

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Long, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Biggs be excused from to-day's session on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Staley, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Wolfinger be excused from to-day's session on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Merrick, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Contee be excused from to-day's session on account of business.

Mr. Feldmeyer submitted the following order :

Ordered, That George Parkinson be paid the sum of \$50 for services rendered during the ten days of the session before his successor was appointed and qualified.

Which the Speaker ruled to be out of order.

On motion of Mr. King, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Garner be excused from attendance at to-day's session.

On motion of Mr. Norris, of Kent, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Kendall be excused from to-day's session.

On motion of Mr. Mann, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Choate be excused on account of sickness.

Mr. King submitted the following orders :

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be and it is hereby authorized and directed to pay to John R. Pattison, of Dorchester county, Maryland, the sum of \$1,252.62, to be by him applied to the payment of his counsel fees, costs and expenses before the justice of the Peace in Dorchester county, and before this House in the contested election case of John R. Pattison vs. Joseph B. Andrews.

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be and it is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Joseph B.