

"An act to renew the charter of the Wilmington Club in the City of Wilmington;"

Also H. B. No. 5, entitled

"An act in relation to the Board of Public Education of Marshallton;"

Also H. B. No. 31 entitled

"An act to divorce Joseph H. Perkins from Annie M. Perkins,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to divorce John Magilley from his wife, Jane E. Magilley, a vinculo matrimonii."

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the House bill (No. 76) entitled

"An act in relation to the Great Valley Cemetery Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the House bill (H. B. No. 78) entitled

"An act to establish the Delaware State workhouse,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Crimes and Punishments.

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

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 88) entitled

“An act authorizing the Governor to appoint one additional Notary Public for Kent County, to reside and hold his office in that part of the Town of Milford known as North Milford, Kent County,”

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

On motion of Mr. McCoy, the House bill (No. 77) entitled

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act making Saturdays throughout the year, from and after the first day of June, in the year 1895, half holidays in the City of Wilmington, for banking and trust company purposes,’”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the House bill (No. 75) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Central Market Company,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

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

Wednesday, February 17, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 89) entitled

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 166, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,’ ”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 90) entitled

“An act authorizing special tax, to provide a special fund for the purchase of oyster shells for the county roads of Seaford hundred,”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H.B. No. 36) entitled

"An act to divorce Joseph S. Durham from his wife, Mary J. Durham,"

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

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

"An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnell."

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

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

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

"An act to amend Chapter 55, Revised Code."

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

"An act to divorce Benjamin Doran from his wife, Sarah J. Doran."

Mr. Dempsey, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following duly and correctly enrolled House joint resolutions and bills ready for the Speaker's signature:

Joint resolution No. 15, entitled

"Joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee of the two Houses to investigate the insurance of the property of the State."

Joint resolution No. 17, entitled

"House joint resolution authorizing the printing of the report of the State Board of Health."

Joint resolution No. 18, entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to the death of Hon. Leonard E. Wales, Judge of the United States District Court in and for the district of Delaware."

Joint resolution No. 19, entitled

"Joint resolution in regard to attending the funeral of late Hon. Leonard E. Wales."

Joint resolution No. 20, entitled

"Joint resolution in regard to adjournment."

Joint resolution No. 21, entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the State custodian of the State House to purchase a flag."

Joint resolution No. 22, entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to bill of E. L. Jones & Co., for labor and material furnished for the State House;"

Also H. B. No. 42, entitled

"An act transferring the house and lot of land of Mary H. Rose from School District No. 54 to united School Districts Nos. 39 and 41, in New Castle County."

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

Joint resolution No. 16, entitled

"Joint resolution appointing directors on the part of the Farmers' Bank of Delaware, at New Castle."

Joint resolution No. 13, entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to the State Library addition to the State House."

Joint resolution No. 15, entitled

"Joint resolution appointing directors on the part of the Farmers' Bank, at Dover."

Joint resolution No. 14, entitled

"Joint resolution regarding the report of the Commissioners to ascertain the boundary line between Kent and Sussex Counties;"

Also S. B. No. 13,

"An act for the relief of the Germania Building and Loan Association, No. 2;"

Also S. B. No. 16,

"An act to divorce John Magilley from his wife, Jane E. Magilley, a vinculo matrimonii."

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the House bill (H. B. No. 84) entitled

"An act authorizing the Clerk of the Orphans' Court in New Castle County to make an index for his office,"

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. Donaldson, the House bill (H. B. No. 81) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making Saturdays throughout the year, from and after the first day of June 1895, half holidays in the City of Wilmington, for banking and trust company purposes,'"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 8, entitled

"Bill to divorce William A. Bennum from Mary A. Bennum."

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 55, entitled

"An act to divorce Fannie Mason and Robert J. Mason from the bonds of matrimony,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 8) entitled

"Bill to divorce William A. Bennum from Mary A. Bennum,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Dempsey, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Short, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davis and Donaldson—2.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the House bill (No. 55) entitled

"An act to divorce Fannie Mason and Robert J. Mason from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Dempsey offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution inviting Hon. James A. Maguire to address the General Assembly on taxation,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Donaldson moved to lay the joint resolution on the table,

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Donaldson moved to reconsider the vote by which the foregoing joint resolution was laid on the table,

Which motion Prevailed.

Mr. Donaldson moved to lay the joint resolution on the table.

On this motion the yeas and nays were called for.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Donaldson, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dempsey, McCullough, Short, Thompson—4.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the joint resolution was declared laid upon the table.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 14, entitled

"An act to divorce William B. Lowery from Mary Lowery, a vinculo mtrimonii,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 14) entitled

"An act to divorce William B. Lowery from Mary Lowery, a vinculo matrimonii,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the House bill (H. B. No. 86) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Bicycle Club,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the House bill (H. B. No. 73) entitled

"An act to incorporate the General Land Company of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House bill (H. B. No. 37) entitled

"An act to divorce Albert Cole from his wife, Juliet Cole,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the House bill (H. B. No. 87) entitled

"An act to divorce Lena M. Cole from George F. Cole,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
and

On motion of Mr. Adams,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 91) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a Board of Education for the Town of Felton.'" passed at Dover, February 25, 1885,

Which, on motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, was read.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House bill (H. B. No. 83) entitled

"An act to amend, renew, re-enact and extend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company,'"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 12, entitled

"An act divorcing William J. Pierce and Mary E. Pierce from the bonds of matrimony,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 47, entitled

"An act to divorce William J. Lane and Minnie Lane from the bonds of matrimony,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the House bill (H. B. No. 47) entitled

"An act divorcing William J. Pierce and Mary E. Pierce from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, was read a third time, by para-

graphs, in order to pass the House.

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 47) entitled

"An act to divorce William J. Lane and Minnie Lane from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Short, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Mr. Davis—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.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the House bill (H. B. No. 79)

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 92) entitled

"An act to afford additional instruction to advanced pupils in certain School Districts,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 93) entitled

"An act to repeal Section 18, Chapter 37, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Short,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 94) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 556, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (H. B. No. 29) entitled
 "An act to lay out a public road in Seaford hundred, Sussex
 County,"

Was taken up for consideration;

And, on his further motion,

The amendment proposed by the Committee on Roads and
 Vacant Lands was read as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out in the fifth line of Section 2,
 after the word "county," "that they may make appropriation
 for the opening and making of the same," and inserting in lieu
 thereof "but in no case is the land used to lay out said road to
 be of any cost or expense to Sussex County;" also inserting in
 the third line of Section 3, after the word "employed," the words
 "said Commissioners are hereby empowered to vacate the old
 road."

And further on Mr. Whitney's motion

The amendment was

Adopted.

The bill as amended,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (S. B. No. 48) entitled

"An act to renew and continue the charter of the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Was read a first time.

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

Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

"An act to divorce William W. Jones from his wife, Jennie Jones."

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

"An act to reincorporate the City of New Castle."

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

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to provide for the secrecy and purity of the ballot, and for other purposes.'"
Passed at Dover, May 15, 1891.

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 95) entitled

"An act to divorce James R. Cannon from his wife, Sarah Cannon,"

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

On motion of Mr. Martin, the House bill (H. B. No. 88) entitled

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint one additional Notary Public for Kent County, to reside and hold his office in that part of the Town of Milford known as North Milford, Kent County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the House bill (H. B. No. 80) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorce, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 7, entitled

"Bill to divorce Annie M. Roach from Rufus A. Roach,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 7) entitled

“Bill to divorce Annie M. Roach from Rufus A. Roach,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Short offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Whereas, A special Committee has been appointed by this House to investigate the freight rates of the railroads within this State, and

Whereas, A great many complaints of excessive express charges have been made and evidence offered to the said committee, therefore be it

Resolved, That the said Special Committee heretofore appointed to investigate freight rates of the railroads within this State shall and are hereby directed to fully and exhaustively investigate the express rates of the different express companies doing business within this State, whether or not the charges made are excessive and discriminative, with the same power to act as is conferred on them in their investigation of freight rates of railroads in this State.

And further on Mr. Short's motion,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Donaldson moved that Rule 12 be suspended in order that H. B. No. 94, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 556, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware"

Be read a second time, by its title,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following House bill, No. 23, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Peninsula Press Company of Wilmington, Delaware;"

Also S. B. No. 9, entitled

"An act to supplement Chapter 477, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in respect to chattel mortgages,'"

With Senate amendment,

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the House the following duly and correctly enrolled House joint resolutions, the same having been signed by the Speakers of both Houses:

"Joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee of the two Houses to investigate the insurance of the property of the State."

"Joint resolution authorizing the printing of the report of the State Board of Health."

"Joint resolution in relation to the death of Hon. Leonard E. Wales, Judge of the United States District Court, in and for the district of Delaware."

"Joint resolution in relation to bill of E. L. Jones & Co., for labor and material furnished for the State House."

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

"An act supplementary to Chapter 84 of the act of Assembly of 1895, incorporating the Queen Anne's Railroad Company in the State of Delaware, to authorize said railroad company to extend its lines in this State and granting certain additional privileges and powers thereto."

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

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Wilmington and New Castle Electric Railway Company.'"

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the Senate amendment to S. B. No. 9, was read.

On his further motion

The amendment was **Concurred in.**

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

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

day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 759, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 126, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, relating to the Town of Bridgeville.'"

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the House bill (H. B. No. 85) entitled

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

"An act to vacate a part of a public road in Kenton hundred, Kent County."

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

Thursday, February 18, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain:

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

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Senate bill (No. 48) entitled

“An act to renew and continue the charter of the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Del.,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 94, entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 556, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 94) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 556, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 81, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making Saturdays throughout the year, from and after the first day of June, in the year 1895, half holidays in the City of Wilmington, for banking and trust company purposes,'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the House bill (H. B. No. 81) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making Saturdays throughout the year, from and after the first day of June, in the year 1895, half holidays in the City of Wilmington, for banking and trust company purposes,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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Mr. Donaldson moved to postpone the vote on this bill temporarily,

Which motion **Prevailed.**

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

"An act to divorce Seymore C. Downs from his wife, Mary E. Downs."

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 48, entitled

"An act to renew and continue the charter of the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Del.,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Donaldson moved to suspend the rule in order that Senate bill No. 48, entitled

"An act to renew and continue the charter of the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Del.,"

Be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion **Prevailed.**

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. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Mc-

Cullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 96) entitled

“Amendment to charter of Queen Anne’s railroad, entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 84, of the acts of 1895,’”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 97) entitled

“An act to repeal Chapter 183, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware,”

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the House bill (H. B. No. 93) entitled

“An act to repeal Section 18, Chapter 37, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion, was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the House bill (No. 72) entitled

"An act to divorce Jennie Rickaby from her husband, Robert Rickaby,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the House bill (H. B. No. 95) entitled

"An act to divorce James R. Cannon from his wife, Sarah Cannon,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the House bill (H. B. No. 89) entitled

"An act to amend an act to amend Chapter 166, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 60, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act uniting the School Districts of Laurel and vicinity,'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 71, entitled

"An act to transfer the farm of Eddie W. Godwin from School District No. 31 to School District No. 120, in Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 65, entitled

"An act to transfer the land of Philip E. Davis from School District No. 39 to School District No. 176, Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

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

On motion of Mr. McCullough,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 98) entitled

"An act to incorporate the College Settlement Company,"

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

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the House bill, No. 60, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act uniting the School Districts of Laurel and vicinity,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 83, entitled

"An act to amend, renew, re-enact and extend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company,'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the House bill, No. 83, entitled

"An act to amend, renew, re-enact and extend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

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

son, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Aphthlamic College.”

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

“An act to amend Chapter 778 of Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware.”

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

“An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 180, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware.”

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 99) entitled

“An act to change the name of Clayton Clyde Worthington to Clayton Clyde Tunnell,”

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

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 74, entitled

"An act to make valid the record of certain deeds,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the House bill, No. 74, entitled

"An act to make valid the record of certain deeds,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 100) entitled

"An act to reincorporate the City of New Castle."

On motion of Mr. Adams the reading of the bill was postponed until after the noon recess.

House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, House adjourned until 11 o'clock, A. M., Friday.

Friday, February 19, 1897—11 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Cheairs, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 51, entitled

“A supplement to the act entitled a supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Weccacoe Hose Company, No. 2 of Wilmington, Delaware.’” Passed at Dover, January 23, 1879,

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

Mr. Cheairs, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 64, entitled

“An act to reincorporate the Town of Smyrna,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 51) entitled

"A supplement to the act entitled a supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Weccacoe Hose Company, No. 2, of Wilmington, Delaware.'" Passed at Dover, January 23, 1879,

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

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

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 64) entitled

"An act to reincorporate the Town of Smyrna,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, was read a third time, by para-

graphs, in order to pass the House.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Dempsey, Cheairs, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—20.

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

H. B. No. 53, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 476 of Volume 12 of the Laws of Delaware."

H. B. No. 63, entitled

"An act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 133 of the Revised Code of 1893."

H. B. No. 40, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Elsemere and Wilmington Electric Railway Company,'"

And returned the same to the House

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

"An act to supplement Chapter 477, Volume 15, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'an act in respect to chattel mortgages.'"

Mr. Cheairs, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 59 entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'an act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington.'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (No. 59) entitled

"An act to amend 'an act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Cheairs, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—21.

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. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 86, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Bicycle Club,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (No. 86) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Bicycle Club,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Cheairs, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—21.

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. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 84, entitled

"An act authorizing the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of New Castle County, to make a certain index of the recognizances of his office,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (No. 84) entitled

"An act authorizing the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of New Castle County to make a certain index of the recognizances in his office,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor the vote on this bill was postponed until Tuesday next.

Under head of unfinished business, Mr. Donaldson called for continuance of reading of House bill No. 100, entitled

"An act to reincorporate the City of New Castle."

On motion the reading of the bill was postponed until after the noon recess.

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 the Clerk resumed reading of House bill No. 100.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House bill (H. B. No. 36) entitled

“An act to divorce Joseph S. Durham from his wife, Mary J. Durham,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

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

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 101) entitled

“An act to amend Section 5, Chapter 108 of the amended Revised Code,”

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

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 65) entitled

“An act to transfer the lands of Philip E. Davis from School District No. 39 to School District No. 176, Sussex County,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

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

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to abolish days of grace on promisory notes, drafts, etc., and to determine when such obligations maturing on Sunday or on legal holidays, or on half holidays, shall become due."

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

"An act to appoint three Commissioners to lay out a public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County."

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

On motion of Mr. Short,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 102) entitled

"An act to lay out a new road in Gumboro hundred, Sussex County,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Cheairs,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 103) entitled

"An act to divorce Benjamin Doran from his wife, Sarah J. Doran,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Dukes,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 104) entitled

"An act permitting the School Commissioners of School District No. 18 to move their school house to Sussex County,"

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

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

S. B. No. 45, entitled

"An act incorporating the Greater Wilmington Printing and Publishing Company."

S. B. No. 53, entitled

"An act to divorce Christian Bonach and Margaretha Bonach from the bonds of matrimony."

S. B. No. 42, entitled

"An act granting to J. Thomas Lowe the title of the State to a certain tract of salt marsh."

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following House bill, No. 54, entitled

"An act relating to certain indices in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Kent County,"

Also H. B. No. 70, entitled

"An act to divorce Caroline Bolte and William T. Bolte from the bonds of matrimony,"

With amendment.

Also H. B. No. 16, entitled

"Divorce enactment. Maggie M. Bryant from Harvey H. Bryant, a vinculo matrimonii,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 25, entitled

"An act to divorce Mary J. Vandyke from William T. Vandyke,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Eliason, the bill (No. 25) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary J. Vandyke from William T. Vandyke,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, the Senate amendment to H. B. No. 70, entitled

“An act to divorce Caroline Bolte and William T. Bolte from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was read as follows:

Amend House bill No. 70, as follows, by adding to Section 2 the following:

“An the name of Caroline Bole be and is hereby changed to Caroline Webb.”

Extract from Journal.

Attest:

For concurrence.

SIMON P. DOHERTY,

Clerk of Senate.

And, on his further motion

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 32) entitled

“An act to divorce Kate A. Bogart from her husband, John C. Bogart,”

Was read a first time.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 11, entitled

“An act to divorce Isaac H. Wright from his wife, Laura L. Wright,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (No. 11) entitled

"An act to divorce Isaac H. Wright from his wife, Laura L. Wright,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 105) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 778, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 106) entitled

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

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

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 107) entitled

"An act to vacate a part of a public road in Kenton hundred, Kent County,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 108) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary D. Smith and Durbin Smith, her husband, from the bonds of matrimony,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Hazell,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 109) entitled

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to provide for the secrecy and purity of the ballot, and for other purposes.'" Passed at Dover, May 15, 1891.

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

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

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 110) entitled

"An act to divorce Seymore C. Downs from his wife, Mary E. Downs,"

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

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 71) entitled

"An act to transfer the farm of Eddie W. Godwin from School District No. 31 to School District No. 120, in Sussex County,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to repeal Sections 2 and 57 of Chapter 653, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, so far as Broadkilk creek or sound is concerned.

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

"An act to change the lines of School Districts No. 96 and 97, in Kent County."

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

"An act in relation to the assessment list of Lewes and Rehoboth hundreds, Sussex County."

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

"An act to divorce Joseph Friling from his wife, Dellie E. Friling."

Mr. Dukes asked and obtained leave to withdraw H. B. No. 99, entitled

"An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnel."

Mr. Hazell asked and obtained leave to withdraw H. B. No. 105, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 778, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware."

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 99) entitled

"An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnel,"

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

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

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY.

Monday, February 22, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 85, entitled

“An act to establish a Board of Education for the Town of Frederica, and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (No. 85) entitled

“An act to establish a Board of Education for the Town of Frederica, and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, was read a third time, by para-

graphs, in order to pass the House.

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

On motion the vote on the bill was postponed on account of absence of members.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Elections, presented the report of said committee in regard to the expenses etc, in the Cheairs-Dickey contested election case,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the H. B. No. 10, entitled

"An act divorcing John Passwaters from his wife, Elizabeth Passwaters,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill No. 27, entitled

"An act to divorce Teresa P. Dicus and James A. Dicus from the bonds of matrimony,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 27) entitled

"An act to divorce Teresa P. Dicus and James A. Dicus, her husband, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority ,

Passed the House.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 34, entitled

"An act to divorce Major T. Faucett from Jane Faucett,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 37, entitled

"An act to divorce Albert Cole from his wife, Juliet Cole,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 32, entitled

"An act to divorce Mollie P. Griffith from her husband, Daniel T. Griffith,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (No. 34) entitled

"An act to divorce Major T. Faucett from Jane Faucett,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, was read a third time, by para-

graphs, in order to pass the House.

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 37) entitled

"An act to divorce Albert Cole from his wife, Juliet Cole,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 32) entitled

"An act to divorce Mollie P. Griffith from her husband, Daniel T. Griffith,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, was read a third time, by para-

graphs, in order to pass the House.

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act in relation to a public road adjoining the town of Clayton."

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

"An act entitled 'An act divorcing Clara D. Farrow and Edward S. Farrow from the holy bonds of matrimony.'"

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act in relation to the duties of assessors and of the Levy Court in the several counties of this State, being Chapter 320, Volume 16, Laws of Delaware.'"

Mr. L. S. Hopkins presented the report of Peter K. Meredith, State Insurance Commissioner,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And further on his motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Mr. Hazell offered a joint resolution entitled

- "Joint resolution in relation to the publication of equity reports,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And further on his motion, was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the House bill (H. B. No. 101) entitled

"An act to amend Section 5, Chapter 108 of the amended Revised Code,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the House bill (H. B. No. 104, entitled

"An act permitting the School Cimmissioners of School District No. 18 to move their school house in Sussex County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House bill (H. B. No. 107) entitled

"An act to vacate a public road in Kenton hundred, Kent County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Land.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the House bill (H. B. No. 92) entitled

"An act to afford additional instruction to advanced pupils in certain School Districts,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House bill (H. B. No. 109) entitled

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to provide for the secrecy and purity of the ballot, and for other purposes.'" Passed at Dover, May 15, 1891.

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Davis,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 111) entitled

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

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

- On motion, House adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—4 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

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

Mr. McCullough offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 24th inst, at half past one, P. M., John S. Crosby, of Wilmington, be accorded the privilege of speaking from the floor of this House, on the subject of taxation,

And further on his motion

The resolution was

Adopted.

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

Tuesday, February 23, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 101, entitled

“An act to amend Section 5, Chapter 108 of the amended Revised Code,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 101) entitled

“An act to amend Section 5, Chapter 108 of the amended Revised Code,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Cheairs, Dukes, Hazell, Johnson, Mr. Speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Dempsey, Donaldson, L. S. Hopkins, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson—13.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill not having received the required majority,

Was declared

Lost.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 104, entitled

“An act permitting School Commissioners of School District No. 18 to move their school house in Sussex County,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 104) entitled

“An act permitting the School Commissioners of School District No. 18 to move their school house in Sussex County,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Dempsey, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, Senate bill No. 9, entitled

“An act to supplement Chapter 477, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware; an act in respect to chattel mortgages,”

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

On motion of Mr. Davis,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 112) entitled

“An act to divorce Frank Cooper from his wife, Josephine Cooper,”

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

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

“An act amending an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company of Georgetown, being Chapter 483, Volume 16, pamphlet, Laws of Delaware.”

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

“An act in relation to the Levy Court of Sussex County.”

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

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

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

"A supplement to Chapter 778 of Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware."

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

On motion of Mr. Dukes,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 113) entitled

"An act to amend acts of incorporation of the Wilmington and New Castle Electric Railway Co., said acts being Chapter 707, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware, and Chapter 87, Volume 20 of the Laws of Delaware,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act to abolish days of grace on promisory notes, drafts, &c., &c., maturing on Sunday, or on a legal holiday, or half holiday, shall become due,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 115) entitled

"An act in relation to a public road adjoining the town of Clayton,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 116) entitled

“An act to lay out a new public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County,”

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

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

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 117) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Guarantee Trust, Title, and Insurance Company,”

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

On motion of Mr. Short, the House bill (H. B. No. 110) entitled

“An act to divorce Seymour C. Downs from his wife, Mary E. Downs,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Short, the House bill (H. B. No. 109) entitled

“An act to divorce Benjamin Doran from his wife, Sarah J. Doran,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Donaldson moved that when the House adjourns it adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the House bill (H. B. No. 96) entitled

"Amendment to charter of the Queen Anne's railroad, an act to amend Chapter 84 of the acts of Assembly, 1895,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the House bill (H. B. No. 102) entitled

"An act to lay out a new road in Gumboro hundred, Sussex County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Land.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the House bill (H. B. No. 100) entitled

"An act to reincorporate the City of New Castle,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Senate bill, No. 49, entitled

"An act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for first reading.

On motion, reading of the bill was postponed until after the noon recess.

On motion the House adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—4 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion the first reading of S. B. No. 49, entitled

"An act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington,"

Was finished.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 53, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act to prevent corrupt practices and fraud at elections."

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

"An act making the Lancaster pike and the intersection of Newport pike a county road."

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

"An act to divorce Edwin A. King from his wife, Bertha Q. King."

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

"An act to divorce Mary Sullivan from her husband, Charles P. Sullivan."

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

"An act to divorce Lewis G. Faulkner from his wife, Kate A. Faulkner."

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

"An act entitled 'An act to divorce Clara D. Farrow and Edward S. Farrow from the holy bonds of matrimony.'"

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

"An act to lay out a public road in Mill Creek hundred."

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

day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled

“An act to incorporate the Realty Company of Georgetown.”

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (S. B. No. 45) entitled

“An act incorporating the Greater Wilmington Printing and Publishing Company,”

Was read a first time.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following House bill, No. 83, entitled

“An act to amend, renew, re-enact and extend the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company.’”

Also

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Frederica and Philadelphia Navigation Company.’”

Also

“An act to change the name of Bennett Maas to Bennett Mays,”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bill, No. 62, entitled

“An act in relation to petit jurors in New Castle County.”

Also, that the Senate had passed the following House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in regard to the publication of equity reports,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 181) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 273, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

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

Mr. L. S. Hopkins offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee to make arrangements to attend the inauguration of President-elect McKinley,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker named as committee on part of the House in relation to foregoing joint resolution, Messrs. L. S. Hopkins, Taylor and Dukes.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the House bill (H. B. No. 99) entitled

"An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnell,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 119) entitled

"An act supplementary to the act providing for the purity and secrecy of the ballot,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 120) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 759, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 126, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, relating to the town of Bridgeville,'"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Dukes,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 121) entitled

"An act in relation to the assessment lists of Lewes and Rehoboth hundred, in Sussex County,"

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

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 32) entitled

"An act to divorce Kate A. Bogart from her husband, John C. Bogart,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 44) entitled

“An act in relation to actions that maybe brought against the City of Wilmington,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

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

On motion of Mr. Adams,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 122) entitled

“An act to divorce Joseph P. Friling from his wife, Dellie E. Friling,”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Martin,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 123) entitled

“An act to divorce William J. Hickman and Mary M. Hickman from the bonds of matrimony,”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 124) entitled

"An act to divorce William W. Jones from his wife, Jennie Jones,"

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

On motion of Mr. Short, the House bill (H. B. No. 106) entitled

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (S. B. No. 43) entitled

"An act to vacate the Rockford or Bancroft road in the City of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for first reading.

Before the completion thereof the House adjourned until Wednesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, February 24, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Under the head of unfinished business, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (S. B. No. 43) entitled

“An act to vacate the Rockford or Bancroft road in the City of Wilmington,”

Was read a first time.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 107, entitled

“An act to vacate a part of a public road in Kenton hundred, Kent County,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (H. B. No. 107) entitled

"An act to vacate a part of a public road in Kenton hundred, Kent County,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 21, entitled

"An act to incorporate the McDaniel Cycle Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With the recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (H. B. No. 21) entitled

"An act to incorporate the McDaniel Cycle Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

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

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having recieved the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 96, entitled

“An act supplementary to Chapter 84 of the acts of Assembly of 1895, incorporating the Queen Anne’s Railroad Company in the State of Delaware, to authorize said railroad company to extend its lines in the State and granting certain additional privileges and powers thereto,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 99, entitled

“An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnell,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

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

laneous business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 35, entitled

"An act concerning the inspection of steam boilers,"

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (H. B. No. 96) entitled

"An act supplementary to Chapter 84 of the acts of Assembly of 1895, incorporating the Queen Anne Railroad Company, in the State of Delaware, to authorize said railroad company to extend its line in the State, and granting certain additional privileges and powers thereto.

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

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

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

House bill, No. 23,

"An act incorporating the Peninsula Press Company."

House bill, No. 40,

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Elsmere and Wilmington Electric Railway Company.'"

House bill, No. 53,

"An act to amend Chapter 476 of Volume 12 of the Laws of Delaware."

House bill, No. 54,

"An act relating to certain indices in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Kent County."

House bill, No. 5,

"An act in relation to the Board of Public Education of Marshallton, New Castle County, Delaware."

House bill, No. 31,

"An act to divorce Joseph H. Perkins from his wife, Annie M. Perkins."

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 99) entitled

"An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnell,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 125) entitled

"An act divorcing Clara D. Farrow and Edward S. Farrow from the bonds of matrimony,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 126) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Realty Company, of Georgetown,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. J. H. Hopkins,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 127) entitled

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

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

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

On motion of Mr. Dukes,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 128) entitled

"A supplement to Chapter 778 of Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware,"

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

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (H. B. No. 115) entitled

"An act in relation to a public road adjoining the town of Clayton,"

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. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 117) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Guarantee Trust, Title and Insurance Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Eliason, the bill (H. B. No. 98) entitled

"An act to incorporate the College Settlement Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 114) entitled

"An act to abolish days of grace on promisory notes, drafts, &c., &c., and to determine when such obligations maturing on Sunday, or on a legal holiday, or on half holidays, shall be due,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

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

H. B. No. 8, entitled

"Bill to divorce William A. Bennum from Mary E. Bennum."

H. B. No. 47, entitled

"An act to divorce William J. Lane and Minnie Lane from the bonds of matrimony."

H. B. No. 55, entitled

"An act to divorce Fannie Mason and Robert J. Mason from the bonds of matrimony."

H. B. No. 12, entitled

"An act divorcing William J. Pierce and Mary E. Pierce from the bonds of matrimony."

H. B. No. 7, entitled

“Bill to divorce Annie M. Roach from Rufus A. Roach.”

H. B. No. 27, entitled

“An act to divorce Teresa P. Dicus and James A. Dicus, her husband, from the bonds of matrimony.”

H. B. No. 14, entitled

“An act to divorce William B. Lowery from Mary Lowery, a vinculo matrimonii.”

H. B. No. 94, entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 556, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware.”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House joint resolution:

“Joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee to make arrangements to attend the inauguration of President-elect McKinley,”

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bill, No. 19, entitled

“An act to divorce Martha P. Argo from her husband, Robert H. Argo.”

Also, S. B. No. 40, entitled

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act for the more effi-

cient protection against crime.' " Passed at Dover, May 14, 1891.

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Senate bill (No. 45) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Greater Wilmington Printing and Publishing Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 118) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 273, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the bill (H. B. No. 112) entitled

"An act to divorce Frank Cooper from his wife, Josephine Cooper,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

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

"An act to amend acts of incorporation of Wilmington and New Castle Railway Company, said acts being Chapter 707, Volume 19 of the Laws, and Chapter 87, Volume 20 of the Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (H. B. No. 108) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary D. Smith and Durbin Smith, her husband, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (S. B. No. 49) entitled

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

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

"An act relating to public watering troughs for stock in White Clay Creek hundred.

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

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

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

Same Day—3 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey the bill (S. B. No. 40) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the more effective protection against crime.'" Passed at Dover, May 14, 1891.

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill S. B. No. 23) entitled

"An act to divorce Ella Dellop from her husband, Charles W. Dellop, a vinculo matrimonii,"

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 42) entitled

"An act in relation to actions that may be brought against the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a first time.

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

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 132) entitled

"An act to divorce Lewis G. Faulkner from his wife, Kate A. Faulkner,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 131) entitled

"An act to divorce Edwin A. King from his wife, Bertha Q. King,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 130) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary Sullivan from her husband, Charles P. Sullivan,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 129) entitled

"An act to divorce Lewis G. Faulkner from his wife, Kate A. Faulkner,"

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

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

Thursday, February 25, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Cheairs, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 49, entitled

“An act amendatory to the charter of the City of Wilmington,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (S. B. No. 49) entitled

“An act amendatory to the charter of the City of Wilmington,”

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

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

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 80, entitled

"An act to incorporate Centreville Hall Company,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 67, entitled

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

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (H. B. No. 67) entitled

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

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, Dukes, Eliason, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Johnson, Martin, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorce, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 36, entitled

"An act to divorce Joseph S. Durham from his wife, Mary J. Durham,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorce, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 87, entitled

"An act divorcing Lena M. Cole from George F. Cole,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Dempsey, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker, House bill No. 26, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club."

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 136) entitled

"An act to prevent corrupt practices and fraud at elections,"

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Pocono Ice and Coal Company."

"An act to renew and continue the charter of the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware."

Also, that the Senate had passed the following House bills:

House bill No. 29, entitled

"An act to lay out a public road in Seaford hundred, Sussex County."

House bill No. 68, entitled

"An act to establish the voting place in the Eastern Election District of White Clay Creek hundred, New Castle County, Delaware."

House bill No. 52, entitled

"An act to revive and extend the time of recording private acts."

House bill No. 34, entitled

"An act to divorce Major T. Foucett from Jane Faucett."

House bill No. 32, entitled

"An act to divorce Mollie P. Griffith from her husband, Daniel T. Griffith."

House bill No. 37, entitled

"An act to divorce Albert Cole from his wife, Juliet Cole."

House bill No. 11, entitled

"An act to divorce Isaac H. Wright from his wife, Laura L. Wright."

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bill, No. 67, entitled

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

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Short presented the claim of the Sussex Republican for printing,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to Committee on Claims.

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

"An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 144, Volume 19, Laws of Delaware, in relation to St. Georges Branch Ditch Co."

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

"An act to incorporate the McDonough Mill Fish Association."

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

"An act to amend the charter of the City of Wilmington in regard to taxation."

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

"An act to incorporate the Isaac's Branch Ditch Co."

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

"An act to prevent the adulteration of candy."

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

"An act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Code."

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

"An act to divide Kenton hundred in town election districts."

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

"An act in relation to equalizing the election districts of Christiana hundred, of New Castle County, Delaware."

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

"An act supplemental to and act entitled 'An act for the better regulation of the streets of Delaware City, and for other purposes.'"

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

On motion of Mr. Cheairs,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 134) entitled

"An act relating to public watering troughs for stock in White Clay Creek hundred,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 135) entitled

"An act to change the limits of School Districts Nos. 96 and 97, Kent County,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 136) entitled

"An act in relation to the Road Commissioners in the hundreds of New Castle County,"

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

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. Taylor, the bill (H. B. No. 132) entitled

“An act to divorce Lewis G. Faulkner and Kate Faulkner,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Speaker, the bill (H. B. No. 125) entitled

“An act to vacate the Rockford or Bancroft road in the City of Wilmington,”

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. Speaker, the bill (H. B. No. 125) entitled

"An act divorcing Clara D. Farrow and Edward S. Farrow from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (H. B. No. 97) entitled

"An act to repeal Chapter 183, Volume 20, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 128) entitled

"A supplement to Chapter 778 of Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill (H. B. No. 121) entitled

"An act in relation to assesment lists of Lewes and Rehoboth hundreds, Sussex County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill (H. B. No. 122) entitled

“An act to divorce Joseph P. Friling from his wife, Dellie E. Friling,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill (H. B. No. 124) entitled

“An act to divorce William W. Jones from his wife, Jennie Jones,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill (H. B. No. 120) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 759, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 126, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, relating to the town of Bridgeville,’ ”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

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

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 137) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 53, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware, as printed in the Revised Code, at pages 387 and 388,"

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

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Taxation, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 90, entitled

"An act authorizing special tax to provide a special fund for the purchase of oyster shells for the county roads of Seaford hundred,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (H. B. No. 36) entitled

"An act to divorce Joseph S. Durham from his wife, Mary J. Durham,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Whitney offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to purchase for the use of his office a typewriter and desk,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution inviting the Hon. William Jennings Bryan to address the General Assembly,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

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

It was decided in the negative,

And the joint resolution was declared Lost.

Mr. Speaker presented a communication from the Sons of Delaware, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Dempsey moved to lay the communication on the table for future consideration.

Which motion Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill (S. B. No. 42) entitled

"An act granting to J. Thomas Lowe the title of the State to a certain tract of salt marsh,"

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. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 123) entitled "

"An act to divorce William J. Hickman and Mary M. Hickman from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

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

Friday, February 26, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Speaker presented the report of the Commissioners appointed at the last General Assembly in regard to charter for City of Wilmington.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 115, entitled

“An act in relation to a public road adjoining the town of Clayton,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

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

“An act to prevent the erecting or setting of any pound net or nets within one mile of the Delaware Bay shore, between the waters of Broadkilm river and Mispillion river.”

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

"An act to regulate the canning of meats and vegetables, fish and fruit and berries."

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

"An act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 152, Volume 15 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'Of the City of New Castle.'"

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

Senate bill No. 48, entitled

"An act to renew and continue the charter of the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware."

Senate bill, No. 14, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Pocono Ice and Coal Company."

House bill, No. 37, entitled

"An act to divorce Albert Cole from his wife, Juliet Cole."

House bill, No. 32, entitled

"An act to divorce Mollie P. Griffith from her husband, Daniel F. Griffith."

Mr. Donaldson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and
On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 138) entitled

"An act to amend Section 12 of the Revised Code,"

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

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

"An act to divorce Howard B. Springer from his wife, Sarah W. Springer."

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

"An act to supplement an act to incorporate the town of Laurel."

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

"An act for the relief of School District No. 125 in Kent County."

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 139) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Isaac's Branch Ditch Company,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 140) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary Hunter from her husband, Samuel B. Hunter,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 141) entitled

“An act equalizing the election districts of Christiana hundred, of New Castle County,”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 142) entitled

“An act to incorporate the McDonough Mill Fish Association,”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Hazell,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 143) entitled

“An act to divide Kenton hundred into two election districts,”

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

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 137) entitled

“An act to amend Chapter 53, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware, as printed in the Revised Code, at pages 387 and 388,”

Was read a second time, by its title.

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the House bill (H. B. No. 138) entitled

“An act in relation to the Road Commissioners in the hundreds of New Castle County,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the bill (H. B. No. 134) entitled

“An act relating to public watering troughs for stock in White Clay Creek hundred,”

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. Eliason, the bill (H. B. No. 127) entitled

“An act to divide School District No. 63, New Castle County, and to reunite the same, and for other purposes,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 135) entitled

"An act to change the limits of School District Nos. 96 and 97, in Kent County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 32) entitled

"An act to divorce Kate A. Bogart from her husband, John C. Bogart,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decide in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

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

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

Senate bill No. 46, entitled

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Trump Bros. Machine Co." Passed at Dover, February 11, 1879.

Senate bill No. 33, entitled

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

Senate bill No. 61, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Smyrna Steamboat Company.”

And presented the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in the report of ex-Governor Watson on direct tax fund.

Also, that the Senate had passed the following House bills:

House bill No. 59, entitled

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington.’”

House bill No. 74, entitled

“An act to make valid the record of certain deeds.”

House bill No. 86, entitled

“An act to incorporate Wilmington Club.”

House bill No. 51, entitled

“A supplement to the act entitled a supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Weccacoe Hose Company, No. 2, of Wilmington,, Delaware.’” Passed at Dover, January 23, 1879.

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to renew the charter of the Wilmington Club, in the City of Wilmington,"

Mr. Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution inviting the Hon. William Jennings Bryan to address the General Assembly,"

Was lost on Thursday.

On which question the yeas and nays were called for.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Messrs. Cheairs, Eliason, Hazell, Johnson—4.

So the majority being in the affirmative,

The vote on the joint resolution was declared reconsidered.

Mr. Short moved that the joint resolution be adopted.

On which question the yeas and nays were called for.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Dempsey, Donaldson, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Martin, McCoy, McCullough, Short, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Messrs. Cheairs, Eliason, Hazell, Johnson—4.

Mr. Donaldson, present, not voting.

Mr. Dukes, absent.

So the majority being in the affirmative,

The joint resolution was declared Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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 the Speaker the report of the commission appointed at the last General Assembly to prepare a new charter for the city of Wilmington,

Was read as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO THE CITY OF WILMINGTON.

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Delaware:

The Commission appointed and organized, under and by virtue of an Act passed by your Honorable body, April 24, 1895,

24H.

to consider the question of municipal government so far as it relates to the City of Wilmington, respectfully submits the following report:

Alfred D. Warner, one of the Commissioners named in the aforesaid Act, resigned at the organization of the Commission, owing to pressing business engagements, and Frank Pyle was appointed to fill his place.

Permanent organization of the Commission was effected by the selection of Daniel W. Taylor as chairman and John S. Rossell as secretary.

A vast amount of data relating to the government of other cities was obtained through the courteous assistance of the chief officers of said cities, and the Commission was thus enabled to study the various municipal systems in operation in the United States. The Commission most gratefully acknowledges these favors and desires to refer also, in this connection, to the kind treatment and valuable help received from the officials of Wilmington, who responded promptly to every request for information required in the course of its work.

After a most thorough investigation of the question referred to it by your honorable body, the Commission is of the opinion that efficient and economical local government for the inhabitants of Wilmington can be obtained only through a management chosen by and directly responsible to the people, divorced, as far as possible, from party politics.

The Commission has, therefore, prepared and submits herewith as part of its report, a bill providing for the reincorporation of the city and the reorganization of the city government on strictly home rule lines, free from the dangers of corrupting political influences.

By the provisions of this bill the dominant political party is prevented from securing preponderating control of the city's affairs, and the corporation, while clothed with plenary powers of government, is rigidly restricted in the exercise of every privilege involving the vital interests of the people.

Every possible safe guard is thrown around the expenditure of public funds and the severest penalties are prescribed for the punishment of unfaithful officers and their guilty abettors.

The power to extend the limits of the city, now reserved to the General Assembly, is vested in the Council, as the most competent body to decide a matter of strictly local significance; but with a limitation upon Council that precludes the possibility of injustice to the inhabitants of the territory annexed.

The debt-creating power, heretofore exercised only under specific legislative sanction, is given to the corporation, subject to the ultimate approval of the qualified voters of the city, to whom rightfully belongs the final settlement of a question so far reaching in its influence upon the material prosperity of the whole people.

The corporation is empowered to provide for lighting the streets of the city and supplying the inhabitants with lights. It is not supposed that this power will be exercised speedily, but it is necessary to the perfect organization of a modern municipality and should be exercised whenever an exigency requiring it arises. Investigation has shown that in well governed cities lighting is a prominent feature and is conducted by the municipal corporation with great advantage and profit to the people.

The erection and maintenance of public buildings needful for the proper transaction of the city's business, and for the care of those who may come under its charge, have been provided for. The dilapidated condition of the City Hall will call for an early exercise of this power.

Bridges and viaducts within the limits of the city may be placed under the control of the corporation and such plans adopted for their construction and maintenance as Council may approve. This is regarded as a very important provision in view of the dangerous condition of not a few railroad crossings in constant use by the people.

The legislative power, which, under the present charter of

the city, is divided between the Council and the several departmental boards, is fully restored to Council.

The appointing power, now vested partly in the Council, largely in the various boards, and only to a small extent in the Mayor, is restored to the executive branch of the municipal government.

The responsibility for the proper administration of the affairs of the corporation is placed upon the Mayor. He is empowered to appoint the heads of the executive departments and the members of the executive boards in said departments, who, in turn, are responsible to him.

The Council alone is authorized to fix the number and compensation of the subordinate officers, clerks, and employes to be engaged in each department. The appointment of such officers, clerks and employes, is left to an Advisory Board, under a modified civil service. The creation of useless offices and the payment of excessive salaries are thus rendered impracticable, while the selection of the most competent persons for the various subordinate positions is reasonably assured.

The heads of departments are required to attend sessions of the Council and are entitled to seats in that body, but without the right to vote. The executive and legislative branches of the city government will, in this way, be brought into close communication with the result, it is to be hoped, that the business of the corporation will be conducted with greater harmony.

Provision is made for a more complete and equitable assessment of real estate by placing it under the control of a special Board having no other duty to perform and not identified except in this particular work with the administration of the city government. Those who may feel aggrieved by the valuation placed on their property have the right of final appeal to Council.

The capitation tax, heretofore collected almost entirely from the owners of real estate, will not be exacted from any one if the proposed bill should become a law. The ancient, unjust and

wholly inoperative provision for the arrest and imprisonment of delinquent tax payers, found in the present charter, is not embraced in this bill.

An uninterrupted administration by the same officials for four years is contemplated. It has been deemed best to allow this limit, so that well matured plans of government may not fail of full execution because of frequent changes. The Mayor is ineligible to re-election and the expiration of his term will carry with it the retirement of the heads of departments, so that a long continuance in the chief offices of the same persons is not likely to occur.

The Municipal Court is continued as established by law, but only because the Commission was unable, under the existing judicial system, to provide for any enlargement of the jurisdiction of this court. The Commission is convinced, however, that large sums would be saved annually to the taxpayers, if the final disposition of petty cases, which now burden the State courts, could be left with the Municipal Court.

The Board of Public Education in Wilmington is continued and its charter extended for twenty years, so as to be co-extensive with the proposed new city charter. The Commission diligently inquired into the question of public education in its relation to the public schools of Wilmington and found that, with limited means at its command, this Board had improved, in a marked degree the management of the schools and brought them to greater proficiency than has been attained in the schools of larger cities where more liberal allowances are made for the promotion of public education. As now constituted the management is entirely within the control of the taxpayers, who elect the members of the Board, at a separate election, where no other question is submitted, and party politics is not obtruded.

The bill submitted changes the method of holding city elections in such wise as to retain, on the one hand, everything in the present system that is esteemed to be needful for a free expression of the popular will, and on the other, to place the election machinery absolutely beyond the control of any political

organization. A bi-partisan Board of Election Supervisors is established and the appointment of inspectors and clerks of election from all parties provided for. The Voters' Assistant, who has developed into an unblushing agent of debauchery, fraud and deception, is dispensed with.

The Commission has not regarded the payment of a tax as essential to the exercise of the elective franchise and has, therefore, discontinued the payment of a county tax as a prerequisite to voting, and substituted, as a means of identification and contribution to the election expenses, the payment to the city of a fee of twenty-five cents by every voter.

If self government, the cherished heritage of a free people, now too long lost to the citizens of Wilmington, shall be restored in their midst, the Commission believes that the accompanying bill indicates the way in which this can be most easily and successfully accomplished.

Reserving, as it does, to the people and their representatives in Council full control over all matters except those purely administrative; reducing the expenses of government by consolidation of departments; harmonizing the various administrative branches by combining them around one common and controlling center, the Mayor; and removing all incentive to personal and political preferment; it promises not only better government, but the best government Wilmington has ever known.

We most earnestly unite in recommending its passage by your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. TAYLOR,
WM. D. MULLEN, JR.,
FRANK PYLE,
JOHN S. ROSSELL,

Commissioners.

February 26, 1897.

And, on Mr. Speaker's further motion, the report was
Referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Eliason, the bill (S. B. No. 61) entitled
"An act to incorporate the Smyrna Steamboat Company,"
Was read a first time.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 144) entitled

"An act to prevent the adulteration of candy,"

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

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (S. B. No. 87) entitled

"An act divorcing Lena M. Cole from George F. Cole,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill (H. B. No. 126) entitled:

"An act to incorporate the Realty Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations:

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (S. B. No. 32) entitled:

"An act to divorce Kate A. Bogart from her husband, John C. Bogart,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Short offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay to the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane, fifteen thousand dollars,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Monday, March 1, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Private Corporations, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 45, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Greater Wilmington Printing and Publishing Company,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. McCullough, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 110, entitled

“An act to divorce Seymour C. Downs from his wife, Mary E. Downs,”

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Short presented the bill of the Delaware Democrat,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (H. B. No. 140) entitled

"An act to divorce Mary Hunter from her husband, Samuel B. Hunter,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 139) entitled

"An act to incorporate the Isaac's Branch Ditch Company,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Eliason, the bill (H. B. No. 142) entitled

"An act to incorporate the McDonough Mill Fish Association,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey, the bill (H. B. No. 144) entitled

"An act to prevent the adulteration of candy,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Eliason, the bill (S. B. No. 61) entitled

“An act to incorporate the Smyrna Steamboat Company,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cheairs, the bill (H. B. No. 133) entitled

“An act to prevent corrupt practices and fraud at elections,”

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. Davis, the bill (H. B. No. 143) entitled

“An act to divide Kenton hundred into two election districts,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 130) entitled

“An act to divorce Mary Sullivan from her husband, Charles S. Sullivan,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 141) entitled

"An act equalizing the election districts of Christiana hundred, of New Castle County, Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 82) entitled //

"An act to lay out a public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, the bill (H. B. No. 129) entitled

"An act to divorce Edwin A. King from Bertha Q. King,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Divorces.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 145) entitled

"An act amendatory of the charter of the City of Wilmington, in regard to taxation,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 146) entitled

"An act to divorce Howard B. Springer from his wife, Sarah W. Springer,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 147) entitled

"An act for the relief of School District No. 125, in Kent County,"

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

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following House bill, No. 25, entitled

"An act to divorce Mary J. Vandyke from her husband, William T. Vandyke."

Also that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution inviting Hon. William Jennings Bryan to address the General Assembly,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

House bill No. 37, entitled

"An act to divorce Albert Cole from his wife, Juliet Cole."

House bill No. 32, entitled

"An act to divorce Mollie P. Griffith from her husband, Daniel T. Griffith."

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

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 148) entitled

"An act entitled 'An act to regulate the canning of meats and vegetables, fish, fruit and berries,'"

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

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

"An act to divorce J. Curtis James from his wife, Emma L. James."

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

"An act to amend Section 9, Chapter 110, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware."

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (H. B. No. 115) entitled

"An act in relation to a public road adjoining the town of Clayton,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Johnson offered a joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution concerning the insurance of the State property,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to divorce Annie Clee from her husband, James Clee."

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill (S. B. No. 45) entitled

"An act incorporating the Greater Wilmington Printing and Publishing Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

On motion the vote was postponed until Tuesday.

Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the Committee on Accounts, to whom had been referred the claim in the Cheairs-Dickey election contest, reported as follows:

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred sundry bills in the Cheairs-Dickey contested election case, beg leave to submit the following report:

On the bill of Herman E. Frist for services as clerk...\$35.25
Committee reports in favor of the payment of.....\$15.00

On the bill of R. E. Francis for services as clerk.....\$35.25
Committee reports in favor of the payment of.....\$15.00

On the bill of Robert Adair for attendance on the committee\$15.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of.....\$10.00

On the bill of William R. Flinn, Sheriff, for delivery and return of ballot boxes and attendance of deputies...\$325.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of.....\$275.00

On the bill of T. B. Heisel and W. F. Kurtz for professional services\$750.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of.....\$500.00

On the bill of Baldwin Springer for attendance and services\$59.90
Committee reports in favor of the payment of.....\$45.00

On the bill of Paul Gillis, late Sheriff, for attendance and delivery of tally sheets.....\$8.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of\$8.00

On the bill of James W. Ponder for professional services\$750.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of \$300.00

On the bill of John C. Hopkins for services as clerk...\$35.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of\$20.00

On the bill of two men, watching ballot boxes four days each\$24.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of\$20.00

On the bill of two men, watching ballot boxes four nights each\$24.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of\$20.00

On the bill of William B. Hazel to serving four subpoenas\$1.00
Mileage for the same.....\$12.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of\$13.00

On the bill of two men, watching ballot boxes four day and four nights\$24.00
Committee reports in favor of the payment of\$20.00

To board of all the above men while on duty, a total of 24 days\$24.00
Committee reports unfavorably.

Signed,

THOMAS JOHNSON,
B. A. HAZELL.

On motion the report was accepted and laid over for one week.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 688, Volume 18 of Laws of Delaware.”

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

Senate bill No. 68, entitled

"An act to authorize the Commissioners of School District No. 132 in Kent County, to borrow money to pay for the new school house."

House bill No. 71, entitled

"An act to transfer the farm of Eddie W. Godwin from School District No. 31 to School District No. 120 in Sussex County."

With Senate amendment thereto.

House bill No. 104, entitled

"An act permitting School Commissioners of School District No. 18 to move their school house in Sussex County."

Senate bill No. 59, entitled

"An act in relation to united School Districts Nos. 2, 100, 103, and 104 in Sussex County."

House bill No. 99, entitled

"An act to change the name of Clayton Clyne Worthington to Clayton Clyne Tunnell."

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

House bill No. 107, entitled

"An act to vacate a part of a public road in Kenton hundred, Kent County."

House bill No. 65, entitled

"An act to transfer the lands of Philip E. Davis from School District No. 39 to School District No. 176, in Sussex County."

And returned the same to the House.

On motion the House adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—4 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Tuesday, March 2, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Dempsey moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Standing Committee reports.

Mr. Cheairs, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 22, entitled

“An act in relation to the terms of office of certain officials in the City of Wilmington,”

Reported the same back to the House unfavorably.

Mr. Cheairs moved that the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out.

The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Dempsey moved to postpone further consideration of the bill for one week,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Cheairs, on behalf of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 45, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Clayton,'"

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the Senate bill, No. 43, entitled

"An act to vacate the Rockford or Bancroft road in the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 136, entitled

"An act in relation to the Road Commissioners in the hundreds of New Castle County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Vacant Lands, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 116, entitled

"An act to lay out a public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 137, entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 53, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware, as printed in the Revised Code, pages 387 and 388,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 137) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 53, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware, as printed in the Revised Code, pages 387 and 388,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay to the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane, fifteen thousand dollars."

Also that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a Committee of Reception for Hon. William J. Bryan."

House joint resolution,

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to purchase for the use of his office a typewriter and desk."

Senate joint resolution,

"Joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate and report upon the condition and needs of the State Asylum for the Insane,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Dempsey, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 11, entitled

"An act to divorce Isaac H. Wright and his wife, Laura L. Wright,"

Reported the same back to the House correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, to whom had been referred the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution in relation to the State College for Colored Students,"

Reported the same back to the House favorably, with an amendment.

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

"Strike out the word 'five,' after the word 'of' and before the

word "thousand," and substitute in lieu thereof the word "four."

And, on Mr. Whitney's further motion

The amendment was Adopted.

And further on motion of Mr. Whitney,

The joint resolution as amended was read,

And, on his further motion, was Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. L. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom had been referred the House bill, No. 106, entitled

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

Reported the same back to the House favorably,

With recommendation that the bill pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Short, the bill (H. B. No. 90) entitled

"An act authorizing a special tax to provide a special fund for the purchase of oyster shells for the county roads of Seaford hundred,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Short offered an amendment to the bill,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Add to the end of Section 1 the following:

"And that said special tax shall be collected by the Collector

of Seaford hundred as other county taxes are collected, and shall be paid over to the County Treasurer, who shall open and keep separate account thereof, and said County Treasurer shall disburse said special tax upon orders to be drawn upon him by the Commissioner for said Seaford hundred, or by the Commissioner of the district in which Seaford hundred may be included. Said Commissioner shall cause to be printed special forms of orders to be used for this purpose, and they shall be designated 'Shell road orders for Seaford hundred.' "

And, on Mr. Short's further motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"Joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee of Reception for Hon. William J. Bryan,"

Was read.

Mr. Dempsey offered an amendment to the joint resolution,

Which, on motion, was Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey,

The joint resolution as amended was Concurred in.

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

Mr. Hazell moved that a special committee of two be appointed to await on the Constitutional Convention and invite that body to attend jointly with House and Senate to hear the address of the Hon. William J. Bryan,

Which motion Prevailed.

The Speaker appointed as said committee Messrs. Hazell and Eliason.

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

"An act to transfer certain real estate from School Districts No. 4 and 49 to District No. 84, in Kent County and for other purposes."

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

"An act to further amend the act entitled 'An act for incorporating the Friendship Fire Company of the borough of Wilmington,' being Chapter 168, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware." Passed at Dover January 15, 1805, and amended by a private act passed at Dover, March 29, 1871.

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Washington Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company, No. 7, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware.'" Passed at Dover, February 6, 1889.

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

"An act to repeal an act in reference to the Water Witch Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 5, of Wilmington, Del., and to reincorporate the said company under the name of the Water Witch Fire Company, No. 5, of Wilmington, Del."

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

"An act to consolidate united School Districts Nos. 28 and 80, in Kent County."

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

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Henlopen Electric Light and Railway Company."

Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to invite the Constitutional Convention to attend jointly with House and Senate to hear the address of the Hon. William J. Bryan, reported that the committee had performed their duties.

Mr. Dempsey moved the report be accepted and committee discharged,

Which motion Prevailed.

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

On motion of Mr. Short,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 149) entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 688, Volume 18, Laws of Delaware,"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 150) entitled

"An act supplementatl to an act entitled 'An act for the regulation of the streets of Delaware City, and for other purposes,'"

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

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 151) entitled

"An act to amend Section 9, Chapter 110, Volume 19 of the Laws of Delaware,"

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

Mr. Doherty, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution convening the two Houses to hear an address by Hon. William Jennings Bryan."

Also, Senate bill No. 73, entitled

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Justice of the Peace and Notary Public in and for Kent County."

Also Senate bill No. 74, entitled

"An act authorizing the appointment of one additional constable in and for Kent county."

And presented the same to the House.

Also that the Senate had non-concurred in the House joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution concerning the insurance of the State property."

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the amendment to Senate joint resolution entitled

"Joint resolution authorizing the Speakers to appoint a committee to receive Hon. William Jennings Bryan."

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

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill (H. B. No. 152) entitled

"An act to divorce J. Curtis James from his wife, Emma L. James,"

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

Mr. Johnson moved that when the House adjourns it adjourn to meet at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

Same Day—5 o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wilson offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Resolved, That the address this day delivered in the presence of the General Assembly of this State, by the Hon. William J. Bryan, was a highly logical and instructive discourse, and has been heard with much profit and interest by the members of this House, and that the thanks of this House are hereby extended to Mr. Bryan, and that the Clerk is instructed to have a copy of this resolution neatly engrossed and forwarded to Mr. Bryan.

And, on Mr. Wilson's further motion,

The resolution was Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hazell, the bill (H. B. No. 141) entitled

"An act to equalize the election districts of Christiana hundred, New Castle County, Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the bill (H. B. No. 147) entitled

"An act for the relief of School District No. 125 in Kent County,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. L. S. Hopkins, the bill (H. B. No. 91) entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a Board of Education for the town of Felton.' " Passed at Dover, February 25, 1885,

Was read a second time, by its title,

And, on his further motion was

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dukes, the bill (H. B. No. 116) entitled

"An act to lay out a new public road in Baltimore hundred, Sussex County,"

Was taken up for consideration,

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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Wednesday, March 3, 1897—10 o'clock, A. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Members present—Messrs. Adams, Cheairs, Davis, Dempsey, Dukes, Hazell, J. H. Hopkins, L. S. Hopkins, Smith, Taylor, Whitney, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Journal read and approved.

Standing Committee reports.

Senator Pierce, 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:

S. B. No. 52, entitled

“An act to divorce George L. Hannahs and Mary E. Hannahs.”

S. B. No. 35, entitled

“An act to divorce Emma Hootten and John L. Hootten.”

S. B. No. 79, entitled

“An act relating to taxation in certain parts of the City of Wilmington.”

And presented the same to the House.

Also returned to the House the following duly and correctly