

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

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the bill (H. B. No. 287) 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,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, reported as duly and correctly enrolled, and having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate, the following Senate bills, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 95) entitled

"An act requiring the Levy Court of Sussex county to appropriate a certain annual sum to Cape Henlopen City for the purpose of maintaining its streets;"

The bill (S. B. No. 112) entitled

"An act to provide safe travel over certain highways in the City of Wilmington,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 267) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Minquadale Home;"

The bill (H. B. No. 443) entitled

"An act to legalize the issue of certain State bonds;"

The bill (H. B. No. 381) entitled

"An act to authorize the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company to construct a certain branch railroad;"

The bill (H. B. No. 278) entitled

"An act to incorporate Brandywine Commandery, No. 51, of the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta, of the State of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 386) entitled

"An act to further amend an act entitled 'An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the city of Wilmington,' passed at Dover, April 15, 1883,"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution to pay the treasurer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \$400,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

The bill (S. B. No. 113) entitled

"An act to amend 'An act entitled 'An act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity,'"

The bill (S. B. No. 128) entitled

"An act in relation to the Treasurer of the Poor of New Castle county;"

The bill (S. B. No. 88) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 29, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware;"

The bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, reported to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate, the following Senate bills, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 64) entitled

"An act for the relief of the taxables of Mifflin Ditch in Georgetown and Nanticoke hundreds, Sussex county;"

The bill (S. B. No. 101) entitled

"An act to authorize sales of trust property in certain cases, and for other purposes;"

The bill (S. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act in relation to Gilpin Avenue, in the City of Wilmington;"

The bill (S. B. No. 87) entitled

"An act relating to the publishing of the financial statement of the city of Wilmington;"

The bill (S. B. No. 86) entitled

"An act to authorize the fire department of the city of Wilmington to elect its chief engineer and assistants,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 463) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Real Estate and Investment Company,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of *The Sunday Star*, against the State, for \$16.80,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith presented the claim of *The Every Evening*, against the State, for \$19.38,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill (S. B. No. 113) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity,'"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (S. B. No. 88) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 29, Volume 17, Delaware Laws,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (S. B. No. 128) entitled

"An act in relation to the Treasurer of the Poor of New Castle county,"

Was read a first time.

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

"An act in relation to the consignees of fruit and other produce,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (H. B. No. 463) entitled
 "An act to incorporate the Delaware Real Estate and Investment Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Education was read, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

"An act to authorize consolidated districts Nos. 50 and 108, in Kent county, to use a surplus fund,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Jackson,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the Senate joint resolution entitled
 "Joint resolution for the relief of the State Library,"

Was read,

And further, on his motion,

The joint resolution was

Concurred in.

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

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the bill (H. B. No. 287) 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,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker:

Mr. E. J. Morris, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and on motion of Mr. Ridgely, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 467) entitled

"An act entitled 'A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 117 of the 13th Volume of the Laws of Delaware,' passed at Dover, March 27, 1871,"

Which, on motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, was read.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

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

SAME DAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill (H. B. No. 113) entitled

"An act concerning peach yellows,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

"Amend Section 1 of this act by striking out the words 'except Wilmington' between the words 'hundred' and 'three' in the second and third lines of said Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'in Kent and Sussex counties, except Duck Creek and Kenton hundreds in Kent county.'"

"Amend the bill by adding the following as a new section, as follows—

"SECTION 15. This act shall take effect from and after October 1, 1891, but shall not apply to New Castle county, nor to Duck Creek or Kenton hundreds in Kent county,""

IN SENATE, May 6, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate."

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled bill (H. B. No. 287) entitled

"An act to concerning the mortgages held by the State against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company respectively,"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Chipman offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution respecting the death of Hon. J. Turpin Moore,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion.

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following Senate bills, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 64) entitled

"An act for the relief of the taxables of Mifflin ditch in Georgetown and Nanticoke hundreds;"

The bill (S. B. No. 86) entitled

"An act to authorize the Fire Department of the City of Wilmington to elect its chief engineer and assistants;"

The bill (S. B. No. 87) entitled

"An act relating to the publishing of the financial statement of the City of Wilmington;"

The bill (S. B. No. 95) entitled

"An act requiring the Levy Court of Sussex county to appropriate a certain annual sum to Cape Henlopen City for the purpose of maintaining its streets;"

The bill (S. B. No. 101) entitled

"An act to authorize sales of trust property in certain cases, and for other purposes;"

The bill (S. B. No. 112) entitled

"An act to provide safe travel over certain highways in the city of Wilmington;"

The bill (S. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act in relation to Gilpin Avenue, in the City of Wilmington;"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Rickards, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 122) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Kentmere Land Company,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled

“An act to drain certain portions of the city of Wilmington,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Day, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Thomas, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 468) entitled

“An act in relation to trust estates,”

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

On motion of Mr. Day, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (H. B. No. 445) entitled

“An act in relation to collectors,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (H. B. No. 444) entitled

"An act in relation to assessors,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution respecting the death of Hon. J. Turpin Moore,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House joint resolutions, viz:

"Joint resolution in relation to a reunion of the members of the General Assembly;"

"Joint resolution in relation to adjournment *sine die*,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Hickman, the bill (H. B. No. 452) entitled

"An act incorporating the Irons Branch Canal Company."

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Day, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Higgins, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Walton, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 469) entitled

“An act in relation to the title of certain marsh lands in the city of Wilmington,”

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

On motion of Mr. Higgins, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 468) entitled

“An act in relation to trust estates,”

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 96) entitled

“An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this State,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 371) entitled

"An act fixing the compensation of members of the General Assembly,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 123) entitled

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle county to procure a new press and seal of office,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 162) entitled

"An act to protect persons doing business with bond, investment, or coöperative financial companies in this State,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 437) entitled

"An act to establish an electric plant in the Town of Dover, or for other purposes,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Higgins, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 469) entitled

"An act in relation to the title of certain marsh lands in the city of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Higgins, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 466) entitled

"An act providing for the purity of the ballot,"

Reported the same back with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, Rule 12 was suspended,

And, on his further motion, the bill (H. B. No. 468) entitled

"An act in relation to trust estates,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

" 'An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend Section 11, Chapter 188, Volume 18, of the Laws of Delaware,' "

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Day, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, Rule 12 was suspended,

And further, on his motion, the bill (H. B. 469) entitled

"An act in relation to the title of certain marsh lands in the city of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Federal Relations, was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out its title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"An act relating to public streets and highways,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Day, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, Rule 12 was suspended,

And, on his further motion, the bill (H. B. No. 466) entitled

"An act providing for the purity of the ballot,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Federal Relations was read, as follows:

“Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

“ ‘An act providing maintenance for the Adjutant General’s office, and making further provision for certain militia companies,’ ”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Day, Eisenbrey, Higgins, Hutson, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hickman, Jackson, Morris, R. R., and Rickards—4.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the bill (S. B. No. 122) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Kentmere Land Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations was read, as follows:

“Amend the bill by inserting after the word ‘estate’ in the fourteenth line of Section 1, the following: ‘which may be owned or acquired by said corporation,’ ”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Walton,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Day, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Higgins, Jackson, Rickards, Smith, Thomas and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, R. R., Ridgely and Walton—3.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required constitutional majority,

Was

Lost.

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

On motion, the House adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, May 12, 1891, 9 o'clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Higgins, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 131) entitled

“An act to repeal Chapter 75, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, in relation to School District No. 173, in Sussex county,”

Reported the same back, with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Chipman presented the following claims against the State, viz:

C. H. Sentman, \$8.00,

Clark & McDaniel, \$30.76,

Which, on motion of Mr. Chipman, were read,

And further, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (S. B. No. 128) entitled

“An act in relation to the Treasurer of the Poor of New Castle county,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (S. B. No. 88) entitled
 "An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 29, Volume 17, Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Crimes and Punishments.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill (S. B. No. 123) entitled

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle county, to procure a new press and seal of office,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Hickman, the bill (H. B. No. 131) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 75, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware, in relation to School District No. 173, in Sussex county,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tindall, the bill (H. B. No. 462) entitled

"An act to authorize the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity to drain certain lowlands,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"'An act to amend Chapter 444, of Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Tindall,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Elkinton, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Thomas, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 470) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Brandywine Cement Company,"

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

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of *The State Sentinel*, against the State, for \$14.80,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Walton, the vote by which the bill (S. B. No. 122) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Kentmere Land Company,"

Was lost, was

Reconsidered.

The bill being now on its final passage,

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the vote by which the bill (H. B. No. 466) entitled

"An act providing maintenance for the Adjutant General's office, and making further provision for certain militia companies,"

Passed the House, was

Reconsidered.

On motion, the House adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

SAME DAY, 7 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of *The Sussex Journal*, against the State, for \$14.60,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of C. W. Kenney, against the State, for \$34.60,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. R. R. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 376) entitled

"An act to aid the Laurel and Roaring Point Railroad Company to construct their road, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith and Thomas—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hickman and Jackson—2.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Rickards, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 459) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wawaset Land Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 460) entitled

"An act in relation to divorce,"

Reported the same back, with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. West, on behalf of the Committee on Crimes and Punishments, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

On motion of Mr. West, Rule 12 was suspended,

And further, on his motion, the bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely and Mr. Speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Higgins, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Smith and Thomas—7.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required majority,

Was *Lost.*

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

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (H. B. No. 459) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Wawaset Land Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations, was read,

And, on the further motion of Mr. Day,

The amendment was *Adopted.*

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, West and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Day and Ridgely—2.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required constitutional majority,

Was *Lost.*

The Speaker presented sundry communications, which, on motion of Mr. Higgins, were read, as follows:

THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAIL-
ROAD COMPANY,

PHILADELPHIA, May 12, 1891.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed please find certified copy of action had at a meeting of the board of directors of this company, held this day, accepting the provisions of an act concerning the mortgages held by the State of Delaware against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company respectively, which please submit to your honorable body for their information.

Yours very truly,

J. C. SIMS,
Secretary.

HON. W. L. SIRMAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Delaware.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12, 1891.

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find certified copy of action had at a meeting of the board of directors of this company, held this day, accepting the provisions of an act concerning the mortgages held by the State of Delaware against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company respectively, which please submit to your honorable body for their information.

Yours, very truly,

ROBERT H. GROFF,
Secretary.

HON. W. L. SIRMAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Delaware.

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy from the minutes of action had at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, held at the office of the company, in the City of Philadelphia, on the 12th day of May, 1891, namely—

The President presented a duly certified copy of an Act of Assembly of the State of Delaware, 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,"

And, after the same had been read and its provisions duly considered by the board, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company hereby declares its acceptance of the provisions of the said act, and its assumption of the obligations thereby imposed, and that it expressly undertakes and agrees (as and by way of a loan and advance by it to the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company), to pay to the State Treasurer of Delaware, for the use of the said State, on the first day of July, 1891, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and on the first day of November, 1891, the further sum of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars, towards and on account of the principal sum of four hundred thousand dollars, secured by the mortgage held by the said State against the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company, and that it will also pay to the said State Treasurer on the first day of July, 1891, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, being the six months interest, which will then have accrued on the said mortgage, and the mortgage for two hundred thousand dollars held by the said State against the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, and that it will also, on the first day of November, 1891, pay to the State Treasurer the further sum of seven thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, being the four months interest, at the rate of four per centum, which will then have accrued on both said mortgages, being the payments prescribed by Section 1 of the said act, and now so agreed to be made, subject to and in accordance with the several stipulations and conditions thereof.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary cause to be made three duly attested copies of these resolutions, and that he transmit one to the Speaker of the Delaware Senate, one to the Speaker of the Delaware House of Representatives, and the other to the Secretary of State of Delaware, to be filed in the Executive Department.

Attest :

J. C. SIMS,
Secretary.

[Seal of the
Corporation.]

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy from the minutes of action had at a meeting of the board of directors of the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad Company, held at the office of the company, in the City of Philadelphia, on the twelfth day of May, 1891, viz:

The President submitted aduly certified copy of an act of Assembly of the State of Delaware, entitled

"An act concerning the mortgages held by the State against the Junction & Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater & Frankford Railroad Company respectively,"

And after the same had been read and its provisions duly considered by the board, the following resolutions were, on motion, adopted—

Resolved, That the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad Company hereby declares its acceptance of the provisions of the said act, and its assumption of the obligations thereby imposed, in accordance with the conditions and stipulations of said act.

Resolved further, That the Secretary cause to be made three duly attested copies of these resolutions, and that he transmit one to the Speaker of the Delaware Senate, one to the Speaker of the Delaware House of Representatives, and the other to the Secretary of the State of Delaware, to be filed in the Executive Department.

Attest :

ROBERT H. GROFF,

[Seal of the
Corporation.]

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the communications were accepted, and ordered to be spread on the Journal.

Mr. Cranston, on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 455) entitled

"An act amendatory to the charter of the city of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Cranston, the House bill entitled

“An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans’ Court of New Castle county to make a copy of a certain index,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On the further motion of Mr. Cranston, the further consideration of the bill

Was

Indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o’clock.

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1891, 9 o’clock A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Walton, on behalf of the Committee on Vital Statistics, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 116) entitled

“An act to prevent accidents at a certain railroad crossing,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of *The Sussex Republican*, against the State, for \$16.70,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chipman offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to an enrolling clerk,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And further, on his motion, the joint resolution was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes, with a request that the committee report before 3 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Mr. Hickman, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. West, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 471) entitled

"An act providing for the incorporation of railroads and navigation companies,"

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

On motion of Mr. Hickman, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Tindall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Chipman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 472) entitled

"An act to amend the game laws so as to prevent shooting wild ducks in the night time,"

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

On motion of Mr. Tindall, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (H. B. No. 460) entitled

"An act in relation to divorce,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations, was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title, and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"'An act to incorporate the Brandywine Investment Company,'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Day,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Day, the vote by which the bill (H. B. No. 459) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wawaset Land Company,"

Was lost, was reconsidered.

The bill being then on its final passage,

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 107) entitled

"An act to provide for the registration of voters in the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House, with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 105) entitled

"An act providing for the registration of voters,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 107) entitled

"An act to provide for the registration of voters in the City of Wilmington;"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes, was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out in lines seventy-four and seventy-five, in Section 4. of the printed bill, the words following: 'or upon the day of election next succeeding such day of registration or revision of registration;' and also, by striking out in lines eighty, eighty-one and eighty-two of said Section 4 the words following: 'and such new entry, if made on the day of election, shall have the same force and effect as if the same were made on any day of registration.'

"Amend further by striking out, in lines twenty and twenty-one of Section 5 of the printed bill, the words: 'or State.'

"Amend further by striking out, in lines three, four, five and six, of Section 14 of the printed bill, the words following: 'who shall be assigned such position immediately adjoining the inspector of election and upon the inside of the window as will enable him to see each person as he offers to register or to vote, and.'

"Amend further by striking out in lines 2 and 3 of Section 31 of the printed bill, the words following: 'to have or keep any ballots behind the boxes or within the polling place,' and also, by striking out in line 4 of said section the words, 'them or;' and amend further, by striking out in line 5 of said section the words following: 'distribute tickets or ballots.'

"Amend further by adding, after the word 'appear' in line 52 of Section 4 of the printed bill, the words following: 'Provided, that if any applicant, required by law to be naturalized, shall for any cause be unable to present his naturalization papers, he shall, upon satisfactory proof of his naturalization, be admitted to register and to vote.'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendments were

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 this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Rickards presented the claim of *The Milford Chronicle*, against the State, for \$21.45,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

The bill (H. B. No. 436) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Assau Baines Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 404) entitled

"An act to incorporate the West Wilmington Land Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 447) entitled

"An act to incorporate The Publishers' Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 454) entitled

"An act to provide tickets for the electors at the election to be held May 19, 1891, to decide for or against a constitutional convention;"

The bill (H. B. No. 429) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Exhibition Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 385) entitled

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional constable for Georgetown hundred, in Sussex county, State of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 382) entitled

"An act for the protection of the owners of stallions;"

The bill (H. B. No. 458) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Dairy Protective Association of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 403) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Hotel Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 419) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Newport Land and Investment Company;"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, 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, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 67) entitled

"An act regulating assignments for the benefit of creditors;"

The bill (S. B. No. 80) entitled

"An act to establish and maintain a college for the education of colored students in agriculture and the mechanic arts;"

The bill (S. B. No. 124) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 88, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the following House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 236) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to construct a drawbridge over Murderkill river and to lay out a new road;"

The bill (H. B. No. 373) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Town of Georgetown,' passed at Dover, March 2, 1869,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Eisenbrey, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Rickards, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 473) entitled

"An act in relation to catching oysters,"

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

On motion of Mr. Eisenbrey, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ridgely, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Chipman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 474) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to divide East Dover hundred into two election districts,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1885,"

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of J. L. Ford, against the State, for \$2.50,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Higgins offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing commissioners of transportation for the State of Delaware,"

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

And, on his further motion.

The joint resolution was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 348) entitled

"An act for the protection of game in Assawaman bay,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

"Amend by striking out the word 'one' in line 12 in Section 1 and insert the word 'five' in lieu thereof."

IN SENATE, April 30, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,
Clerk of the Senate."

And, on the further motion of Mr. E. J. Morris,

The amendment was *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Higgins, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Day, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 475) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide employment at hard labor for certain classes of persons in New Castle County Jail, passed at Dover, March 26, 1891,'"

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

On motion of Mr. Higgins, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 470) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Brandywine Cement Company,”

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (S. B. No. 124) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 88, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (S. B. No. 80) entitled

“An act to establish and maintain a college for the education of colored students in agriculture and the mechanic arts,”

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Cranson, on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 440) entitled

"An act for the improvement of roads,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 373) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Georgetown, passed at Dover, March 2, 1869,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out of the lines thirty-seven and thirty-eight of Section 1 thereof the following words, to wit: 'for the state, county, and.'"

IN SENATE, May 11, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate."

And, on the further motion of Mr. E. J. Morris,

The amendment was *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill (S. B. No. 67) entitled

"An act regulating assignments for the benefit of creditors,"

Was read a first time,

And, on motion of Mr. Rickards, further consideration of the bill was

Indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (H. B. No. 236) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to construct a drawbridge over Murderkill river, and to lay out a new road,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill as follows:

"Amend the title by striking out the word 'drawbridge' in lines two and three thereof and insert in lieu thereof the words 'pivot bridge.'

"Amend Section 1 by striking out the word 'drawbridge' in lines six, nineteen, and twenty-three, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'pivot bridge.'

"Amend Section 2 by striking out the word 'drawbridge' in line fourteen thereof and insert in lieu the words 'pivot bridge.'

"Further amend Section 2 by striking out the words, in lines four and five, 'draw taken off,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'bridge opened for passage,' and to strike out the words, in line five, 'draw put on,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'bridge closed,' and strike out the words 'draw put on,' in line ten of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'bridge closed.'

"Amend Section 3 by striking out the word 'drawbridge' in line seven thereof and insert in lieu the words 'pivot bridge.'

"Amend the bill further by striking out the word 'drawbridge' in line ten of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'pivot bridge.' Also strike out the word 'drawbridge,' in line twenty-three, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'pivot bridge.'

"Further amend the bill by adding thereto the following section:

"SECTION 9. If the said pivot bridge, hereinbefore provided, shall be located and built across the river opposite John W. Hall's pine grove, the new road on the Milford Neck side of said bridge shall be run through lands of John Sipple, along the division line of his land and the lands of John W. Hall, and the

new road on the Murderkill Neck side of the said bridge shall run through lands of John W. Hall, between the fence that now encloses the arable land and the marsh of said lands of John W. Hall.' "

IN SENATE, May 11, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,"

And further, on motion of Mr. Jackson,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

SAME DAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 105) entitled

"An act providing for the registration of voters,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the bill (S. B. No. 122) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Kentmere Land Company."

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and asked the concurrence of the House in the bill (S. B. No. 130) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the taxables of Mifflin Ditch in Georgetown and Nanticoke hundreds, Sussex county,'"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the bill (H. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act to provide free text books for the free schools of the State,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Tindall, the bill (S. B. No. 130) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the taxables of Mifflin ditch in Georgetown and Nanticoke hundreds, Sussex County,'"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Tindall, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Elkinton, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and

Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 475) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide employment at hard labor for certain classes of persons in New Castle County Jail,' passed at Dover, March 26, 1891;"

The bill (H. B. No. 472) entitled

"An act to amend the game laws so as to prevent shooting wild ducks in the night time,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Ridgely, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 357) entitled

"An act in relation to sewers and drains,"

Reported the same back, with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Ridgely, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 118) entitled

"An act to provide for lighting the Town of Middletown;"

The bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled

"An act to drain certain portions of the city of Wilmington;"

The bill (S. B. No. 113) entitled

"An act to amend 'An act entitled 'An act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity,'"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Ridgely offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to paying the Clerks of the Peace for distributing the tickets for the constitutional convention election,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Ridgely was read,

And further, on his motion,

The joint resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Chipman, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 119) entitled

"An act in relation to the consignees of fruit and other products,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 346) entitled

"An act in relation to the taxation of investments,"

Reported the same back, with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

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

"An act in relation to the taxation of investments,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendments reported by the Committee on Revised Statutes were read,

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendments were

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 this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Hickman, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Smith and Thomas—8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on World's Columbian Exposition, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 410) entitled

"An act to provide for the collection, arrangement and display of the products of the State of Delaware at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and make an appropriation therefor,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 410) entitled

"An act to provide for the collection, arrangement and display of the products of the State of Delaware at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and make an appropriation therefor,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were read and adopted,

Section 7 having been read, pending its adoption,

Mr. Eisenbrey moved to amend the section by striking out the words "\$25,000" and inserting the words "\$10,000" in lieu thereof,

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Tindall and West—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Elkinton, Higgins and Hutson—5.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed.

The section, as amended, was then adopted.

The question recurring on the final passage of bill,

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 471) entitled

"An act providing for the incorporation of railroads and navigation companies;"

The bill (H. B. No. 398) entitled

"An act in relation to the office of Secretary of State,"

Reported the same back with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 467) entitled

"An act entitled 'A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 117 of the 13th Volume of the Laws of Delaware,' passed at Dover, March 27, 1871;'"

The bill (H. B. No. 474) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to divide East Dover hundred into two election districts,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1885,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 128) entitled

"An act in relation to the Treasurer of the Poor of New Castle county;"

The bill (S. B. No. 88) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 29, Volume 17, Delaware Laws;"

The bill (S. B. No. 93) entitled

"An act in relation to the Levy Court of Kent county;"

The bill (S. B. No. 92) entitled

"An act in relation to the Levy Court of Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to an Enrolling Clerk,"

Reported to the House a bill (H. B. No. 476) entitled "An act in relation to an Enrolling Clerk for the General Assembly," in lieu of the said joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill was read.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act to provide free text books for the free schools of this State,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the figures '\$300' in line 1 of Section 6, and inserting in lieu thereof the figures '\$500.'

"Amend the bill by adding the following sections:

"SECTION 16. That on and after the passage of this act the annual school meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of June in each and every year, instead of the first Saturday of April, as now provided by law, and all school commissioners, clerks, directors or trustees now in office shall continue in office until the last Saturday in June, A. D. 1892, when vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as they now are at the annual meeting.

"SECTION 17. The time for assessing and levying taxes for any purpose in each school district, or consolidated or incorporated district or districts in this State, shall hereafter be in the month of July, in each and every year, commencing in July, 1892. The time for the execution and delivery of the collector's warrant, with a duplicate of the uncollected assessment list, shall

be on the tenth day of August, in each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, commencing, as aforesaid, on the tenth day of August, A. D. 1892. Between the determining of the rate and the tenth day of August, in each year as aforesaid, each taxable shall have the privilege of paying the amount of tax assessed against him, less the abatement as now provided for by law.

"SECTION 18. That on and after the year 1891 the annual settlement to be made with the school committees by the Auditor of Accounts shall be between the first day of September and the first day of December in each year, due notice of the time of settlement to be given by said Auditor.

"SECTION 19. That the terms of the present County Superintendents shall be extended until the second Tuesday in July, A. D. 1892, and thereafter their successors in office shall be appointed for the term of one year, commencing on the second Tuesday in July, A. D. 1892.

IN SENATE, May 13, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. E. J. Morris,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Rule 12 was suspended,

And further, on his motion, the bill (H. B. No. 474) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to divide East Dover hundred into two election districts,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cranston, the bill (H. B. No. 357) entitled
“An act in relation to sewers and drains,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendments proposed by the Committee on Municipal Corporations were read.

On the further motion of Mr. Cranston,

The amendments were

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 this bill pass the House?”

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Smith, Thomas, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. R. R. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 398) entitled

“An act in relation to the office of Secretary of State,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hutson moved to amend the bill by striking out the words “five hundred” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “two hundred and fifty.”

Mr. Higgins moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words “two hundred and fifty” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “five hundred.”

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Day, Elkinton, Higgins, Hutson, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Tindall and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Thomas, Walton and West—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment to the amendment was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendment, as amended, was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill, as amended, was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Elkinton, Higgins, Hutson, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Tindall and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Thomas, Walton and West—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the vote by which the bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

Was lost, was reconsidered.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 476) entitled

"An act in relation to an Enrolling Clerk to the General Assembly,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, Rule 12 was suspended.

And further, on his motion, the bill (H. B. No. 476) entitled

"An act in relation to an Enrolling Clerk to the General Assembly,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Marvel and West—2.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ridgely, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Chipman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 477) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 68 of the Revised Code, as amended,”

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Elkinton, the bill (H. B. No. 470) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Brandywine Cement Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Education was read, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out its title and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

“An act for the relief of School District No. 101, in New Castle county,”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Elkinton,

The amendment was *Adopted,*

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. E. J. Morris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 80) entitled

"An act to establish and maintain a college for the education of colored students in agriculture and the mechanic arts,"

Reported the same back to the House with recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Tindall, Rule 12 was suspended,

And, on his further motion, the bill (H. B. No. 472) entitled

"An act to amend the game laws so as to prevent shooting wild ducks in the night time,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands was read, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out its title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"An act authorizing the laying out of a new public road in Nanticoke and Dagsboro hundreds, in Sussex county,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Tindall,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 14, 1891, 9 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House bills and joint resolution, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 113) entitled

“An act concerning peach yellows;”

The bill (H. B. No. 348) entitled

“An act for the protection of game in Assawaman bay;”

The bill (H. B. No. 382) entitled

“An act for the protection of the owners of stallions;”

The bill (H. B. No. 385) entitled

“An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional constable in Georgetown hundred, Sussex county;”

The bill (H. B. No. 429) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Exhibition Company;”

The bill (H. B. No. 447) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Publishers' Company;”

The bill (H. B. No. 454) entitled

"An act to provide tickets for the electors at the election to be held May 19, 1891, to decide for or against a constitutional convention;"

The bill (H. B. No. 404) entitled

"An act to incorporate the West Wilmington Land Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 458) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Dairy Protective Association of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 436) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Assau Baines Company;"

The House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution respecting the death of Hon. J. Turpin Moore,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Smith presented the claim of *The Sunday Republic*, against the State, for \$20.90,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. E. J. Morris presented the claim of P. L. Cooper, Jr. against the State, for \$150.00,

Which, on motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, was read,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. E. J. Morris presented the claim of R. H. Van Dyke for \$4.00,

Which, on motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, was read,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith presented a remonstrance from sundry citizens of Wilmington against the passage of Senate bill No. 117, in relation to the condemnation of Silver Brook,

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

Mr. E. J. Morris offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in regard to printing the school bill known as the Free Text Book Bill,"

Which, on motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, was read,

And further, on his motion,

The joint resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill (H. B. No. 475) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide employment at hard labor for certain classes of persons in New Castle County Jail,' passed at Dover, March 26, 1891,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the bill (H. B. No. 466) entitled

"An act providing for the purity of the ballot,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Federal Relations was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

“ ‘An act providing maintenance for the Adjutant General’s office, and making further provision for certain militia companies,’ ”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The amendment was

Adopted.

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Hutson, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Hickman, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R.—5.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Cranston moved that the vote by which the bill (H. B. No. 455) entitled

“ ‘An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans’ Court of New Castle county to make a copy of a certain index,’ ”

Was indefinitely postponed, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On the further motion of Mr. Cranston, the bill was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled

"An act to drain certain portions of the city of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, the House took a recess for ten minutes for the purpose of hearing argument for and against the passage of the bill.

At the expiration of the recess, the House resumed its session.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill under consideration being the bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled

"An act to drain certain portions of the city of Wilmington,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Ridgely, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Higgins, Hutson, Morris, E. J., and Smith—7.

So the question was decided in the negative.

And the bill, having failed to receive the required constitutional majority,

Was

Last.

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

Mr. Ridgely, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 85) entitled

"An act relating to borrowing \$500,000 by Wilmington,"

Reported back to the House a substitute for the same, and recommended the adoption of the substitute and the passage of the bill.

Mr. Ridgely, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 61) entitled

"An act providing for the weekly payment of wages by corporations,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 93) entitled

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

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

"An act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow \$500,000 for the purpose of improving the streets of said city,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the substitute reported by the Committee on Municipal Corporations, being a bill entitled

“An act to authorize the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to borrow a certain sum of money for the improvement of streets and avenues in the city of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Was read,

And, on the further motion of Mr. Smith,

The substitute was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill under consideration was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 92) entitled

“An act in relation to the Levy Court of Sussex county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Hickman, the bill (H. B. No. 471) entitled

"An act providing for the incorporation of railroads and navigation companies,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"A supplement to Chapter 54, of Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,""

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hickman,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (S. B. No. 46) entitled

"An act for the more efficient protection against crime,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Eisenbrey, Hickman, Hutson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Elkinton, Higgins Morris, E. J., Smith, Thomas and Walton—8.

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. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in a bill (S. B. No. 132) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 609, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the bill (H. B. No. 455) entitled

"An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of New Castle county to make a copy of a certain index,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and asked the concurrence of the House in a bill (S. B. No. 133) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 25, Revised Code,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, with amendments, the following House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 465) entitled

"An act to prevent tampering with legislative proceedings;"

The bill (H. B. No. 166) entitled

"An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled "An act to repeal and supply Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 423, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House, with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

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

The bill (H. B. No. 413) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Pepper's Creek Ditch Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 408) entitled

"An act for the advancement of popular education;"

The bill (H. B. No. 444) entitled

"An act in relation to assessors;"

The bill (H. B. No. 445) entitled

"An act in relation to collectors,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the bill (S. B. No. 20) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate joint resolutions, viz:

“Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to collect the rent of and make necessary repairs to certain property belonging to the State, and collect interest due the State from Sussex county,”

“Joint resolution in relation to Essie Cathcart, an idiot,”

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 449) entitled

“An act to lay out a new public road in Georgetown hundred, Sussex county;”

The bill (H. B. No. 418) entitled

“An act for the benefit of the estate of James Riddle, deceased;”

The bill (H. B. No. 423) entitled

“An act to enable George W. Jones to take up certain vacant lands in Gumboro hundred, Sussex county, Delaware;”

The bill (H. B. No. 340) entitled

“An act to revive, reënaçt and reëstablish an act passed by the General Assembly of this State, January 22, 1831, entitled ‘A further supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh-meadow on the north side of Christiana river, called Brandywine Marsh, and a tract of meadow, marsh and cripple on the south side of the said river, called Holland’s Creek Marsh, and also of a tract of marsh-meadow near Newport, called Conrad’s Cripple, to keep the banks, dams and sluices in repair and raise a fund to defray the expense thereof, so far as the same relates to the said Holland’s Creek Marsh;’”

The bill (H. B. No. 378) entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of a janitor for the State House,"

The bill (H. B. No. 260) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 472, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 451) entitled

"An act for the relief of the Courts of this State;"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, reported to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate, the following Senate bills and joint resolution, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 99) entitled

"An act to amend the charter of the Town of Smyrna;"

The bill (S. B. No. 120) entitled

"An act to provide for distributing the moneys appropriated to the State of Delaware by an act of Congress;"

The bill (S. B. No. 76) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1 of the act passed at Dover, April 13, 1887, entitled 'A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company;'"

The bill (S. B. No. 100) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Pencader Construction Company,"

The Senate joint resolution entitled

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

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (H. B. No. 448) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Brandywine Investment Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title, and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"'An act to enable the Levy Court of New Castle county to build a bridge over the Brandywine creek,'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Day,

The amendment was *Adopted,*

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill (S. B. No. 118) entitled

"An act to provide for lighting the Town of Middletown,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (S. B. No. 88) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 29, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Cranston, the bill (S. B. No. 61) entitled

"An act providing for the weekly payment of wages by corporations,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes, was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by adding at the end of Section 1 thereof the following words, viz—

"And provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to or affect any corporation whose employees are located at or passing between different points or places in the pursuit of their employment,""

On the further motion of Mr. Cranston,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—None.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—16.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required majority,

Was

Lost.

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

Mr. West, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Hickman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 478) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Sussex county to appropriate eighteen hundred dollars for certain roads in Sussex county,"

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

On motion of Mr. West, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

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

SAME DAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the bill (S. B. No. 76) entitled

"An act to amend Section 1 of the act passed at Dover, April 13, 1887, entitled 'A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,'"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Day presented abstracts of accounts from The Wilmington and Philadelphia Turnpike Company and The Wilmington and Kennett Turnpike Company,

Which, on motion of Mr. Day, were read, as follows:

To the General Assembly of the State of Delaware:

The President and Managers of "The Wilmington and Philadelphia Turnpike Company," in compliance with the terms of their charter, granted by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, beg leave to lay before your honorable body an abstract of their accounts for the three years preceding January, A. D. 1891.

Amount of capital stock, 1,200 shares.

Amount paid in on each share,	\$	25	00
Amount expended in completing said road,		34,986	55

1888.

Receipts for the year from tolls, &c.,	\$	1,955	15
Expenditures for the year,		1,278	89
Profits paid out in dividends,		720	00

1889.

Receipts for the year from tolls,	\$	2,789.90
Expenditures for the year,		1,552 52
Profits paid out in dividends,		960 00

1890.

Receipts for the year from tolls,	\$ 2,353 67
Expenditures for the year,	1,258 80
Profits paid out in dividends,	960 00

As shown in the foregoing abstract, the net profits of the company on its paid-in capital has averaged about three (3) per cent. per annum, which amount has been paid out to the stockholders.

This abstract of accounts is respectfully submitted in compliance with Section 17, Chapter 239 of Volume 4, Laws of Delaware.

WILLIAM CANBY, *President.*

Attest:

GEORGE A. ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

[Seal of the
Corporation.]

To the General Assembly of the State of Delaware:

The President and Managers of the Wilmington and Kennett Turnpike Company, in compliance with the terms of their charter, granted by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, beg leave to lay before your honorable body an abstract of their accounts for the ten years preceding January, A. D. 1891:

Amount of capital stock	\$30,000 00
Amount paid in on each share	25 00
Amount expended in completing said road	30,000 00
Receipts for the year 1881 from tolls, &c.	\$ 2,558 84
Expenses for the year 1881	1,958 84
Profits paid out in dividends	600 00

1882.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 2,770 33
Expenditures for the year	2,470 33
Profits paid out in dividends	300 00

1883.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 2,946 35
Expenditures for the year	2,046 35
Profits paid out in dividends	900 00

1079

1884.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 2,604 29
Expenditures for the year	2,244 29
Profits paid out in dividends	360 00

1885.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 3,162 05
Expenditures for the year	2,562 05
Profits paid out in dividends	600 00

1886.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 2,641 38
Expenditures for the year	2,041 38
Profits paid out in dividends	600 00

1887.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 3,538 29
Expenditures for the year	2,338 29
Profits paid out in dividends	1,200 00

1888.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 3,798 01
Expenditures for the year	2,598 01
Profits paid out in dividends	1,200 00

1889.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 3,675 02
Expenditures for the year	3,075 02
Profits paid out in dividends	600 00

1890.

Receipts from tolls for the year	\$ 3,775 40
Expenses for the year	2,503 50
Profits paid out in dividends	300 00
Balance due to the company	971 90

As shown in the foregoing abstract, the net profits of the company on its paid-in capital have averaged about two-and-a-quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) per cent. per annum, which amount has been paid out to the stockholders. This abstract of accounts is respectfully

submitted in compliance with Section 17, Chapter 335, of Volume 4, Laws of Delaware.

WILLIAM CANBY, *President*.

Attest :

J. POULSON CHANDLER, *Secretary*.

[Seal of the
Corporation.]

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

"An act in relation to the consignees of fruit and other products,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (S. B. No. 128) entitled

"An act in relation to the Treasurer of the Poor of New Castle county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. West, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Hickman, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 479) entitled

"An act to facilitate the practical elucidation of esoteric incomprehensibilities,"

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

On motion of Mr. West, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (S. B. No. 133) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Code,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (S. B. No. 132) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 669, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Hickman, the bill (H. B. No. 166) entitled
 "An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled 'An act to repeal and supply Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

"Amend Section 1 by striking out the word and figure 'Section 3' between 'to wit' in the eighth line and the word 'that' in the ninth line thereof,"

And further, on motion of Mr. Hickman,

The amendment was *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, the vote by which the bill (S. B. No. 117) entitled

"An act to drain certain portions of the city of Wilmington,"

Was lost, was *Reconsidered.*

Mr. Chipman moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow,

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Ridgely, Tindall, and West—8.

Nays—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Walton and Mr. Speaker—9.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion, having failed to receive the required majority,
Was *Lost.*

The bill being now on its final passage,

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Hickman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Ridgely, Tindall and West—8.

Nays—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Higgins, Hutson, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Smith, Thomas and Walton—9.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required majority,

Was *Lost.*

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

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and asked the concurrence of the House in the bill (S. B. No. 134) entitled

"An act dividing Brandywine Hundred West Election District into two election districts,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (S. B. No. 134) entitled

"An act dividing Brandywine Hundred West Election District into two election districts,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ridgely, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Marvel, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 480) entitled

“An act in relation to dower,”

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 113) entitled

“An act to amend ‘An act entitled ‘An act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Ridgely, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nay—Mr. Chipman—1.

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. Hutson presented the claim of Robert H. Van Dyke, against the State, for \$5.00,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of *The Journal Printing Company* for \$20.51,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of J. Alexander Fulton, for \$195.00,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Ridgely presented a claim of J. D. Deane of \$557.64 for newspapers,

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

And further, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (H. B. No. 467) entitled

“An act entitled ‘A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 117 of the 13th Volume of the Laws of Delaware,’ passed at Dover, March 27, 1871,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Hutson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Tindall and Mr. Speaker—6

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Eisenbrey, Jackson, Morris, R. R., and West—5.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Eisenbrey, the bill (H. B. No. 371) entitled "An act fixing the compensation of members of the General Assembly,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Morris, E. J., Rickards and Smith—10.

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Ridgely, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—10.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required majority,

Was *Lost.*

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 124) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 88, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 477) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 68 of the Revised Code, as amended;"

The bill (S. B. No. 130) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the taxables of Mifflin ditch in Georgetown and Nanticoke hundreds, Sussex county,'"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 478) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Sussex county to appropriate eighteen hundred dollars for certain roads in Sussex county;"

The bill (H. B. No. 473) entitled

"An act relative to catching oysters;"

Reported the same back with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the special committee appointed to examine the accounts of Adjutant General Kenney, presented a report,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

"The special committee appointed to examine the accounts of General R. R. Kenney, for the four years during which he was Adjutant General, would respectfully report, that we have made a detailed examination of said accounts and find them supported by proper vouchers, and accordingly report them to be correct.

W. T. HUTSON,
W. H. CHIPMAN,
JOHN C. HIGGINS,
Committee."

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the bill (S. B. No. 134) entitled

"An act dividing Brandywine Hundred West Election District into two election districts,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (H. B. No. 477) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 68 of the Revised Code, as amended,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

"'An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Code, as amended by Chapter 617, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware.'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The amendment was *Adopted,*

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Eisenbrey, Hickman, Hutson, Jackson, Morris, R. R., Ridgely, West and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Day, Elkinton, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Thomas and Walton—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.
Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Eisenbrey, the bill (H. B. No. 473) entitled
 "An act relative to catching oysters,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the
 Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out its title and inserting in lieu
 thereof the following—

" 'An act in relation to the payment of claims against the
 State.' "

On the further motion of Mr. Eisenbrey,

The amendment was *Adopted.*

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the Senate joint resolution entitled
 "Joint resolution in relation to Essie Cathcart, an idiot,"

Was read,

And further, on his motion,

The joint resolution was *Concurred in.*

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to collect the
 rents of and make necessary repairs to certain property belong-

ing to the State, and collect interest due the State from Sussex county,"

Was read,

And, on his further motion.

The joint resolution was

Concurred in.

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

On motion of Mr. Hutson, Rule 12 was suspended,

And further, on his motion, the bill (S. B. No. 134) entitled

"An act dividing Brandywine Hundred West Election District into two election districts,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 373) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Town of Georgetown,' passed at Dover, March 2, 1869;"

The bill (H. B. No. 419) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Newport Land and Investment Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 455) entitled

"An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of New Castle county to make a copy of a certain index;"

The bill (H. B. No. 236) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to construct a pivot bridge over Murderkill river, and to lay out a new road;"

The bill (H. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act to provide free text books for the free schools of the State, &c.,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following Senate bills and joint resolution, viz:

The bill (S. B. No. 99) entitled

"An act to amend the charter of the Town of Smyrna;"

The bill (S. B. No. 120) entitled

"An act to provide for distributing the moneys appropriated to the State of Delaware by an act of Congress;"

The Senate joint resolution entitled

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

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (S. B. No. 20) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. West, the bill (H. B. No. 478) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Sussex county to appropriate \$1,800 for certain roads in Sussex county,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"An act to amend Chapter 193, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. West,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hickman offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution to pay Frank Whelen one hundred and twenty dollars for services as Clerk to the Enrolling Committee,"

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, the bill (S. B. No. 59) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

“Amend the bill by striking out the words ‘six hundred’ in the last line of Section 1 and insert in lieu thereof the words ‘four hundred and fifty.’ ”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Chipman,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, R. R., Smith, Thomas, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Day, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Walton, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 481) entitled

"An act in relation to trust estates,"

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

On motion of Mr. Day, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion, the House adjourned until 7.30 o'clock P. M.

SAME DAY, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of James H. Hughes, against the State, for \$20.00,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Cranston, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 482) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

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

On motion of Mr. Cranston, Rule 12 was suspended as to this bill,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in regard to printing the school bill, known as 'The Free Text Books Bill,'"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in a bill (S. B. No. 129) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Brandywine Lodge, No. 4, Shield of Honor, of Delaware,"

And presented the same to the House.

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

The bill (H. B. No. 277) entitled

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act in relation to a State Hospital for the Insane,' passed at Dover, April 25, 1889, and being Chapter 553 of Volume 18, of the Laws of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 439) entitled

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 19 and 115, in Kent county, and to provide for building a schoolhouse, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 26, 1891;"

The bill (H. B. No. 468) entitled

"An act in relation to trust estates;"

The bill (H. B. No. 376) entitled

"An act to aid the Laurel and Roaring Point Railroad Company to construct their road, and for other purposes;"

The bill (H. B. No. 409) entitled

"An act for the relief of the trustees of Troop B Association, of Wilmington, Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 326) entitled

"An act to further amend the charter of the City of New Castle;"

The bill (H. B. No. 100) entitled

"An act to transfer the house and lot of Mary E. Lynch to School District No. 173, in Sussex county;"

The bill (H. B. No. 452) entitled

"An act incorporating the Irons Branch Canal Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 226) entitled.

"An act to exempt certain marsh and meadow lands in the City of Wilmington from municipal taxes;"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the bill (H. B. No. 226) entitled

"An act to exempt certain marsh and meadow lands in the city of Wilmington from municipal taxes,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the bill (H. B. No. 469) entitled

"An act relating to public streets and highways,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. West, on behalf of the Committee of Conference, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 169) entitled

"An act to restrict the sale and use of tobacco,"

Presented the report of said Conference Committee,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

The report was

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hickman, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 481) entitled

“An act in relation to trust estates;”

The bill (S. B. No. 132) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 669 of Volume 18, Laws of Delaware;”

The bill (S. B. No. 133) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 25, Revised Code;”

The bill (H. B. No. 480) entitled

“An act in relation to dower;”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of R. R. Kenney, against the State,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of C. H. B. Day, against the State, for \$200.00,

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Ridgely presented the claim of James L. Wolcott and James H. Hughes, against the State, for \$50.00,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Cranston, on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom had been referred the bill (H. B. No. 482) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back, with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the bill (H. B. No. 469) entitled

"An act relating to public streets and highways,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Cranston, the bill (H. B. No. 448) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 207, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"'An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to legalize the issue of certain State bonds,'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Cranston,

The amendment was

Adopted.

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Day, Rule 12 was suspended,

And further, on his motion, the bill (H. B. No. 481) entitled

"An act in relation to trust estates,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Rules 12 and 26 were suspended for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Eisenbrey presented the claim of Detre, Blackburn & Co., against the State, for \$19.50,

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

And, on his further motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the bill (H. B. No. 480) entitled

"An act in relation to dower,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out its title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"'An act to amend Chapter 136 of Volume 18 of the Laws of Delaware,'"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Hickman, Marvel, Ridgely and West—4.

Nays—Messrs. Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Morris, R. R., Smith and Walton—8.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

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

The bill (H. B. No. 459) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wawaset Land Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 460) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Brandywine Investment Company,"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 15, 1891, 9 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the reading of the Journal of May 14th was dispensed with.

Mr. Higgins offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

“Resolved, That the thanks of the House are due and are hereby extended to William L. Sirman, Esq., the Speaker, for the dignified, impartial and skillful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and also for the courtesy and kindness which have characterized his relations with the members thereof,”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Higgins offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

“Resolved, That the House hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the services of Rev. N. W. Deekens, of the Wilmington Conference Academy, during the absence, caused by sickness, of the Chaplain of the House,”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Day offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

“Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due and the same are hereby tendered to the Clerk, Francis M. Dunn, for the able, efficient, courteous, dignified, yet modest manner in which he has performed his arduous duties; also, that the thanks of the House are due and are hereby tendered to William Parvis, to the Sergeant-at-Arms, George P. Phillips, and the Page, Nolan McGonigal, for the efficient manner with which they have performed their duties during the session,”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Day,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Ridgely offered a resolution, which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

“Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and they are hereby tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Companies for courtesies extended to the members of this House.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 100) entitled

“An act to transfer the House and lot of Mary E. Lynch to School District No. 173, in Sussex county;”

The bill (H. B. No. 403) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Hotel Company;”

The bill (H. B. No. 409) entitled

“An act for the relief of the trustees of Troop B Association of Wilmington, Del. :”

The bill (H. B. No. 444) entitled

“An act in relation to assessors;”

The bill (H. B. No. 459) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wawaset Land Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 460) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Brandywine Investment Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 445) entitled

"An act in relation to collectors;"

The bill (H. B. No. 113) entitled

"An act to incorporate Pepper's Creek Ditch Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 166) entitled

"An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled 'An act to repeal and supply Chapter 117, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware, as amended by Chapter 423, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,'"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the duly and correctly enrolled bill (H. B. No. 378) entitled

"An act to authorize the appointment of a janitor for the State House,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, reported as duly and correctly enrolled, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate, the bill (S. B. No. 105) entitled

"An act providing for the registration of voters,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the bill (H. B. No. 204) entitled

"An act to foster the oyster interest in this State,"

And returned the same to the House, with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the bill (H. B. No. 254) entitled

"An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 441, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with an amendment, in the bill (H. B. No. 240) entitled

"An act to encourage horticulture,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with an amendment, in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the collection of any claims this State may have against the United States,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the bill (H. B. No. 433) entitled

"An act to incorporate the North Park Land Company,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the bill (H. B. No. 391) entitled

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

And returned the same to the House, with the request that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and asked the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to repairs for the State House,"

And presented the same to the House.

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

The bill (H. B. No. 435) entitled

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the City of Wilmington;'"

The bill (H. B. No. 261) entitled

"An act to reincorporate the Banking House Corporation of Wilmington;"

The bill (H. B. No. 471) entitled

"A supplement to Chapter 54, Volume 17, Laws of Delaware;"

The bill (H. B. No. 477) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 68 of the Revised Code as amended;"

The bill (H. B. No. 422) entitled

"An act to reestablish the course of a public road in Mispillion hundred, Kent county;"

The bill (H. B. No. 450) entitled

"A supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Lebanon Public Schools;'"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, reported to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate, the Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$250,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution, entitled

"Joint resolution to pay the Clerks of the Peace for distributing tickets for the Constitutional Convention election,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the bill (H. B. No. 446) entitled

"An act to repeal and supply an act entitled 'An act to authorize the committee of United School Districts Nos. 125 and 171, in Sussex county, to borrow money to build a schoolhouse, and for other purposes,'"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (H. B. No. 433) entitled

"An act to incorporate the North Park Land Company,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

“Amend the bill by adding the following to Section 8, viz:—

“The said corporation shall have the right to construct, operate, and maintain a street railway line on the streets or avenues to be laid out through, or immediately adjacent to the tract of land to be purchased by the said ‘The North Park Land Company,’ located on the north side of the Brandywine, and known as the Elliott farms, with the right and privilege of extending said street railway line to connect with the Wilmington City Railway line at the nearest practicable point.’

“Further amend the bill by adding the following—

“SECTION 11. That before opening or excavating the bed of any street or highway in the city of Wilmington, for the purpose of laying tracks or doing any of the work authorized to be done by this act, the said company shall first obtain the consent of the duly constituted authorities of said city of Wilmington.’

IN SENATE, May 14, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,”

And, on the further motion of Mr. Day,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the bill (H. B. No. 391) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Terminal Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

“Amend by adding the following as Section 15 of the bill, and also amend by making Section 15 of the bill Section 16 of the bill, as amended—

“SECTION 15. That it shall be unlawful for the aforesaid ‘The Delaware Terminal Railroad Company,’ to sell or lease any of the rights or franchises herein granted to any parallel or competing railroad or transportation company now built or operated in either of the lower counties of this State, and to more fully protect and carry into effect the intent and meaning of this section, it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer of this State to attest, upon the conveyance, the legality and regularity of any sale or lease whatsoever of any franchises herein granted.’

“Amend Section 1 by adding to the names of commissioners, the following—‘C. L. Williamson.’

“Amend Section 1 by striking out the words ‘one-half’ in lines twenty-four and twenty-five of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words ‘five hundred shares.’

“Amend Section 14 by adding thereto the following words:

“‘*Provided, however,* That the tax paid to this State by the aforesaid ‘The Delaware Terminal Railroad Company,’ shall never exceed the rate per mile charged upon or paid by any railroad with which it may be a competitor in this State.’

“Amend the bill by adding the following to Section 15:

“‘And the power and right at all times to regulate and control the rates and charges for transportation of persons and property on and over the line of the railroad which may be constructed and maintained under the authority of this act is also hereby expressly reserved to the Legislature.’

“Amend the bill by adding the following to Section 9:

“‘*Provided, however,* That the line of the railroad which may be constructed under this act shall be located so as to run within one mile of the town of Milton; within a half mile of the town of Milford; within a half mile of the town of Frederica; within a mile of Rising Sun; within two miles easterly from the town of Dover; within a mile of the town of Smyrna, and within a mile of Delaware City.’

“Amend Section 9, in line seven thereof, between the word ‘Delaware’ and the word ‘to,’ by inserting the following words, viz: ‘or at any point on the southern boundary line of this State.’

"Amend Section 2 by striking out, in line two thereof, the words 'five hundred' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'two thousand;' also further amend said section by striking out the word 'five' in line four of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'fifteen.'

"Amend Section 3 by striking out the word 'five' in the first line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'two thousand;' also further amend said section by inserting after the word 'aforesaid' and before the word 'the' in line three of said section the following words, viz: 'and fifteen per centum of the par value thereof shall be paid in cash.'

"Also further amend said section by striking out the word 'ten' in the sixth line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'twenty.'

"Amend the bill by adding the following to Section 16:

"That the railroad authorized to be constructed under this act shall be begun within two years from the passage of this act."

IN SENATE, May 14, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Jackson,

The amendments were *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, the bill (H. B. No. 254) entitled

"An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 441, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the word 'two' in the fourth line of Section 1 and insert the word 'one' in lieu thereof;" also

insert the words 'and fifty' in the same line after the word 'hundred.'

"Amend the bill further by adding thereto the following:

"SECTION 2. And the resident qualified voters may, at their annual school meetings, at the schoolhouse in Delmar, elect three commissioners, who shall have charge of the expenditure of said funds, one of which shall act as overseer on said streets, and may expend said funds on the streets running north and south, as well as those running east and west, in said town."

IN SENATE, May 14, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Chipman,

The amendments were

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing directors, on the part of the State, for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware,"

Was read.

Mr. Higgins offered an amendment, which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

"Amend the joint resolution by striking out the words 'James T. Eliason,' in line 25, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'Albert H. Silver.'"

On the further motion of Mr. Higgins,

The amendment was

Adopted,

And further, on his motion, the joint resolution was read, as amended,

And, on his further motion,

The joint resolution was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, the joint resolution returned to that body, and concurrence in the amendment requested.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill (H. B. No. 465) entitled

"An act to prevent tampering with Legislative proceedings,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out of Section 3 all after the word 'proceedings' in the second line thereof until the word 'shall' in the fourth line thereof."

And further, on motion of Mr. Rickards,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hickman, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and on motion of Mr. Jackson, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 483) entitled

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate Pepper's Branch Ditch Company,'"

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

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill (H. B. No. 439) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Improvement Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the Senate amendment was read,

And, on the further motion of Mr. Rickards,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hickman, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and, on motion of Mr. West, obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 484) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to straighten a public road,"

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

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

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Day, the bill (H. B. No. 464) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 813, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Hickman, Hutson, Jackson, Smith and Walton—8.

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Higgins, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Ridgely, Thomas, Tindall, West and Mr. Speaker—12.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill, having failed to receive the required majority,

Was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 80) entitled

"An act to establish and maintain a college for the education of colored students in agriculture and mechanic arts,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendments proposed by the Committee on Education were read, as follows:

“Amend Section 1 by striking out the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

“SECTION 1. The Governor of the State, on the first Tuesday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-one (1891), and every four years thereafter, shall appoint and commission two reputable and well-qualified persons for each county, who shall constitute the board of trustees for the Delaware College for Colored Students. The said trustees shall hold their office for a period of four years, or until their successors shall in like manner be appointed. In case of a vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall appoint for the unexpired term.”

Mr. Hutson moved that the amendment be adopted,

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were ordered, which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—Messrs. Eisenbrey, Elkinton and Ridgely—3.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, the bill returned to that body, and concurrence in the amendment requested.

Mr. Hutson, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the following bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 483) entitled

“An act for the protection of voters at elections in Sussex county;”

The bill (H. B. No. 484) entitled

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to straighten a public road,"

Reported the same back, with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled the following House bills, viz:

The bill (H. B. No. 433) entitled

"An act to incorporate the North Park Land Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 452) entitled

"An act incorporating the Irons Branch Canal Company;"

The bill (H. B. No. 471) entitled

"A supplement to Chapter 54, of Volume 17, Laws of Delaware,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 483) entitled

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Pepper's Branch Ditch Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Private Corporations, was read,

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Day, Hickman, Higgins, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Cranston, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hutson and Morrils, R. R.—6.

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. Hickman, the bill (H. B. No. 484) entitled

“An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to straighten a public road,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion, the amendment proposed by the Committee on Revised Statutes was read, as follows:

“Amend the bill by striking out the title and insert in lieu thereof the following—

“ ‘An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act incorporating the Irons Branch Canal Company,’ ”

On the further motion of Mr. Hickman,

The amendment was

Adopted,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Chipman, Cranston, Day, Hickman, Higgins, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton, West and Mr. Speaker—18

Nays—Messrs. Eisenbrey, Elkinton and Ridgely—3.

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. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 240) entitled
 "An act to encourage horticulture,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendment was read,
 as follows:

"Amend SECTION 1 by striking out the word 'five,' in line one,
 and inserting in place thereof the word 'three.'"

IN SENATE, May 14, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,"

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendment was *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (H. B. No. 204) entitled
 "An act to foster the oyster interests of this State,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the Senate amendments were read,
 as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out the whole of SECTION 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following—

"SECTION 3. There shall be no catching of oysters in any manner whatever upon any grounds upon which the shells are planted under the provisions of this act, and under the penalties as aforesaid, until the year 1893, and not until the Legislature of 1893 shall determine such conditions, terms, and regulations as

said Legislature may deem proper; *Provided, however,* That after such time no catching of oysters shall be allowed in any manner whatever except by tongers, and it shall be unlawful for said tongers to cull oysters so caught anywhere except upon the grounds upon which the same are caught, and it shall be the duty of said tongers to throw back upon the grounds all oysters so culled and found unfit for use.'

'Further amend the bill by striking out the word 'twelve' in line ten and the word 'twelve' in line eleven of Section 4 and insert in lieu thereof the word 'one,' and further amend Section 4 by striking out the words 'five hundred' in line thirteen thereof and insert in lieu the word 'fifty.'

IN SENATE, May 14, 1891.

Extract from Journal.

For concurrence.

EDWARD D. HEARNE,

Clerk of the Senate,'

And, on the further motion of Mr. Hutson,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hutson, the bill (S. B. No. 121) entitled

"An act making the office of State Insurance Commissioner of Delaware a salaried office,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And further, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Morris, the bill (S. B. No. 132) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 669, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Attix, Cranston, Day, Eisenbrey, Elkinton, Hutson, Jackson, Marvel, Morris, E. J., Morris, R. R., Rickards, Ridgely, Smith, Thomas, Tindall, Walton and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—Messrs. Chipman, Hickman, Higgins and West—4.

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. E. J. Morris, the bill (S. B. No. 133) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 25, Revised Code,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Hearne, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and asked the concurrence of the House in the Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to rescinding the House joint