

On motion of Mr. Lakin, it was

Ordered, That the thanks of the House be tendered the Hon. Ferdinand C. Latrobe for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of temporary Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Truitt, it was

Ordered, That the State Librarian furnish the reporters of the press with the necessary stationery, to perform their duties in reporting the proceedings of this House.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

January 3, 1900.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of Hon. Lloyd Wilkinson as Speaker, and Benj. L. Smith Chief Clerk. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the session and propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses, two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the Legislature is prepared to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

And we have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Francis P. Curtis, James W. Foster and James De Walbach.

By order,

B. L. SMITH.

Chief Clerk.

Which was read, adopted, and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate appeared and delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 3rd, 1900.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message notifying this Senate of the organization of your Honorable Body, and requesting the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait