And whereas, it is asserted by many citizens, and this General Assembly believes with good reason, that said bridge is unsafe, unsound and a menace to life and limb in its present condition, therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that a committee, to consist of three members of the House of Delegates and two members of the Senate, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to have the said bridge and its approaches thoroughly examined with regard to its safety and sufficiency for the traffic crossing thereon, and to that end are hereby authorized and empowered to employ competent engineering skill for that purpose, and the sum of \$300, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of said inspection and examination.

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

## REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Staley, from a Select Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Burgess and Commissioners of Williamsport, in Washington county, to redeem each and all of the bonds issued by them under provisions of chapter 27, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session, A. D. 1898, and to issue new bonds in lieu thereof."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Hopkins, from a Select Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to repeal sections 261, 262 C, 262 K, 262 N and 262 Q, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title 'Harford County,' sub-title 'Taxes,' as enacted by the Act of 1898, chapter 204, and to re-enact the same with amendments."

Which was read a first time, and

On motion of Mr. Hopkins,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Linthicum, from Select Committee, reported favorable, with proposed amendments.