Mr. Collins, from Committee on Claims, reported favorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to refund a sum of money out of the State Treasury, to John Keilholtz, for State tax paid by him on trust funds, such funds being exempt from taxation; whereas, John Keilholtz, of Rising Sun, Cecil county, Maryland, as guardian for Harry S. Kielholtz and Alma Kielholtz, for trust funds amounting to \$5,362, and whereas, the said trust funds were invested in real estate mortgages, paid during the years 1892, to 1894, inclusive, as State tax on the said trust funds, the sum of \$126.94; and whereas, during the years aforesaid, money invested in real estate mortgages was not liable to taxation."

Which was read a first time.

The Committee on Rules made the following unfavorable report on the following order, introduced by Mr. Waller:

Ordered, That the Speaker of this 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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Rules.

B. L. SMITH,

Chief Clerk.

Unfavorable report by Committee on Rules.

CHARLES C. WATERS.

Feb. 20th, 1900.

Unfavorable report adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The hour of 1.30 having arrived,

The Order of the Day was considered, being

House bill entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments section 247, of the Code of Public General