

All of which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDERS.

Mr. Waller submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint a Standing Committee, to be composed of nine members of the House, to be known as a "Committee on Local Laws," to which shall be referred all bills and measures of a local character.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Wolfe, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Hanson be excused from attendance at to-night's session on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Corkran, it was

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

On motion of Mr. Dudley, of Queen Anne's, it was

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

On motion of Mr. Waller, it was

Ordered, That Messrs. Bennett and Roberts be excused from to-night's session.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, it was

Ordered, That Samuel H. Hoffacker be excused from attendance at to-night's session.

On motion of Mr. Satterfield, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Lednum be excused from this session of the House.

On motion of Mr. Contee, it was

Ordered, that Mr. Merrick be excused from to-night's session on account of business.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Brown be excused from attending to-night's session on account of important business.