

On motion of Mr. Beck,

Ordered, That the privileges of the floor of this House be granted Messrs. Devecmon, Bryden, McElfish and Hammill, contestants of the seats for Allegany county.

On motion of Mr. Aydelotte,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be, and the same are hereby instructed, to inquire and examine into, what legislation (if any) is necessary for the improvement of the present School laws of the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Gorsuch,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means inquire into and determine what legislation (if any) is necessary to equalize the assessment of real estate in the State, and to report by bill or otherwise. Also, what additional legislation is necessary in reference to investments in United States bonds, money on hand, and church property, returned to the assessors, and included in their returns to the respective County Commissioners, under the Act of February 5th, 1866, chapter 157, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Calvert,

Ordered, That Rev. Mr. Burke be appointed additional Chaplain to this House.

Mr. Hall, (the rules being suspended,) presented a petition from John Thompson Mason, asking to be restored under the Constitution to his rights of citizenship ;

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on Enfranchisement.

On motion of Mr. Lindsey,

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Evans, of Cecil, is detained from occupying his seat in this House by sickness.

Mr. Boswell submitted the following order:

Ordered, That Quinton W. Radcliffe, the present Folder of the House, be assigned to the duty of Journal clerk, and John C. Weise, of Alleghany county, be appointed in the place of said Radcliffe, and that Milton Y. Kidd, of Cecil county, be appointed clerk to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Ford moved to lay the order on the table, and demanded the yeas and nays ;

The demand being sustained,

The yeas and nays were called and appeared as follow :