

via Mount Savage, Frostburg and Lonaconing to Piedmont ; and whether said railroad is worked in accordance with the provisions of its charter. And the said Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Consolidation Coal Company are hereby required to report to this House, immediately, the rates of freight charged on coal shipped over said road ; and whether said rates are uniform ; and whether they or either of them have made any special agreement with the George's Creek coal and Iron Company, the American Coal Company, the Central Mining and Manufacturing Company, and the Borden Mining Company, or any of them, whereby said Company, or any of them, transport coal over said road at less freight and wharfage than other Coal Companies on the line of said road ; and shall also report the freight per ton per mile charged by said Company on coal shipped by each and every of the coal companies transporting coal over said road ; and said committee have power to send for persons and papers, with authority to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Jones offered the following :

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal that the reason for the reconsideration and change of the time to which this House had proposed to adjourn, as stated in their message to the Senate of the 1st inst., was as follows : viz, It was deemed by a majority of the House important to the public interest, in order to remove all doubt as to the legality of the election of Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to repeal the law requiring that election to take place on Wednesday next, a bill for which purpose had passed the Senate by a suspension of the rules, and at the time of sending the message to the Senate it was not doubted that a like suspension of the rules would allow the majority to pass the bill through this House, but after the sending of the message those who voted against the suspension defeated the suspension of the rules, so that the requisite three-fourths vote could not be obtained. This House then, under a sense of public duty and before receiving the reponse of the Senate, reconsidered and changed the said time in order to facilitate the passage of the said bill, which change of time the House was prevented from communicating to the Senate by its adjournment. It is further ordered that on the assembling of the Senate a message containing a copy of this explanation shall be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Gorsuch proposed the following as a substitute :

Ordered, That this House, by its action yesterday in adjourning to a day different from the day named in its message to the Senate, which was concurred in by that Body, did not intend to be discourteous or to trespass upon parliamentary rules or customs in its official intercourse with a co-ordinate