WEDNESDAY, Jany. 17, 1900.

The House met at 12 M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Geo. S. Bell.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Speaker, King, Garner, Kendall, Norris, of Kent, Ditty, Krems, Phelps, Feldmeyer, Simmons, Gibson, Walbach, of G., Lancaster, Stewart, Truitt, of Balto. co., Mann, Sandman, Jeffers, Collins, Dudley, of Talbot, Willis, Ward, Dryden, Disharoon, Corkran, Andrews, Linthicum, Mackie, Keys, Kimble, Merrick, Perkins, Contee, Dudley. of Queen Anne's, Norman, Smith, Anderson, of Worcester, Truitt, of Worcester, Waters, Bast, Lakin, Brown, of Frederick, Mitchell, Proctor, Hopkins, Foster, Satterfield, Lednum, Scrimger, Dunn, Gately, Mencke, Bramble, Sanford, Knott, Lehmayer, Latrobe, Curtis, Duncan, Martenet, Seigmund, Cover, Robinson, Real, Johnson, Long, Staley, Biggs, Wolfinger, Clark, Deets, Frenzel, Radcliff, Close, Critchfield, Graeff, Anderson, of Carroll, Norris, of Carroll, Hoffaker, Walsh, Wolfe, Hanson, Waller, Bennett. Wilson, Finzel—86.

The Journal of the 16th, was read and approved.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Hoffacker be excused from attendance at yesterday's session of this House.

On motion of Mr. Deets, it was

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