

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

Said message was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Spates, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal that the Hon. William O. Sellman is detained from his seat by sickness.

On motion by Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate shall be 12 o'clock, meridian, until otherwise ordered.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the State Comptroller, covering his Annual Report :

STATE OF MARYLAND,  
*Treasury Department, Comptroller's Office,* }  
Annapolis, Jan. 6, 1870.

Hon. BARNES COMPTON,  
*President of the Senate :*

Sir—I herewith submit to your Honorable Body a copy of my Annual Report, showing the receipts and disbursements, and the condition of the finances of the State, for the year ended September 30th, 1869.

It will afford me pleasure to give such additional information or explanation as your Honorable Body may at any time require.

Very respectfully,  
Your ob't servant,

WILLIAM J. LEONARD,  
Comptroller.

[See Document A.]

On motion by Mr. Snyder,

Said report was referred to the Committee on Finance, hereafter to be appointed.

On motion by Mr. Earle, it was,

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider the advantages of changing the arrangements for heating the Senate Chamber by cutting off the heat from the furnace and conforming the present fire-place to the use of wood fuel.

The President appointed Messrs. Earle, Clarke and Fields as said Committee.

Senators Earle and Henkle, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and