Which was read the first time, and referred to Senators Williams, of Anne Arundel, Bouic and Moses.

By Mr. Ravenscroft,

A bill entitled "An Act to repeal chapter 341, of the Acts of 1898, entitled 'An Act to authorize the Governor to appoint an additional Justice of the Peace for the Ninth Election District, and also an additional Justice of the Peace for the Fourteenth Election District of Garrett County,' and re-enact the same with amendments."

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Bryan offered the following Joint Resolution:

Whereas, A bill has been offered in the Senate, and a like bill in the House, looking to the reduction in the price of gas in Baltimore city; and

Whereas, It is deemed advisable that the respective committees to which said bill has been referred, as well as the Senate and House, shall have full and accurate information, so as to enable action with intelligence and justice to all; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, jointly, shall name and appoint a commission, to consist of five decent persons residing in Baltimore city, which commission shall have the power to discharge the duties hereinafter mentioned, and shall, by a full and thorough investigation, ascertain the cost of the present property, plant and appliances now used in the supply of gas to the city of Baltimore, acquiring right of way and easements, the amount expended in constructing the same, and the equipment of the works now owned by the Consolidated Gas Company, as well as other expenditures and investments, the cost of production and delivery of gas at the burners.

They shall procure all such other information as, in their judgment, shall be necessary and proper to assist in determining what ought to be a fair and sufficient rate for said company to charge per 1,000 cubic feet for the supply of gas, for the purposes of discharging the duties hereby imposed on them, the commissioners here-