

Everhart,  
Fooks,  
Fawcett,  
Garrison,

Pennington,  
Pilkington,  
Poteet,

Wilson,  
Wooden,  
Zeigler—63.

NEGATIVE—None.

The Senate bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Worcester and Somerset Railroad company,

Was taken up for consideration on its third reading;

Pending the consideration of which,

The hour for adjournment having arrived,

The Speaker said :

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*.—I rise to perform the last duty connected with the action of the House of Delegates during the session that is now about to close.

We have been together for a period of thirty days, during which time our duties have been of a most arduous and laborious character. It is greatly to be regretted that some of the important measures that have been brought before us have failed to become laws. This, I have no doubt, is owing in a great degree, to the limited time of the session. But I think we may congratulate ourselves upon the fact that the result of our labors will have no unimportant influence upon the future welfare and prosperity of our people. Our acts will soon pass into matters of history, and I sincerely trust that the future will fully demonstrate the wisdom of our deliberations. If the excitement attendant upon the discussions that have taken place in this body has engendered any bitter partisan feelings, I trust that such sensations will be dispelled by the reflection that we are citizens of the same old Commonwealth, having a common object in view—the welfare and prosperity of the whole people.

Personally, gentlemen, I have much to thank you for. I was called to the position of presiding officer of this House without any experience, either as a legislator or parliamentarian. I have striven to discharge my duty, and it affords me great pleasure to say, in this connection, that there is not a single unpleasant recollection connected with my official relation towards the members of this House.

That I am indebted to you for many acts of kindness I take pleasure in acknowledging; and the many pleasant and agreeable friendships I have formed among your members will always be remembered with pride and pleasure. The duties I have been called to perform have been of a most trying and