

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to add an additional Section, to be numbered 220, to Art. 26, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," as enacted by chapter 471 of the Acts of 1868.

Which was read the second time.

Also unfavorably,

House bill entitled an Act to prevent the taking of crabs in the waters of Somerset county, by non-residents of said county for sale.

Which was adopted.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

The hour of 12 having arrived,

The President announced the order of the day to be the following bills:

First. Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and the report of the majority of the Committee on Conference heretofore submitted.

Mr. Aydelotte submitted the following report of the minority of the Committee on Conference on House amendments to said bill.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the matters of difference between the two Houses of the General Assembly, in relation to the valuation and assessment of property in this State, beg leave to report that they cannot concur in the recommendation of the majority of this Committee, in that the property of the people of this State, invested in mortgages, should be exempted by law, which we regard as being in clear violation of the Bill of Rights, which provides that every person shall pay taxes on all his property in words following, to wit: "Every person in this State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of the Government, according to his actual worth in real and personal property." And as the amendment adopted by the House, exempting mortgages from taxation, is thus, in our opinion, palpably unjust, we respectfully and earnestly ask the House to recede from its amendment in that regard.

With the above exception we concur with the majority in the recommendations contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. AYDELOTTE,

On the part of the Senate.

JOHN A. KOONS,

On the part of the House.