

Mr. Shaw presented a petition from the Western Maryland Railroad company;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Keefer presented a petition from 108 citizens of Mechanicstown, Frederick county, for the passage of a law to prohibit the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in that district;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

Mr. Everhart presented a petition for an act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance company of Baltimore;

Which was read and referred to the Carroll county delegation.

Mr. Slothower presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Maryland Fire Insurance company, to be allowed to increase its capital stock;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Also, a petition from the Charles Street Avenue company, for an amendment of its charter;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Lee, of Baltimore city presented a petition from the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city, asking the passage of a law for the adoption of orphan children;

Which was read and referred to the select committee on that subject.

Mr. Smith, of Frederick presented a petition from the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Urbana district, Frederick county, to convey a certain lot of ground to Jane Burgee;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Silver,

Ordered, That each member of this House be furnished with a copy of the Rules of Order of this House, and one copy each of the Constitution.

The following message was received from the Executive, Hon. Thomas Swann, at the hands of his Private Secretary, Mr. Peter Leary.

[See Document A.]

Which was read.