

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Compton,
Earle,
Kimmell,
Mackall,

Maddox,
Stephenson,
Young—7.

On motion of Mr. Waters,

Leave of absence for one week was granted Mr. Davis of Washington, in consequence of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That the President appoint a committee of five to prepare and report rules for the government of the Senate; but until said committee report, and their report be adopted, the rules governing the Senate at its last session, be the rules for the government of the Senate at its present session.

The President thereupon appointed Messrs. Stephenson, Mules, Compton, Broadwater, and Davis of Washington, as the Select Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That His Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to transmit to the Senate a copy of the returns made to his office of the election for Senators held the 6th of November last; and that the Secretary of the Senate furnish the Governor with a copy of this order.

On motion of Mr. Henkle, it was

Ordered. That the Comptroller inform this House, at the earliest possible day, who have been the bidders for the State printing, under the contract system, including the State Convention and the sessions of the Legislatures for 1865, 1866 and 1867; the names of the bidders for the respective years, and the amount paid for printing the proceedings and debates of said Convention, and the amount paid, respectively, for each session of the Legislature for printing the laws, the journal of both branches of the Legislature, and the documents, bills, &c., contracted for, and the amount paid, respectively, for any of the items named, and which were ordered by either branch of the Legislature, as well as the bills and receipts of the contracting parties, copies of their bonds, and of the proposals for said printing, and such other information as will fully inform the Senate of the contract system for printing, and the cost for the different branches of the same.

On motion of Mr. Vickers,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Vickers, Waters and Davis of Caroline, to introduce a bill to incorporate the village of Sassafrass, in Kent county.