Mr. Knott, from Committee on Corporations, reported favorably with proposed amendments,

House bill entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Washington and Potomac Railroad Company and extend the time for completion of this railroad."

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE.

In the title strike out in line 2 the words, "and to expend" and substitute the word "by expending."

In lines 17 and 18 of the preamble, strike out the words "same enlargement of its corporate powers," and substitute the words "an extension of the time for the completion of its read."

In line 6 of section 1, strike out the figures "1904," and insert the figures "1902."

Strike out the last paragraph of section 1, being lines 7 to 15, of said section, and insert as follows:

"Provided, however, that this Act is passed and accepted by said Washington and Potomac Railroad Company upon the express condition that it shall issue and deliver to the State of Maryland sixteen hundred and thirty shares of preferred stock of said company instead of sixteen hundred and thirty shares of its common stock now held by the State, which preferred stock shall be and constitute a lien upon the property of said company second only to the lien of a bonded debt of two millions of dollars, and the interest thereon, which said company shall create for its corporate purposes, and which said preferred stock said company is hereby authorized to issue."

Strike out all of section "2."

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Garner,

The bill was committed to the Charles, St. Mary's and Prince George's delegations, by yeas and nays as follows:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Garner, Dryden, Siegmund, Kendall, Disharoon, Biggs, Norris, of Kent., Linthicum, Deets,