

Mr. Thawley, moved to fill the blank with "fifty;"

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. John Newcomer, to fill the blank with "three," being the largest number.

Mr. John Newcomer, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Weems, Bond, Merrick, Jenifer, Bell, Ridgely, James U. Dennis, Constable, Chambers of Cecil, McLane, Sprigg, Bowling, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, Gwinn, Brent of Balt. city, Sherwood of Balt. city, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer and Smith—34.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Buchanan, Colston, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Phelps, Grason, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Sappington, Thawley, Stewart of Balt. city, and Presstman—22.

So the amendment was adopted by filling the blank with "three."

The question then recurred on the amendment as amended;

Mr. McMaster, moved to amend said amendment, by striking out the words "administrator or ;"

Mr. Gwinn, moved as a substitute for said amendment, the following :

"The Legislature shall provide for the exemption of property, real and personal, belonging to any person dying insolvent, or taking the benefit of the insolvent laws, to an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars, from the proceedings of creditors, and in case of such dying insolvent, or of insolvency during life, the said property so exempted shall go in the first instance to the wife or widow, and then, according to its nature, go as now directed by the statutes of descent, or distribution; provided, always, that the provisions of this section shall only apply to a father, mother, sister, brother, husband, or wife, or child, or grand child of the said person so dying or becoming insolvent;"

Which was read.

Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, withdrew the amendment offered by him, and substituted in lieu of it, the following:

"In all cases where the head of a family shall die or become insolvent, owing a dwelling house or homestead furniture, or other property, or where an execution is levied upon the property of any debtor, the said house, homestead furniture or other property shall be exempt from administration or liability to, or seizure by creditors; provided, said property, real or personal, does not exceed the sum of _____ in value, but the same shall thereupon belong in equal parts to the wife and descendants of said descendant or debtor, and in the event that said property shall exceed the sum of _____ in value, then there shall be a prefer-