

MONDAY, April 1st, 1878.

The Senate met at 12 M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Highley.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Humphreys, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, McLane, Miller, Steiner, Stump, Sulivane, Welfley—22.

Mr. Lancaster presented the memorial of M. A. Watson, Adeline Brooks and 40 other ladies of Charles County, for a Local Option Law.

Senate Bill entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland,

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following bills:

House bill to authorize the Treasurer to accept script of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company in payment of interest due and becoming due on the mortgages of the Susquehanna Canal Company and Tide-water Canal Company,

Which was read the first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. McLane, from Committee on Finance, reported said bill favorably.

On motion by Mr. McLane,

The rules were suspended so as to give a second reading this day to said bill, by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Humphreys,
Combs, of Allegany,	Joyce,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Lancaster,
Cooper,	Lee,
Dennis,	McLane,
Ford,	Miller,
Freeman,	Steiner,