

Mr. Applegarth presented a memorial from Henry J. Philips and 35 other citizens, of Hooper's Island, protesting against the closing of the waters of Dorchester to scraping or otherwise abridging the catching of oysters with scrapes or dredges.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Moses, it was

Ordered, That Senator Crothers be excused from today's session on account of sickness.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Bryan,

A bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Fuel Company of Maryland and define its rights and powers."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Peter,

A bill entitled "An Act to empower and authorize the Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City to issue improvement bonds."

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

By Mr. Bryan (by request),

A bill entitled "An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors at Ruxton Station, Baltimore county, Maryland, or within a radius of a mile and a-half thereof."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

By Mr. Bouic (by request),

A bill entitled "An Act to authorize the change of name of the Washington and Rockville Railway Company of Montgomery county, a corporation formed under the provisions of Article 23, of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, and to authorize the consolidation of said company with certain other corporations in-