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Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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Which,

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On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Worden Manufacturing Company, of Smyrna,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same in Kent county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb offered the following as a substitute for the additional rule presented by Mr. Cochran from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm. B. Hollis and others,

Which,

On his motion, was read as follows :

RULE 25. Upon the introduction of a bill, the member introducing the same shall make a clear and concise statement of the substance and character of such bill and its effect, if any, upon an existing statute,

And, on his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Clerk of the House was instructed to inform the Senate that the House would be ready in five minutes to receive the Senate in joint meeting in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of comparing the journals of the two Houses in obedience to the act of Congress entitled,

“An act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, passed July 25, 1866.”

At the time fixed for the joint meeting, the members of the Senate, preceded by their Speaker and attended by their Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats prepared for them.

JOINT MEETING.

The two Houses being thus convened in joint meeting,

Mr. Robinson, of the House, moved,

That the Journals of the two Houses, so far as they relate to the election of United States Senator, be read and compared,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Whereupon,

The Clerks of the respective Houses proceeded to read the Journals.

It appearing that Eli Saulsbury had received a majority of the votes cast in each House, the Speaker of the Senate then declared that Eli Saulsbury was duly elected as Senator to serve in the Congress of the United States for the constitutional term of six years commencing on the 4th of March next.

Thereupon,

A certificate was made out signed by the Speakers of the two

Houses, and attested by the respective Clerks, and addressed to the Governor of the State,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, of the House,

Was read as follows, to wit :

STATE OF DELAWARE, SS.

Be it known, that the Legislature of the State of Delaware, did, on the 17th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, at an election in due manner held according to the form of the act of Congress, in such case made and provided, elect Eli Saulsbury to be a senator from the said State, in the Senate of the United States, for the constitutional term to commence on the 4th of March next.

Given under our hands the 17th day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

Attest :

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of the Senate.

J. TURPIN MOORE,

Speaker of the Senate.

CHARLES H. B. DAY,

Clerk of the H. of R.

HUGH MARTIN,

Speaker of the H. of R.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of the House,

The certificate was entered upon the Journals.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, of the House,

The Journals of the joint meeting, were read and compared.

On motion of Mr. Fiddeman, of the Senate,

The two Houses separated, and the senators returned to their chamber.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of the Christiana Creek, in New Castle Hundred, in New Castle County.”

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

“An act to amend Chapter 116, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, and Chapter 383, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware.”

Mr. Nicholson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, was read.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 549 of the Revised Statutes of this State, entitled “Of Divorces.””

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act for the protection of muskrats;”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Morris moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The joint committee on the part of the House to settle with the State Treasurer was granted leave to retire.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Senate preamble and joint resolution for the publication and payment of equity cases,

Was read, and, on his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

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

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

THURSDAY, *January* 18, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, from the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as being duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

“An act to amend ‘An act to incorporate the Kiamensi Woolen Company,’ passed at Dover, Oct. 20, 1864;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 47, Volume 15, Delaware Laws;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 557, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware;”

Also,

The House Joint Resolution, authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to pay a certain claim.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

“An act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the J. Marshall Company,’”

With amendments ;

“An act entitled, ‘A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company,’”

Without amendment ;

Also, the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Worden Manufacturing Company, of Smyrna,”

Without amendment ;

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Casho Machine Company,’ passed at Dover, January 28, 1873,”

Without amendment ;

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee of Revised Statutes, reported the following Senate bills back to the House, viz :

“An act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 125, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws,”

Without amendment ;

“An act to amend an act for the protection of Muskrats,”

With an amendment ;

Also the following House bills, viz :

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same, in Kent county,”

Without amendment ;

“An act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Code of 1852 as published in the amended code of 1874,”

Without amendment, with a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Holcomb, from the joint committee to settle with the State Treasurer, on the part of the House, made a report,

Which was read as follows :

Report of the Joint Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer and Trustee of the School Fund.

On the seventeenth day of January, 1877, on settlement with the Auditor of Accounts, the State Treasurer's general account stood as follows :

Receipts for the year 1876.....	\$197,888	79
Expenditures.....	\$115,823	35
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	82,065	44
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	\$197,888	79

At the same time the committee examined the State Treasurer's account with the Oyster Fund, and found it as follows, to wit :

Receipts for the year.....	\$8,902	94
Balance to credit of Oyster Fund January, 1876.....	3,727	66
Expenditures for the year.....	\$4,037	97
Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	8,592	63
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	\$12,630	60
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	\$12,630	60

On the same day the Treasurer's account as Trustee of the School Fund showed a balance in his hands of. . . \$10,627 87

The committee examined the accounts and vouchers for the above stated accounts and found them correct. They also examined the State Treasurer's account as it appeared on the books of his record, and also the books of the Farmers' Bank at Dover, and found them to correspond exactly with the State Treasurer's account.

H. B. FIDDEMAN.

H. SHARPLEY.

Com. of Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB.

PETER ROBINSON.

A. J. WRIGHT.

Com. of House.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The report of the committee was *Accepted.*

Mr. Holcomb also presented the Auditor's report for the year 1876.

The Speaker presented the petition of Daniel Conley and others asking that an additional School District be laid off in Sussex county,

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution appointing Thomas B. Giles State Treasurer,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Thompson offered a joint resolution appointing Doctor Nathan Pratt, Auditor of Accounts,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bartholomew offered a resolution,

Which was read as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby directed to furnish to each member of the House, a copy of Vol. 14 of the Laws of the State of Delaware,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,

Was *Adopted.*

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted a Joint Resolution, adjourning both Houses of the legislature, on Thursday, the 1st day of February, 1877;

And requested the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Robinson moved that the joint resolution, just received from the Senate, be read,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Bartholomew moved,

That the resolution be laid on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the act entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend and renew the charter of Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Joint Resolutions, viz :

“Joint Resolution, appointing Thomas B. Giles, State Treasurer ;”

“Joint Resolution, appointing Doctor Nathan Pratt, Auditor of Accounts ;”

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

“A further additional supplement to the act to extend the time for recording Deeds,”

And returned the same to the House.

He also returned to the House the following enrolled House Joint Resolutions, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“Joint Resolution in relation to the Boundary Question, referred to in the Governor’s message ;” and

“Joint Resolution appointing a joint committee to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer ;

Mr. Hall offered a Joint Resolution, to pay a certain claim therein named,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims, with the accompanying papers.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 33, Chapter 125, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light,”

Was read a second time, by its title;

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same in Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Nicholson asked, and obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Cochran asked, and obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Holcomb offered a Joint Resolution, directing the printing of the Auditor's Report for the year 1876,

Which, on his motion, was read.

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act authorizing the Levy

Courts of the several counties in this State, to adopt measures for the destruction of hawks and owls,' passed at Dover, March 23, 1875,'"

Having been postponed until to-day, was now before the House for consideration.

Mr. Robinson offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the

"Joint Resolution appropriating seven hundred dollars to pay the contingent expenses of the office of Secretary of State,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the amendment to the bill under consideration be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the bill be re-committed to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Which motion was

Lost.

The question then being on the indefinite postponement of the amendment,

It was decided in the negative,

And the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That Rule 12 be suspended in order that the amendment may be read a second time,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Robinson moved the adoption of the amendment,

And, upon the question "Shall the amendment be adopted?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Robinson, Taylor, and Thompson—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Burnite, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Ware, Wright; and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to adopt the amendment

Was *Lost*.

Mr. Morris moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall the bill be read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House?”

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Robinson, Thompson—9.

Mr. Mustard offered an amendment, which was read.

Mr. Mustard moved that Rule 12 be suspended, and that the amendment be read a second time,

Which motion *Prevailed*.

And Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Wright offered an amendment to the amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Wright moved that Rule 12 be suspended, and that the amendment to the amendment be read a second time.

Which motion *Prevailed*.

And the amendment to the amendment was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wright the amendment to the amendment
Was *Adopted.*

Mr. Mustard moved the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Mr. Messick moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment.

Mr. Wright moved that the amendment be laid on the table,

And, upon the question, "Shall the amendment be laid on the table?"

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury,
Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick,
Robinson, Taylor, and Thompson—9.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to lay the amendment on the table,

Was *Lost.*

The question then recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment,

It was decided in the negative,

And the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment,

Was *Lost.*

Mr. Robinson moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Tuesday next,

Which motion was *Lost.*

The question then being upon the adoption of the amendment,

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment was *Adopted.*

Mr. Burnite moved that the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment to the title of the bill,

Which was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That Rule 12 be suspended, and that the amendment to the title of the bill be read a second time,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the amendment to the title of the bill was read a second time,

And, on his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

The question then being upon the motion to read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill was ordered to be read a third time, with a view to pass the House.

Upon the question, "Shall that be the Section 1 of the bill?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Thompson and Ware—10.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Hall, Messick, Robinson, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—7.

The question was decided in the affirmative, and the first section of the bill,

Was *Adopted.*

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

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Mr. Burnite—1.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker announced that the hour of 4 o'clock, having arrived, the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 61, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws,"

Being the special order, would now be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Brown offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Brown moved to suspend rule 12, and that the amendment be read a second time,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of E. H. Bancroft, and others; also,

The remonstrance of Ellwood Jenkins, and others, against the repeal of the dog law,

Which were read and referred to committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Brown moved

That the bill now under consideration, with the amendments, be recommitted to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the J. Marshall Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the amendments reported by the committee be read.

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That Rule 12 be suspended in order that the amendment may be read a second time,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the amendments were read a second time.

And upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—17

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company,' "

Be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Newark Grange Co-operative Store Company,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the committee on Printing be directed to have printed for the use of the House 300 copies of the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

"An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4, of the Current Volume of the Laws, passed at Dover 1875."

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

"An act to provide for the annual payment, by the county of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from school fund."

Mr. Burnite 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 Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill, and Kenton Hundreds, in Kent county."

Mr. Morris moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

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

FRIDAY, *January 19*, 1877—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Burnite, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Wright,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundreds, in Kent county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read.

Mr. Thompson offered a resolution,

Which was read as follows :

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby directed to furnish to each member of the House, a copy of Vol. 13 of the Laws of the State of Delaware,

Which, on his motion,

Was *Adopted.*

Mr. Bartholomew, on behalf of the committee on Elections, report,

That the committee on Elections have examined the certificates of election of the members of the House from the respective counties, and found them correct.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the report was accepted.

Mr. Ware, from the committee on Corporations, reported back to the House the following House bills without amendments, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light;”

“An act to incorporate the Newark Grange Co-operative Store Company,”

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Robinson moved, that when the House adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Monday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the annual payment, by the county of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from School Fund,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

Rule 12 was suspended and the bill was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act for the protection of Muskrats,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The amendment reported by the committee was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, with a view to pass the House.

Pending the motion to read the bill a third time,

Mr. Mustard moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Tuesday next, and that it be made the special order,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of the Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Saint John's Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware;"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend and renew the charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the committee on Printing be directed to have 100 copies of the act entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools,"

Printed for the use of the House,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY, *January 22*, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Silver Run Marsh Company, of New Castle county."

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

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

"An act entitled a further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof.'"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits competent to testify in civil actions."

Mr. Holcomb offered a Joint Resolution in relation to the State Library,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"A further supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware.'"

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Newark Grange Co-operative Store Company, was taken up for consideration,"

And upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker.—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ware offered a Joint Resolution on Federal Relations,

Which was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Ware offered a Joint Resolution, endorsing the action of Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, as one of the Joint Committee of Congress, in relation to counting the electoral vote,

Which was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Ware offered a Joint Resolution directing certain resolutions to be forwarded to Hon. T. F. Bayard, Hon. Eli Saulsbury, and Hon. James Williams,

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Bird,

Was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of A. N. Southard, praying a divorce from his wife, Ella D. Southard, with accompanying papers,

Which, on his motion, were read,

Mr. Bird moved to refer the petition and accompanying papers to the committee on Divorces, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

And, upon the question, "Shall the petition and accompanying papers be referred to the committee on Divorces?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, and Wright—11.

Nays—Messrs. Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, and Mr. Speaker—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the petition and accompanying papers were referred to the committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundred, in Kent county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright offered a resolution,

Which was read as follows:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Delaware Association for the Education of the Colored People be, and he is hereby requested to make a report in detail to this House, on or before Thursday, the first day of February next, of all moneys received and disbursed by him under and by authority of Chapter 48 of the current volume of

the Laws of Delaware, passed at Dover, March 24, 1875, and that the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to said treasurer.

Which, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

The Speaker presented the report of the Delaware State Centennial Commission,

Which was read.

Mr. Holcomb offered a Joint Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate to which shall be referred the report of the Delaware State Centennial Commission,

Which was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Holcomb, Burnite, and Robinson were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of John McClafferty and 167 others of the city of Wilmington, asking for the passage of a law authorizing the election of the school superintendent of the city of Wilmington by the school voters at the same time the members of the Board of Public Education are elected,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

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

TUESDAY, *January 23, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House:

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled; ‘An act to extend the time of recording Deeds,’ ”

Also, the following House Joint Resolutions, as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz:

“Joint Resolution appropriating seven hundred dollars to pay the contingent expenses of the office of Secretary of State;”

“Joint Resolution appointing Thomas B. Giles, State Treasurer;”

“Joint Resolution, appointing Doctor Nathan Pratt, Auditor of Accounts.”

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of the Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,”

Reported the same back to the House without amendment.

The Speaker presented the petition of Ezekiel Timmons and others, praying an act to revive an act entitled “An act to incorporate the Gum Branch Ditch Company, of Sussex county, Delaware” passed at Dover, February 15, 1866,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

The Speaker also presented the petition of R. A. Houston and others praying the Legislature to pass an act revoking the charter of the Sussex Insurance Company, Chapter 259, passed at Dover, January 28, 1875,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Code of 1852 as published in the amended code of 1874,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And upon the question, “Shall that be Section 1 of the bill?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Hall, Mustard, Saulsbury and Mr. Speaker—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And Section 1 was

Adopted.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, and Wright—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Hall, Morris, Mustard, Saulsbury, and Mr. Speaker—6.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird. the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Silver Run Marsh Company, of New Castle county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of James B. Alrich and others, praying for the passage of the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Silver Run Marsh Company, of New Castle county,”

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Corporations ;

Also, the remonstrance of L. G. Vandegrift, and others, against the passage of the same bill,

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Ware 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 Amelia S. Carty.”

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover, 1875,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be, and they are hereby directed to have bound in neat cloth covers two hundred copies of the report of State Superintendent of Free Schools.

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act entitled ‘A further additional supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

Mr. Burnite moved, that the vote by which the resolution in relation to binding, in cloth, two hundred copies of the report of the State Superintendent of Free Schools, was adopted, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Morris moved, that the report of State Superintendent of Free Schools, be read,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits, competent to testify in civil actions.”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

“An amendment to Chapter 48, of the Current Volume of the Laws of Delaware,” passed at Dover, March 24, 1875, entitled “An act to tax colored persons for the support of their own schools.”

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of the Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Taylor and Thompson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—8.

Mr. Holcomb changed his vote in the affirmative.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

“An act to encourage marriages at home.”

The Speaker announced that the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act for the protection of muskrats,”

Having been made the special order for to-day, was now before the House for consideration.

Mr. Mustard offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Mustard moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson presented a remonstrance,

Against the passage of a law authorizing the appointment of an additional Justice of the Peace in Gumboro hundred, in Sussex county.

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the special committee already raised on that subject.

Mr. Brown, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as related to tramps,

Reported a bill entitled,

“An act to suppress vagrancy,”

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of William H. Ridgeway and others, asking the change of the location of a public road in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Greensbury Lynch, asking that the Levy Court of Sussex county be authorized to lease a certain lot of ground in Georgetown, Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to a special committee of three, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise;

Whereupon,

Messrs. Thompson, Messick and Morris, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the joint committee, to whom was referred the report of the Delaware State Centennial Commission, made a verbal report.

Mr. Hall moved,

That the Joint Resolution, in relation to the Farmers' Bank, be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Bird moved the adoption of the resolution, as amended.

Mr. Messick moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution, as amended,

And, upon the question, "Shall the resolution be indefinitely postponed?"

Mr. Hall called for the yeas and nays,

Which be taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Burnite, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Thompson, and Ware.—7.

The motion to indefinitely postpone the resolution, was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the vote by which the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,”

Passed the House, be reconsidered,

And, upon the question “Shall the vote by which the bill passed the House be reconsidered?”

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Mustard, Robinson, Thompson, Ware and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—8.

The question being decided in the affirmative,

The vote by which the bill passed the House was reconsidered.

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

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company,’ ”

“An act to incorporate the J. Marshall Company,”

Also, the Joint Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to which shall be referred the report of the Delaware State Centennial Commission.

And returned the same to the House.

And that Messrs. Ray and Harrington, were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bill, with an amendment, viz :

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same, in Kent county;”

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the House bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act authorizing the Levy Courts of the several counties in this State to adopt measures for the destruction of hawks and owls,’ passed at Dover, March 23, 1875.”

He also informed the House, that the Senate had passed the following bill entitled :

“An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ocheltree,”

And presented the same for concurrence of the House;

Also, that the Senate had adopted a Joint Resolution, in relation to the Presidential Compromise Bill,

And requested the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Senate Joint Resolution in relation to the Presidential Compromise bill, just received from the Senate,

Was read.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the Joint Resolution just read, be referred to the committee on Federal Relations;

Pending the motion,

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To amend the motion, that the committee be requested to report in thirty minutes,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate Joint resolution was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The committee were granted leave to retire.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ochletree,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of the Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,"

Was made the special order for Wednesday, the 31st day of January next.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An act to make it obligatory that the Treasurer of each county shall make public by report the amount of monies collected and disbursed, and for other purposes,'"

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of Mr. Cochran, asked and obtained leave of absence so long as the illness of his family required his attention.

Mr. Burnite, on behalf of the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred,

The Senate "Joint Resolution in relation to the Presidential Compromise bill,"

And

The House "Joint Resolution on Federal Relations,"

Reported

The House "Joint Resolution on Federal Relations,"

Back to the House, with an amendment,

Which was read.

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Were

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to inform the Senate that the House had adopted the Joint Resolution on Federal Relations as a substitute for the Senate Joint Resolutions in relation to the Presidential Compromise,

Which, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

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

WEDNESDAY, *January* 24, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Silver Run Marsh Company, of New Castle county,”

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act transferring the home and mansion farm of George W. Horsey, from School District, No. 46, in Sussex county, to School District, No. 51, in Sussex county,”

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 61, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws,"

With sundry amendments, reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that the bill pass without amendment.

Also, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill, and Kenton Hundreds, in Kent county,"

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"The act to establish a State Work House, for all persons convicted of crime and punishable with imprisonment,"

Reported the same back to the House,

And, on his motion,

Was read a second time by its title,

And recommitted to the special committee.

Mr. Messick, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to encourage marriages at home,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick, was read.

Mr. Thompson offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be, and they are hereby directed to have printed for the use of the House one thousand (1,000) copies more of the State Superintendent's Report of Free Schools.

Mr. Thompson moved to adopt the resolution,

Pending the motion to adopt the resolution,

Mr. Morris moved to lay the resolution on the table,

And, upon the question, "Shall the resolution be laid on the table?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,
Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Morris, Mustard, Rickards and Robinson—4.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright,—11.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to lay the resolution on the table,

Was *Lost.*

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards and Robinson—5.

The resolution having received the constitutional majority,

Was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ocheltree,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act transferring the home and mansion farm of George W. Horsey from School District No. 46, in Sussex county, to School District No. 51, in Sussex county,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Thompson, Ware and Wright—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Mustard, Robinson, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act to amend Section 3, of the act entitled ‘An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State government,’” passed at Dover, March 22, 1867.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act entitled a further additional supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof.’”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled; ‘An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Worden Manufacturing Company, of Smyrna,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker.—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Casho Machine Company,' passed at Dover, January 28, 1873,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker.—17.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company."

Mr. Ware presented the claim of Wm. Reynolds, Adjutant-General of the State,

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Robinson 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 371, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware."

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of Amelia S. Carty,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Ware also presented the petition of Amelia S. Carty,

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Silver Run Marsh Company, of New Castle county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And upon the question, "Shall that be Section 1 of the bill?"

Mr. Bird called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Holcomb, Morris, Nicholson, and Mr. Speaker—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, and Wright—12.

The question was decided in the negative.

The first section was

Lost.

And the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits competent to testify in civil actions,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 61, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws,"

Having been made the special order for to-day,

Mr. Wright moved,

To take the bill up for consideration,

Pending the motion,

Mr. Brown moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Wednesday next,

Mr. Holcomb moved to amend the motion to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Wednesday next, by making it the special order for this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker announced that the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act for the protection of Muskrats,”

Having been made the special order for to-day, was now before the House for consideration.

Mr. Mustard asked and obtained leave to withdraw the amendment offered by him yesterday.

Mr. Burnite moved to read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House,

With an amendment.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company.”

Mr. Bird presented the claim of J. H. Fols,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundreds, in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

And, on his further motion,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The further consideration of the bill,

Was

Postponed.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of John T. Carey and others; also, the petition of John B. Phillips and others; also, the petition of David W. Barr and others; also, the petition of Minos T. Connaway and others, praying the repeal of certain stock laws in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes of this State;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 60, 15th Volume, Delaware Laws;”

“An act to repeal an act, a supplement to the act entitled ‘An act for the protection of Fishermen.’”

He also presented the following Senate bills which have been duly and correctly enrolled and having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz:

“An act to amend Section 33, Chapter 125, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws;”

Also,

“Preamble and joint resolution for the publication and payment of equity cases;”

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

He also returned the following enrolled House bills:

“An act to amend ‘An act to incorporate the Kiamensi Woolen Company,’ passed at Dover, Oct. 20, 1864;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 47, Volume 15, Delaware Laws;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 557, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware;”

Also,

The House Joint Resolution, authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to pay a certain claim.

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

The Speaker announced that the hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 61, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws,”

Was now before the House for consideration.

Mr. Brown moved to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted a Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay to Joseph P. Comegys and Leander F. Riddle the sum of eleven hundred and fifty-one dollars and nine cents (\$1,151.09) as an additional appropriation to defray the expenses of the Centennial Commission of this State,

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House.

He also requested the return to the Senate by the House the Senate Joint resolution in relation to the Presidential Compromise bill ;

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same, in Kent county;”

With an amendment, and returned the same to the House.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the amendment to the bill under consideration be indefinitely postponed,

And, upon the question, “Shall the amendment be indefinitely postponed?”

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Hall, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Robinson, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Wright moved that the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the motion,

Mr. Brown moved to indefinitely postpone the bill,

Which motion was *Lost.*

The question then being upon the question, "Shall the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Brown called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Burnite, on behalf of the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred,

The "Joint Resolution in relation to the Presidential Compromise bill,"

Reported the same back to the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal an act 'A supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the protection of Fishermen,' passed at Dover, March 29, 1871,'"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a second time by its title,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to repeal Chapter 60, Volume 15, Delaware Laws,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Senate Joint Resolution, directing the State Treasurer to pay to Joseph P. Comegys and Leander F. Riddle, eleven hundred and fifty one dollars and nine cents, (\$1,151.09), as an additional appropriation to defray the expenses of the Centennial Commission of this State,

Was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

The resolution was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

THURSDAY, January 25, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Conly, and others,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county."

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process,"

Reported the same back to the House with amendments;

Also,

"An act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover, 1875,"

Without amendment,

With a recommendation that the bill pass;

Also,

"A Joint Resolution in relation to the State Library,"

With an amendment.

Mr. Burnite, on behalf of the joint committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as related to the Boundary Question,

Reported

"Joint Resolution relative to the rights of the State of Delaware, in a certain part of the Delaware river, which runs between the State of Delaware and New Jersey.

Mr. Thompson, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Greensbury Lynch, praying an act authorizing the Levy Court of Sussex county to lease a certain lot of ground,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and empowering the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex county, to lease a certain lot of ground being a part of the jail lot in said county.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

Mr. Morris, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 3, of the act entitled ‘An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State government,’” passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing and empowering the Levy Court Commissioner of Sussex county, to lease a certain lot of ground, being a part of the jail lot in Sussex county,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes of this State,”

Was read.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the resolution directing the committee on Printing, to have bound in neat cloth, two hundred copies of the report of State Superintendent of Free Schools,

Be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Morris moved to amend the resolution by striking out “two hundred” and insert “one hundred,”

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Burnite moved the adoption of the resolution,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The Joint Resolution in relation to the rights of the State of Delaware, in certain part of the Delaware river, which runs between the State of Delaware and New Jersey,

Was read,

And, upon his further motion, was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The Joint Resolution in relation to the State Library,

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wright moved that the amendment be read,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The amendment was *Adopted,*

And, upon his further motion,

The resolution as amended was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright 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 duties and liabilities of principals and sureties.”

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover 1875,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Pending the motion,

Mr. Robinson moved,

That the bill be recommitted to the committee on Revised Statutes,

Which motion *Prevailed,*

And the bill was recommitted to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,
 "An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same in
 Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The Senate amendment was read as follows, to wit:

IN SENATE, *January 23, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out the words "appear to be," in the
 seventh line of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the word "are."

Amend the bill further by striking out all of Sections 3 and 4 and
 insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Recorder shall present
 the copy of the said indices to the Levy Court to be examined by a
 committee of that body, and, on their approval, they shall certify the
 same to be a correct copy, and it shall become and be the indices.

SECTION 4. That it shall and may be lawful for the Levy Court of
 Kent county to make the said Recorder such allowance for the services
 required of him as the Levy Court shall deem proper.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, on his further motion,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time,

And the bill and amendments were referred to the committee on
 Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of Amelia S. Carty,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to a special committee of three.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of Amelia S. Carty,

Which was read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act to suppress vagrancy,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Robinson 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 372, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware.”

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The accounts of the Secretary of State were referred to the joint committee to settle with the State Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The amendments reported by the committee were read.

Mr. Wright moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Monday next at 3½ o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Wright moved to reconsider the vote by which the further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday next at 3½ o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Wright moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until 9½ o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Mr. Robinson moved to amend the motion, by inserting 3½ o'clock, on Tuesday next,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Wright asked,

And obtained leave to withdraw the motion to postpone the further consideration of the bill, until to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

Mr. Wright moved,

That when the House adjourns this afternoon, it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed and made the special order for 3 1/2 o'clock, this afternoon.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House Joint Resolution on Federal Relations, and returned the same to the House;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act for the protection of Muskrats;"

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

"An act to amend an act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District, No. 105, Sussex county."

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 60, 15th Volume, Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled;

“An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover 1875,”

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill just reported by the committee on Revised Statutes was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The amendment reported by the committee was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Bird moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the motion to adopt the amendment,

Mr. Burnite moved that Rule 12 be amended by striking out “and every amendment except as to style or form,”

And, upon the question, “Shall Rule 12 be amended?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Rickards, Thompson and Ware—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

And the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to amend the rule,

Was

Lost.

The question then being on the adoption of the amendment,

Pending the motion,

The hour of 3½ o'clock, having arrived,

Mr. Burnite called for the special order, being the consideration of the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process,"

Which was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following House bill had been found duly and correctly enrolled,

And had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate,

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to extend the time for recording deeds,'"

And returned the same to the House;

Also, the following House Joint Resolutions, were found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate:

"Joint Resolution, appointing Thomas B. Giles, State Treasurer;"

"Joint Resolution, appointing Doctor Nathan Pratt, Auditor of Accounts," and

"Joint Resolution appropriating seven hundred dollars to pay the contingent expenses of the office of Secretary of State;"

And returned the same to the House;

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the House Joint Resolution, providing for the repair of the portrait of the late Commodore Jones.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

The adoption of the first amendment to the bill now under consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Burnite moved, the adoption of the second amendment,
Pending the motion,

Mr. Wright moved, to lay the amendment on the table,

Which motion was *Lost.*

The question recurring upon the adoption of the second amendment,

Upon the question, "Shall the amendment be adopted?"

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—Mr. Taylor—1.

Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Hall and Wright, having voted in the negative, before the vote was announced, changed their votes to the affirmative,

The question being decided in the affirmative,

The amendment was *Adopted.*

Mr. Wright moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until Wednesday next, the 31st day of January, and that it be made the special order for that day,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Holcomb moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And, upon the question "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bird moved the adoption of the amendment to the bill entitled, "An act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the current volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover 1875,"

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundreds, in Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The amendment was *Adopted,*

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House,*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of Wm. M. Gordy and others against the repeal of a stock law in School Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“An act to revive Chapter 55, Delaware Laws.”

Upon the petition and bill of Amelia S. Carty, the Speaker appointed, as a special committee, Messrs. Ware, Holcomb and Robinson.

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

FRIDAY, *January 26*, 1877—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following Senate bill as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House:

“An act to amend Section 33, Chapter 125, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws;”

Also,

The Senate Preamble and Joint Resolution for the publication and payment of Equity Cases.

Mr. Burnite asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 421, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 55 Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, for the protection of fish, oysters, and game,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which was read as follows :

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to redeem the portrait of Commodore Jacob Jones, and report to the House the probable cost of having the said portrait repaired and placed in a proper position in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the Capitol building,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled ‘An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government,’ passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing and empowering the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex county to lease a certain lot of ground, being a part of the jail lot in said county,”

Was read a second time, by its title.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to encourage marriages at home,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public.”

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes of this State,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bartholomew asked,

And obtained leave of absence, until Wednesday next.

Mr. Robinson moved,

That when the House adjourns this morning, it adjourns to meet on Monday next, at 3½ o'clock, in the afternoon;

Upon the question, “That when the House adjourns, this morning, it adjourns to meet on Monday next, at 3½ o'clock, in the afternoon?”

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. Robinson—1.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

The question being decided in the negative,

The motion was

Lost.

Mr. Messick moved,

That when the House adjourns this morning, it adjourns to meet on Monday next, at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon.

MONDAY, *January 29*, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Speaker, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Seaford Fire Insurance Company,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

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

“A further supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act establishing a College for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts, in this State ;’ ”

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act for the protection of Fishermen,’ ”

And presented the same to the House ;

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Code of 1852 as published in the amended code of 1874 ;”

“An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts ;”

“An act to incorporate the Newark Grange Co-operative Store Company ;”

“An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light ;”

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Joint Resolution :

“Joint Resolution relative to the rights of the State of Delaware,

in a certain part of the Delaware river, which runs between the State of Delaware and New Jersey,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the following House bills, viz :

"An act to amend and renew the charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred ;"

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware,'"

"An act to incorporate the Saint John's Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with a recommendation that they do pass.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the reading of the bill a third time,

Mr. Holcomb moved to recommit the bill to the committee on Corporations,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

"An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company, of Wilmington."

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker.—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the St. John's Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Brown moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the reading of the bill a third time,

Mr. Morris moved,

That the bill be re-committed to the committee on Corporations,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Ware, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle county,"

Reported the same back to the House, without amendment,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill just reported from the committee,

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act to raise revenue in School District No. 40, in New Castle county.”

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill just received from the Senate,

Was read.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of William Walsh and others, praying the repeal of the law creating the Board of Revision of the City of Wilmington,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb presented the petition of John Diehl, and others, asking for a stock law in School District, No 50, in New Castle county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the vote by which the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county,”

Was made the special order for Wednesday next, the 31st day of January,

Was reconsidered.

The bill having had three several readings, was put upon its final passage,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

TUESDAY, *January 30, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act to incorporate the J. Marshall Company ;”

“An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts,”

“An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light ;”

“An act to incorporate the Newark Grange Co-operative Store Company ;”

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company ;’”

“An act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Code of 1852 as published in the amended code of 1874,”

Also, the following House Joint Resolutions :

“Joint Resolution on Federal Relations,”

“Joint Resolution relative to the rights of the State of Delaware, in certain part of the Delaware river, which runs between the State of Delaware and New Jersey ;”

“Joint Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to which shall be referred, the report of the Delaware State Centennial Commission,”

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

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the following House bills,

Reported the same back to the House, viz :

“An act entitled a further additional supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof,’ ”

Without amendment,

With a recommendation that the bill pass ;

“An act to incorporate the St. John’s Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware,”

With an amendment.

“An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company,”

With an amendment.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the following House bill, viz :

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same, in Kent county,”

With the Senate amendment, reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ochletree,”

Without amendment.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Benjamin W. Schaffer and others, in relation to the money collected for colored schools,

Which, on his motion, was read,
And referred to the committee on Education.

The Speaker presented the petition of D. W. Ralph and others, asking the repeal of a stock law in School District No. 168, in Sussex county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Also, the petition of John W. Baker and others, and the petition of Elias Taylor and others, asking the repeal of a stock law in a certain part of Sussex county,

Which were read and referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The report of Charles W. Howland, treasurer of the Delaware Association for the Education of Colored People,

Was referred to the committee on Education.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 110, of the Revised Statutes, of the State of Delaware;"

Also,

"An act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, of the State of Delaware."

Mr. Robinson asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the special committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of Amelia S. Carty,"

And the accompanying paper,

Reported the bill back to the House without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The bill just reported, was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 104 of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws ;”

Also,

“An act to promote the education of the Colored People, and for other purposes.”

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the amendment reported by the committee,

Was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time ;

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question “ Shall this bill pass the House ? ”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, on motion of Mr. Wright,

The Senate amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of Charles W. Howland, Treasurer of the Delaware association for the education of colored people, be instructed to inquire of the Treasurers of Kent and Sussex counties, why it is that none of the receipts from taxes alleged to have been collected from colored people in their respective counties, have not been paid into the treasury of the association for their education as the law provides,

Which, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Bird asked, and obtained leave of absence, until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the St. John’s Reformed Church of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment reported by the committee, was read.

Mr. Brown moved,

That Rule 12 be suspended, and the amendment read a second time.

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment was

Adopted:

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

And upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, and Wright—15.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, on his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof,'"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Mr. Morris—1.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware."

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

"An act to divide Dover hundred, in Kent county, into two hundreds, to be called respectively, East Dover hundred and West Dover hundred."

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

"An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Delaware Laws ;"

"An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company,"

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bill, with an amendment, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 111, of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process ;"

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House Joint Resolution :

"Joint Resolution directing the printing of the Auditor's Report for the year 1876."

He also presented the following Senate bills duly and correctly enrolled :

"An act to incorporate the Worden Manufacturing Company, of Smyrna ;"

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Casho Machine Company, passed at Dover, January 28, 1873 ;'"

“An act to repeal an act, a supplement to the act entitled ‘An act for the protection of Fishermen ;’”

“An act to amend an act for the protection of muskrats ;”

Also, the Senate Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay to Joseph P. Comegys and Leander F. Riddle the sum of eleven hundred and fifty-one dollars and nine cents, (\$1,151.09.)

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Brown, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Wright,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown, was read.

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

“An act in relation to private ditches on Tappahannah Marsh.”

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment reported from the committee on Corporations,

Was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Cochran moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The amendment was

Adopted.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

Mr. Cochran moved,

That the bill be postponed until to-morrow morning, and that it be made the special order for 10 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and empowering the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex county to lease a certain lot of ground, being a part of the jail lot in said county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Messick moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act establishing a College for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts in this State,'"

Was read.

Mr. Wright offered a resolution,

Which was read as follows :

Resolved, That Rule 12 be, and is hereby amended as follows, to wit : Strike out the words "and every amendment except as to style and form."

Mr. Wright moved the adoption of the resolution,

Pending the motion to adopt the resolution,

Mr. Brown moved,

That the resolution be postponed until 3½ o'clock to-morrow afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to raise revenue in School District No. 40, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Hall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter III of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the Senate amendment be read,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And the Senate amendment was read as follows, to wit:

IN SENATE, *January 30, 1877.*

Amend the bill by inserting in line 59, between the words "situated" and "to," the word "one;" and further amend by inserting after the word "Sheriff," the following words: "The other to be selected by the debtor. If the debtor fails to select, then the Sheriff shall select both papers."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And upon his further motion,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the amendment was read a second time.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the bill and amendment be recommitted to the committee on Revised Statutes,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Holcomb moved to non-concur in the Senate amendment ;

Mr. Wright, moved to lay the motion to non-concur on the table,

Which motion was *Lost.*

The question then being on the question, "Shall the House non-concur in the Senate amendment."

It was decided in the affirmative,

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Messick moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Robinson, in pursuance of previous notice asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 9, of Chapter 371, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware."

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

WEDNESDAY, *January 31, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker being absent, the Clerk called the House to order and informed the House that the Speaker was absent.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Mr. Morris was elected Speaker *pro-tempore*.

Mr. Morris took the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The bill entitled,

“An Act to incorporate The Odessa Hall Company,”

Being the special order for 10 o'clock.

The Speaker announced that the bill was now before the House,

And

That the question before the House was, “Shall the bill pass the House?”

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To reconsider the vote, by which the bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the bill was adopted.

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Holcomb asked,

And obtained leave to withdraw his motion to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Robinson moved, to adopt the amendment,

And, upon the question, “Shall the amendment be adopted?”

Mr. Cochran called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Hall, Morris, Mustard, Robinson, Ware.—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson and Wright.—11.

The question was decided in the negative.

The motion to adopt the amendment

Was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—14.

Nays—Messrs. Mustard and Robinson—2.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 60, Volume 15, Delaware Laws ;"

Also, the House bill entitled,

"An act to encourage marriages at home,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendments.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of James H. Boyce and others, asking that the fees of public officers be reduced,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Robinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 372, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 371, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act establishing a college for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts in this State,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robinson offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to purchase Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for the use of the House, and present his proper voucher to the House for the same.

Mr. Robinson moved the adoption of the resolution,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Cochran moved,

To suspend rule 7, in order that he should have leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle County, passed at Dover, January 29th, 1877;’”

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

Mr. Cochran obtained leave to introduce the bill,

And, upon motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill was read.

Mr. Grubb, Secretary of State, being admitted, presented the certificates of the Secretary of State certifying that the Governor had approved the bond of Thomas B. Giles as State Treasurer; also, that the Governor had approved the bond of Nathan Pratt, Auditor of Accounts,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were entered upon the Journal as follows :

STATE OF DELAWARE,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
Dover, Del., January 18, 1877.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met :

I, Ignatius C. Grubb, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that Nathan Pratt, who has been duly appointed to be Auditor of Accounts of said State, has become bound, with his sureties, Cornelius J. Hall, of Kent county, and Hugh Martin, of Sussex county, to the State of Delaware, by a joint and several obligation, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, with condition according to the form prescribed in Section 6 of Chapter 24 of the

Revised Statutes of said State, and that his said official obligation has been duly approved by the Governor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at Dover, this eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1877.

[SEAL.]

IGNATIUS C. GRUBB,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF DELAWARE,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
Dover, Del., January 23, 1877.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met:

I, Ignatius C. Grubb, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that Thomas B. Giles, who has been duly appointed to be State Treasurer and Trustee of the School Fund of the State of Delaware, has become bound, with his sureties, Isaac Giles, Robert Lambden, Levin Hitch, Ebenezer M. Lowe, Thomas C. Horsey, George W. Horsey, and Martin M. Ellis, of Sussex county, to the State of Delaware, by a joint and several obligation, in the penal sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, with condition according to the form prescribed in Section 11 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of said State, and that his said official obligation has been approved by the Governor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at Dover, this twenty-third day of January, A. D. 1877.

[SEAL.]

IGNATIUS C. GRUBB,

Secretary of State.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 61, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws,”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of John Diehl and others, praying the passage of a law to prevent live stock from running at large in School District No. 50 in New Castle County,

Reported a bill entitled,

“An act to prevent certain live stock from running at large in School District No. 50, of New Castle County,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ocheltree,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion, was read a third time, by paragraphs

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 60, 15th Volume, Delaware Laws,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived,

Mr. Burnite called for the special order, being the adoption of the resolution to amend Rule 12.

And,

Upon the question, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Robinson, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury and Taylor—10.

The question being decided in the negative,

The motion to adopt the resolution,

Was *Lost*.

Mr. Robinson moved,

To suspend Rule 12, in order to read a second time, the amendment to the Senate bill, which was under consideration at the time the special order of business was taken up,

And, upon the question, "Shall rule 12 be suspended?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Thompson, Ware and Wright.—10.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to suspend the rule,

Was *Lost*.

Mr. Robinson offered a second amendment,

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Robinson moved,

To suspend Rule 12, in order that the amendment just read, be read a second time,

And, upon the question "Shall rule 12 be suspended?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Robinson, Saulsbury and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

And the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to suspend Rule 12,

Was *Lost*.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of the marsh and low grounds commonly called and known as Tappannahann Marsh, situate in the forest of Dover hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Morris offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That every bill shall receive three several readings, no two of which shall be on the same day except by special order of the House, under a suspension of the rules. No motion or proposition on a subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Mr. Morris moved the adoption of the resolution.

Pending the motion,

Mr. Messick moved to postpone the resolution until 3½ o'clock to-morrow afternoon,

Which motion was *Lost*.

Mr. Messick moved to postpone the resolution until 10½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which motion was

Lost.

The question then being upon the question, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Rickards, Taylor, Thompson and Ware—8.

The motion to adopt the resolution not receiving the required majority,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Burnite moved,

To read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Cochran, Holcomb, Robinson, Thompson and Ware—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill was read a third time,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate adhered to the Senate amendment to the House bill, entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process,”

And requested a committee of Conference ;

And had appointed a committee of three as a committee of Conference, on the part of the Senate, and requested a like committee of three on the part of the House ;

And that, Messrs. Ray, Causey and Harrington, were appointed said committee, on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Messick offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker, to compose a rule to substitute for rule 12, and report at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Messick moved the adoption of the resolution,

Which motion was *Lost*.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the House agree to the Senate's request for a committee of Conference,

Which motion *Prevailed*.

Messrs. Holcomb, Wright and Mustard, were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

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

THURSDAY, *February 1*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment.

Reported the following House bills and joint resolution as duly and correctly enrolled :

“An act to repeal Chapter 61, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws;”

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same in Kent county;”

“Joint resolution directing the printing of the Auditor's Report, for the year 1876.”

Mr. Mustard on behalf of the committee on Claims,

Reported a joint resolution to pay William Reynolds four hundred dollars in full for services to the State as Adjutant General.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company;”

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

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the House bill entitled :

“An act to provide for the annual payment by the County of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from School Fund,”

Without amendment.

Also, on behalf of the same committee to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to raise revenue in School District No. 40, in New Castle county, &c."

Reported the same back without amendment, with recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act establishing a college for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts in this State,'"

Reported the same back to the House, without amendment,

With a recommendation that the bill pass;

Also, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. H. Ridgaway, and others, asking for the passage of a law authorizing the laying out a new road and vacating an old one, in North Murderkill hundred, Kenty county,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to lay out a new road and to vacate an old road, in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county."

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of Benjamin F. Fooks, and others, against the repeal of the stock law in a certain part of Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Edward Burns, and others, in relation to private ditches on Tappahannah Marsh,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 159 Current Volume Delaware Laws, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1875."

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to request of the Senate the return of a bill entitled "An act entitled 'A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof,' " which bill passed the House, Tuesday, January 30.

Mr. Burnite moved the previous question on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the previous question be laid on the table,

And, upon the question, "Shall the previous question be laid on the table?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Thompson and Wright—9.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the previous question was laid on the table.

Mr. Thompson asked, and obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Burnite moved the adoption of the resolution just laid on the table,

And, upon the question, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Thompson and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware, and Mr. Speaker—10.

The question was decided in the negative.

The resolution was *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. Morris, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to make it obligatory that the Treasurer of each county shall make public by report the amount of monies collected and disbursed and for other purposes,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the House bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 372, Volume 14 Delaware Laws,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Mustard asked, and obtained leave of absence, until Monday next.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of E. H. Bancroft and others, praying an amendment to Chapter 61, of the Revised Code in relation to Mills,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Morris offered a joint resolution entitled,

“That no new business be received after Monday the 19th inst.,”

Which was read.

Mr. Morris moved the adoption of the resolution,

Which motion was *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of

the marsh and low grounds, commonly called and known as Tappannah Marsh, situate in the Forest of Dover Hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

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

"An act in relation to Road Commissioners of St. George's hundred, in New Castle county."

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal an act, a supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the protection of Fishermen,'"

Was read.

Mr. Wright offered a joint resolution inviting Rev. J. H. Caldwell to preach a sermon at the M. E. Church before the General Assembly,

Which, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the annual payment, by the county of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from School Fund,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb presented the petition of Virginia Chandler, praying a divorce from her husband, Jesse Chandler,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public,"

Was taken up for consideration,
 And, on his further motion,
 The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,
 "An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather
 Company,"

Was read a second time by its title,
 And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to raise revenue in School District No. 40, in New Castle
 county,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
 And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act to amend Chapter 110, of the Revised Statutes, of the
 State of Delaware,"
 Which,
 On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

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

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company, passed at Dover, March 22, 1867;’”

“An act to lay out a private road in Milford Hundred, Kent County;”

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House ;

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

“An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county;”

“A further supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware;’”

Also, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill, and Kenton Hundreds, in Kent county,”

With an amendment, and returned the same to the House.

Also, presented to the House the following enrolled Senate bill, entitled,

“An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle county,”

Duly and correctly enrolled, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

He also returned to the House the following enrolled House bills, they having been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate :

“An act to incorporate the J. Marshall Company;”

“An act to incorporate the Newark Grange Co-operative Store Company;”

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company;’”

“An act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Code of 1852 as published in the amended code of 1874;”

"An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts;"

Also, the following House Joint Resolutions:

"Joint Resolution relative to the rights of the State of Delaware, in certain part of the Delaware river, which runs between the State of Delaware and New Jersey;"

"Joint Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to which shall be referred the report of the Delaware State Centennial Commission;"

"Joint Resolution on Federal Relations."

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle county,' passed at Dover, January 29, 1877,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker.—17.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"An Act to amend Chapter 411, Second 14, Revised Code, Laws, of Delaware, entitled Free Schools, passed at Dover, March 3d, 1857."

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted the report of the committee of Conference appointed on the disagreement between the Senate and House, on the Senate amendment to the act entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The report of the committee of conference was read as follows :

The conference committee on the disagreement between the Senate and House in the Senate amendment to the act to amend Chapter 111, Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process, beg leave to report that they recommend that the Senate recede from their amendment, and that the two Houses adopt the following amendments, to wit :

Amend the bill by inserting in line 59, between the words "situated" and "to," the word "one," and further amend by inserting after the word "Sheriff," the following words: "The other to be selected by the defendant. The Sheriff shall give the defendant first named in the writ ten (10) days notice, such notice to be sent by mail addressed to the defendant at the post-office nearest his place of residence. If the defendant fails to select within the ten days after the deposit of said notice in the post-office, then the Sheriff shall select both papers."

(Signed)

JAMES H. RAY,
J. H. CAUSEY,
C. J. HARRINGTON,

Committee on the part of the Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Holcomb moved the adoption of the report.

Pending the motion,

Mr. Holcomb moved to postpone the adoption of the report until to-morrow morning,

Which motion was

Lost.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the report of the Conference Committee,

The report of the Conference Committee was

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act in relation to Free Schools in this State,' passed at Dover, March 25, 1875."

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover 1875,"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county."

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to lay out a private road in Milford hundred, in Kent county,"

Was read.

Mr. Ware moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, of the State of Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

Mr. Bartholomew moved, that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Robinson offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows :

“Amend Rule 12 by striking out all after the figures 12 and insert the following; ‘Every bill shall receive three several readings, no two of which shall be on the same day except by special order of the House under a suspension of the rules.’ ”

Mr. Holcomb moved that the House do now adjourn,

And, upon the question “Shall the House now adjourn?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb and Rickards—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to adjourn was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the resolution be laid on the table,

And, upon the question, “Shall the resolution be laid on the table?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question was decided in the negative,
And the motion to lay the resolution on the table,
Was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment to the resolution,
Which was read.

Mr. Bird moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the motion to adopt the amendment,

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the House do now adjourn ;

And, upon the question "Shall the House now adjourn?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson and Mr. Speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Ware and Wright—10.

And the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was

Lost.

The question then being on the adoption of the amendment,

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson and Ware—6.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

The question not receiving a two-third majority, was decided in the negative,

And the amendment was

Lost.

Mr. Ware moved,

That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow morning,

And, upon the question, "Shall the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow morning?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Nicholson and Ware—4.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—12.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until to-morrow morning,

Was *Lost.*

The question then being upon the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Morris, Rickards, and Wright—6.

The resolution not receiving the required majority

Was *Lost.*

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

FRIDAY, *February 2*, 1877—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the following House bills, reported the same back to the House :

“An act to amend Chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes of this State;”

“An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits, competent to testify in civil actions;”

With a recommendation that they do pass ;

Also, reported the following Senate bill back to the House, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware;”

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Also, the following House bill :

“An act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 371, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware;”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Also reported the following House bill back to the House, entitled,

“An act to suppress Vagrancy;”

Without recommendation.

Mr. Hall presented the petition of Emma F. Messick, praying a divorce from her husband, James B. Messick, from the bonds of matrimony,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces, with accompanying papers.

Mr. Hall also presented the petition of Lucy S. Babcock, praying a divorce from her husband, George L. Babcock, from the bonds of matrimony,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces, with accompanying papers.

Mr. Ware presented the remonstrance of Victor DuPont and other members of the Bar in New Castle County, against the passage of the bill changing the time of holding Courts in this State,

Which, on his motion was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Cochran moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 110 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 89, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act for the protection of Fishermen,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act entitled a further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof,' "

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Milton Academy, and for other purposes ;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Milton ;' "

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Brown, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to rates of toll in Kent county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown, was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundreds, in Kent county,"

Which was read, as follows, to wit :

IN SENATE, *February 1, 1877.*

Amend Section one (1) of the bill as follows: Strike out the word one (1) in the fifteenth line and insert in lieu thereof the word two, (2 ;) and further amend the said Section, in the seventeenth line, by striking out the word two and insert in lieu thereof the word one, (1.)

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
 And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"
 Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to lay out a private road in Milford hundred, in Kent
 county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town
 of Milton,'"

Was read ;

And, on his further motion, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Milton Academy, and
 for other purposes,'"

Was read.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That when the House adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Monday
 next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock
 in the afternoon.

MONDAY, *February* 5, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Middletown,’ ”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Morris presented the petition of William H. Morris, and 72 others, praying for the repeal of the Exemption Law, passed at Dover, April 10, 1873, so far as it is applicable to Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Morris also presented the petition of Samuel Kinamon and 25 others, praying the passage of a law to prohibit live stock from running at large in certain parts of School Districts Nos. 75 and 118, in Sussex County,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 384, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of David W. Moore, and 20 others, against the repeal of a stock law in a certain part of Broad Creek Hundred, in Sussex County ;

Also the remonstrance of David H. Moore, and 26 others ;

Also the remonstrance of Levin Hitch, and 28 others ;

Also the remonstrance of William W. Spicer, and 42 others ;

Also, the remonstrance of S. J. Wheatley, and 17 others, against the repeal of the stock law in Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb presented the remonstrance of Samuel P. Roberts, and 29 others, against the passage of a law to prohibit live stock from running at large in District No. 50, in New Castle county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new road and to vacate an old road, in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county,”

Was read.

Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George’s hundred, in New Castle county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

The Speaker presented the petition of William E. Cannon and others, praying the passage of a law authorizing a change of a public road in Sussex county,

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to divide Dover hundred, in Kent county, into two hundreds, to be called respectively, East Dover hundred and West Dover hundred,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution in relation to the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware,

Which, on his motion was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb offered the following :

• Rule 12, every bill shall receive three several readings, no two of which shall be on the same day, except by special order of the House under a suspension of the rules ; and no amendment to a bill except as to form or style shall be adopted on the same day it is offered when objected to by a member, except by special order of the House, under a suspension of this rule,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of James R. Tindal, and 17 others, against the repeal of the Stock Law, now in force in School Districts Nos. 94 and 154, in Sussex County,

Which, on his motion, was read.

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes, with accompanying letters.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of Philip C. Matthews, and 6 others, against the repeal of the Stock Law, now in force in United School Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex County,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsular Agricultural and Pomological Association.”

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes of this State,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,
Was read a third time, by paragraphs,
And

Passed the House..

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 48, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover, March 24, 1875,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Burnite, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
And, on motion of Mr. Morris,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Of Free Schools,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

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

TUESDAY, *February* 6, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Susan Walty, praying a divorce from her husband, George A. Walty,

Which, on his motion, was read,
And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
And, on motion of Mr. Morris,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
“An act in relation to the liability of principal and surety,”
Which,
On motion of Mr. Wright, were read.

Mr. Mustard, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
And, on motion of Mr. Morris,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
“An act to promote the education of the colored people, and for
other purposes,”
Which,
On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of S. S. Southard and 144 others,
praying the repeal of the law creating the Board of Revision of the
city of Wilmington,

Which, on his motion, was read,
And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware presented the remonstrance of a member of the Bar of
New Castle county against the bill changing the time of holding courts
in this State,

Which, on his motion, was read,
And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“An act to incorporate the Immaculate Beneficial Society of Wil-
mington, Delaware.”

The Speaker 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 consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex county, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 17, 1875."

Mr. Mustard, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 159 Current Volume Delaware Laws, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1875."

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George's hundred, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act to provide for the appointment of a board of Fishery Commissioners, and for the protection and propagation of fish, and appropriating money for the same."

Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran was read.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to rates of toll in Kent County,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits competent to testify in civil actions,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Two hundred copies of the bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the House,

And the further consideration of the bill was postponed.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to divide Dover Hundred, in Kent County, into two hundreds, to be called respectively East Dover Hundred and West Dover Hundred,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The Joint Resolution in relation to the payment of the Adjutant-General's compensation,

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Joint Resolution in relation to the compensation of the Adjutant-General,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Hall, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported progress.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Of Free Schools,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

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

“An act in relation to purchasers of real estate sold by a trustee under an order of the Orphans’ Court.”

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o’clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o’clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to divide Dover hundred in Kent county, into two hundreds, to be called respectively East Dover hundred and West Dover hundred,”

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

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of the marsh and low grounds, commonly called and known as Tappannah Marsh, situate in the Forest of Dover Hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same,”

Was transferred from the committee on Roads and Highways, to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Rule 12 was referred to a special committee of three, the committee on rules having been discharged.

The Speaker asked,

And obtained leave of absence, until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled;

“An act to suppress vagrancy,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

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

Pending the motion, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Holcomb moved to lay the bill on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws ;”

“An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardoza, and other persons, therein named ;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4, Delaware Statutes,”

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, and joint resolutions, viz :

“ An act to incorporate The Odessa Hall Company,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred ;”

“An act for the relief of Amelia S. Carty ;”

“An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public ;”

“An act to provide for the annual payment, by the county of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said

county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from school fund ;"

"Joint resolution inviting Rev. J. H. Caldwell to preach a sermon before the members of the General Assembly,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate has non-concurred in the House Joint resolution in relation to the State Library,

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of D. Brainerd Ferris and 14 others ;

Also, the petition of Mr. O. Price and 49 others, praying for the passage of the bill establishing a Work House,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the Special Committee raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the Senate bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company, passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,'"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4, Delaware Statutes,"

Was read.

Mr. Thompson offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to order 14 copies more of the "Every Evening," for the use of the House.

Mr. Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Mustard, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 104, of Revised Code,"
Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Augustus N. Southard, praying a divorce from his wife, Ella D. Southard, from the bonds of matrimony,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Augustus N. Southard and Ella D. Southard, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Bird moved,

That Rule 12 be suspended, in order to read the bill a second time,

And, upon the question, "Shall Rule 12 be suspended?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Hall, Morris, Mustard, Robinson, Taylor and Thompson—7.

The question not having received the required majority,

The motion to suspend Rule 12

Was

Lost.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of William R. Allaband, praying a law changing the farm whereon he resides, from School District No. 21, to Nos. 113 and 113½, in Kent county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Milton,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations ;

And, upon his further motion, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act to incorporate the Milton Academy and for other purposes,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Cochran presented a communication from John W. Short, County Treasurer of Sussex County, in relation to taxes collected for Colored Schools,

Which, on his motion was read,

And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes,

To whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

“The bill was read a third time by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle county.”

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

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 17, of the Revised Statutes of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘of the Election of Assessors and Inspectors.’ ”

The Speaker appointed as special committee on Rule 12,

Messrs. Holcomb, Burnite and Morris.

Mr. Bartholomew moved, the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

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

“An act to repeal Chapter 79, Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled, ‘An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in District No. 112, in Sussex county, Delaware,’ passed at Dover, March 4, 1875.”

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District, No. 105, Sussex county,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The committee of the whole, to consider the joint resolution in relation to the compensation of the Adjutant-General,

Was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Augustus N. Southard and Ella D. Southard, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The joint resolution in relation to the compensation of the Adjutant-General,

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

WEDNESDAY, *February 7, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk called the House to order, and informed the House that the Speaker was absent.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Mr. Morris was elected Speaker *pro-tempore*.

Mr. Morris took the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills, as duly and correctly enrolled, viz:

“A further supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware;’”

“An act to amend Chapter III of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process;”

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county;”

“An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county;”

“An act entitled a further additional supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof;’”

“An act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover 1875;”

“An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundreds, in Kent county,”

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

Also, the following Senate bill, entitled,

“An act relating to School Districts, Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle county,”

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

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following bills back to the House, viz :

“A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of the marsh and low grounds, commonly called and known as Tappannah Marsh, situate in the forest of Dover hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same,”

Without amendment, with a recommendation that the bill pass ;

“An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company,”

With an amendment ;

Also, the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act to amend an act to incorporate the Milton Academy, and for other purposes ;”

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Milton ;’”

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following House bill back to the House :

House bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 372, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act for the protection of Fishermen,’”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred a substitute for Rule 12, reported the same back to the House, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The rule reported from the committee was read as follows :

Rule 12. Every bill shall receive three several readings, no two of which shall be on the same day except by special order of the House under a suspension of the rules, and no amendment to a bill except as to form or style shall be adopted on the same day it is offered when objected to by a member, except by special order of the House under suspension of this rule,

Which, on his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

Mr. Hall asked,

And obtained leave of absence for two days.

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

“An act concerning the sale of Railroads,”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act concerning the sale of Railroads,”

Was read.

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

“An act to incorporate the Saint John's Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware ;”

“An act to divide Dover hundred, in Kent county, into two hundreds, to be called respectively, East Dover hundred and West Dover hundred,”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Augustus N. Southard and Ella D. Southard from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the bill be laid on the table,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill was read a third time, in order to pass the House.

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

Mr. Bartholomew moved that the bill be laid on the table,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Rickards moved that the bill be postponed until Tuesday next,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to purchasers of real estate sold by a trustee under an order of the Orphans' Court,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware."

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The vote by which the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to order 14 copies more of the Every Evening for the use of the House,

Was lost, was reconsidered,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Burnite, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘Of the Election of Assessors and Inspectors,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read.

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

“An act authorizing an additional Notary Public in Baltimore hundred, in Sussex county.”

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Jonathan Slaughter, member elect from Kent county, appeared and was duly qualified and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Milton,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—18.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion, the Senate bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company,’ passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsular Agricultural and Pomological Association,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of George W. Horsey and 19 others, against the repeal of the Stock Law in School District No. 168, in Sussex County,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb presented the claim of Wm. H. Lambson, late Sheriff,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Milton Academy and for other purposes,' "

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,
And upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment reported by the committee was read.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Ware moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon the question "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—18.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following Senate bills had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company,"

"An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ocheltree;"

"An act to repeal Chapter 60, 15th Volume, Delaware Laws;"

"An act to amend Chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes, of this State;"

"An act to raise revenue in School District No. 40, in New Castle county;"

Also informed the House that the following enrolled House bill had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Beneficial Society of the United Children of the Light;"

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Delaware Laws."

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the liability of principal and surety,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of Samuel Kinney, Sr., and 88 others, praying the passage of a law reducing the fees of public officers,

Which, on his motion was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Rickards presented the petition of John Lynch and 107 others, David Green and 18 others, and William Hudson and 38 others praying the passage of a law to prevent the distruction of wild geese and ducks,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle County, Delaware."

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardeza, *et al.*,"

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Fishery Commissioners, and for the propagation and protection of fish, and appropriating money for the same,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the protection of Fishermen,' "

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Lost.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Robinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex County, and for other purposes,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

Mr. Thompson moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 159 Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, March 10, 1875,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had returned to the House the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 105, in Sussex County ;”

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House Joint Resolution paying William Reynolds, as Adjutant-General, \$400.

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

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 62, in New Castle county.”

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to prevent certain live stock from running at large in School District No. 50, in New Castle county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

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

THURSDAY, *February 8*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following Senate bills duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act for the relief of Elizabeth E. Ocheltree ;”

“An act to raise revenue in School District No. 40, in New Castle county ;”

“An act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes of this State ;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 60, 15th Volume, Delaware Laws ;”

“An act to incorporate the Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company,”

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

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following House bills back to the House with a recommendation that they do pass, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code ;”

“An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George's hundred, in New Castle county.”

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which, was read as follows :

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this House authorizing the binding of 200 copies of the report of the State Superintendent of Free Schools, be and the same is hereby rescinded ;

And, upon his motion, the resolution

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which, was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be authorized to have bound in proper form for the use of the State Superintendent of Free Schools, 100 copies of his report,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Messick, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act in relation to Free Schools in this State,' passed at Dover, March 25, 1875,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4, Delaware Statutes,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'Of Free Schools,' "

Which had been referred to the committee on Revised Statutes,

Was reported back to the House,

And, on motion of Mr. Wright,

Was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to promote the education of the Colored People, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to purchasers of real estate sold by a trustee under an order of the Orphans' Court,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the appointment of a board of Fishery Commissioners, and for the protection and propagation of fish, and appropriating money for the same,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled;

"An act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 104 of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex county; and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 17, 1875,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

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

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company ;

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 6 and 95, in Kent County,”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 6 and 95, in Kent County,”

Was read,

And, upon his further motion, Rule 12 was suspended,

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

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,”

Was read.

Mr. Taylor, 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, viz :

“An act for the redemption of State bonds,”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill just received from the Senate was read.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, and passed the House.

Mr. Robinson moved,

That the vote by which the bill just passed the House be reconsidered,

And, upon the question "Shall the vote by which the bill just passed the House be reconsidered?"

Mr. Brown called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Slaughter, Thompson, Ware and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Cochran and Taylor—4.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill was postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House Joint resolution with an amendment,

"Joint resolution in relation to the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to consolidate School Districts, Nos. 20, 21 and 59, in Kent county.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker having returned; took the Chair.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. H. Morris, and others,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No 75, and a portion of School District No. 118,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. E. Cannon, and others,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the Vestry of St. Johns' Protestant Episcopal Church, at Greenville, in Sussex county, to change and straighten a certain public road in Gumboro hundred,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of Wm. P. Orr, and 75 others, praying an amendment to the act incorporating the town of Lewes, Sussex county,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle County, passed at Dover, January 29th, 1877,’”

Reported the same back to the House,

Which, on his motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, ‘Of sales of lands by executors and administrators.’”

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 371, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

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

Mr. Burnite moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

And, upon the question, “Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?”

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Slaughter, Taylor, Wright and Mr. Speaker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Cochran, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Thompson and Ware—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill was

Indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 372, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,”

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

Mr. Morris moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the bill was *Indefinitely Postponed.*

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act concerning the sale of Railroads,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Rickards, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in Baltimore hundred, in Sussex county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Rickards, was read.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 562, Vol. 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘Of Executors.’”

Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting Live Stock from running at large in School District No. 62, New Castle County,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 17, of the Revised Statutes of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘Of the Election of Assessors and Inspectors,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Rickards moved,

That when the House adjourns, it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Rickards moved, that the House do now adjourn ;

Which motion was *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“ An act to incorporate the Seaford Fire Insurance Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

FRIDAY, *February* 9, 1877—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills, as duly and correctly enrolled, viz:

“An act to divide Dover Hundred, in Kent County, into two hundreds, to be called respectively East Dover Hundred and West Dover Hundred ;”

"An act to provide for the annual payment, by the county of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from school fund ;"

"An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public ;"

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

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following Senate bills back to the House, viz :

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867 ;"

Also, the following House bills, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 159 Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1875 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company ;"

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsular Agricultural and Pomological Association,"

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of John Cahoon and 22 others, praying for the repeal of the stock law in School Districts Nos. 56 and 162, in Sussex County,

Also a remonstrance of Wm. H. Thompson and 21 others, against the repeal of the stock law in the same School Districts,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Thompson, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Wm. R. Bright and 14 others, praying a law establishing a tribunal for the more speedy trial of low grades of crimes and misdemeanors,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Middletown,’ ”

With a recommendation that the bill pass,

Reported the same back to the House.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill just reported from the committee was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws,”

Was read.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in a bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex County to place snub posts on the bank of the Broadkirk Creek, above and below the drawbridge,”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 75, and a portion of School District No. 118,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardeza, *et al.*,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Burnite presented the petition of George M. Bastian and 7 others, praying the passage of a law making effective the act entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company,”

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the Vestry of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal Church at Greenville, in Sussex County, to straighten a certain public road in Gumboro' Hundred,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4, Delaware Statutes,”

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

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House ?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hol-

comb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George’s hundred, in New Castle county,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, and passed the House ;

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be instructed to have printed for the use of the House 300 copies of “An act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Fishery Commissioners, and for the protection and propagation of fish,” and appropriating money for the same,

Which on his motion was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The House Joint resolution in relation to the Farmer’s Bank of the State of Delaware,

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendment was read.

Mr. Holcomb offered the following amendment to the Senate amendment, viz :

Amend the Senate amendment by inserting between the word, “thereof,” in the fourth line, and the word “be,” in the fifth line, the following, to wit : “the Bank of Smyrna, the Union National Bank of Wilmington, and the National Bank of Delaware,” further amend by striking out the words “including three of their directors,” in the sixth and seventh lines.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the Joint Resolution, with the amendments be referred to a special committee of three,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Burnite, Holcomb and Mustard were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 6 and 95, in Kent County,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle county to make certain index,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware presented the claim of the Commercial Company,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Morris moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet on Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new road and to vacate an old road, in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association,”

Was read a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,
And upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion the House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY, *February* 12, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Morris presented the remonstrance of John A. Walker and 44 others, against the repeal of the Exemption Law,

Which, on his motion, was read and filed with the bill.

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

“An act to incorporate the Board of City Missions and Church