

Buhrman,  
Baker,  
Linthicum,  
Gorsuch,

Lankford,  
Stevens,  
Thomson,  
Davis, of B. City,

McCulley,  
Criswell,  
Wampler—16.

Said bill was then returned to the Senate.

Mr. Lindsey presented the petition of Andrew Beaston and one hundred and thirteen others, praying that a special Act may be passed prohibiting the running at large of swine in the 2nd Election District of Cecil county;

Which was read and referred to the Cecil County delegation:

Mr. Clarke presented the petition of Lieut. Daniel Mason, for services rendered the State as 1st Lieut. 12th Maryland Volunteers;

Which was read and referred to Committee on Militia.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Comptroller of the State as refers to the misunderstanding existing between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and the State of Maryland, arising out of the payment of interest on the sterling bonds from the year 1862 to 1865, inclusive, (the same being, as claimed by said company, largely in excess of the amount due by them to the State, and for which they make claim against the State,) be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and that said Committee be instructed to ascertain the rights of the State, and recommend such Judicial or Legislative action as in the judgment of said Committee may secure a settlement of the question involved, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Smith offered the following :

WHEREAS, In the report of the Comptroller of this State for the fiscal year ending 30th September, 1866, on the subject of the Free School Fund, he says "there is a deficit in the receipts on account of this fund when compared with the year 1865, of \$17,050 61." "This was caused," he says, "by the failure of a majority of the banks which had been reorganized as National Banks under the Act of 1865, chapter 144, to pay the school tax of twenty cents on every hundred dollars of their capital stock." He also says, "A demand was made upon the banks for the payment of this tax as contemplated by the Act of 1865, but it was complied with only in a few cases"—therefore be it

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be and they are hereby required to obtain a list of such banks as have failed to pay said tax, and to inquire, if any, and what legislation is necessary to compel the execution of the Act of 1865, chapter 144, and to take such measures as will secure