

Reported it without amendment, and the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Ohr, from the select committee, reported a bill entitled, "An Act to repeal section 141 of article one, of Local Laws, relating to witnesses in Allegany county;"

Also, a bill entitled, "An Act for the protection of fish in all creeks and streams of water and their tributaries, in Allegany county, west of Savage mountain;"

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Stirling, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled, "An Act to compensate loyal citizens of Maryland, whose property has been taken, damaged or destroyed by the armies of the United States or of the so-called Confederate States;"

Reported, "said bill ought not to pass."

Mr. Firey submitted a minority report;

Which was read;

Pending the consideration of the report,

The President announced the hour had arrived for considering the Order of the Day.

Mr. Stirling moved to postpone it to one o'clock;

Determined in the negative by yeas and nays as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

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| Messrs. Campbell, | Given, | Stirling, |
| Crane, | Jenkins, | Willis—6. |

NEGATIVE.

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| Messrs. Sellman, Pt. | Firey, | Purnell, |
| Bayne, | Kemp, | Ricaud, |
| Carroll, | Lankford, | Tome—11. |
| Eichelberger, | Ohr, | |

The bill entitled, "An Act to amend the 37th article of Public General Laws by repealing the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th sections of said article relating to the competency of witnesses, and inserting in said article in lieu of the sections so repealed, the following sections relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties;"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Stirling,

The Senate took a recess until 4½ o'clock, P. M.