House bill entitled "An Act to prohibit the taking or catching of oysters with scrapes, scoops, drags or dredges in or from any of the waters of Dorchester county, viz: Honga river, Hooper's Straits, Holland's Straits, Tar Bay, Fishing Bay or any waters included within the lines of Dorchester county, Maryland, the Great Choptank river excepted."

Which unfavorable report was adopted.

Mr. Collins, from Committee on Claims, reported favorably, with proposed amendments,

Senate bill entitled "An Act to refund to George W. Hutchenson of Kent county, in the State of Maryland, the sum of \$40.94 for money paid by him in error for State taxes for 20 years from the year 1877 to the year 1896, inclusive, on private securities, which securities were improperly assessed being paid before January 1, 1877."

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Strike out in line 9 "\$40.49" and insert in lieu thereof "\$27.47," and also in title of bill strike out "\$40.94" and insert in lieu thereof "\$27.47."

Strike cut in section 1, line 4, "\$40.94" and insert in lieu thereof \$27.47."

Which was read a second time.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Choate, from Select Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to amend the Code of Public Local Laws, Article 3, title 'Baltimore County,' subtitle 'Primary Elections,' as amended by chapter 261 of the Acts of 1892, by adding a new section thereto, to follow section 9, and to be designated as 'Section 9 A."

Which was read a first time.

Also, favorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, chapter 527 of the Acts of 1898, entitled an Act to repeal chapter 448 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1894, entitled an Act to appropriate the fines and forfeitures imposed by the Circuit Court for