

amendments and proposed compromise figures. The result was an increase of about half the amount recommended by the House. The Senate passed the conference committee version 29 to 0.<sup>58</sup> The House passed it 114 to 0.<sup>59</sup>

SB 307 This bill dealt with fees for civil marriages. This seemingly innocuous subject was a source of dissension. Introduced by Senator Malkus, the bill breezed through the Senate 29 to 0.<sup>60</sup> Arriving in the House twelve days before the end of the session, the bill was amended to give Garrett County a special provision. A rather large portion of the marriage fees were to be paid over to the Garrett County Historical Society. The bill then passed the House 113 to 0.<sup>61</sup> The Senate refused to concur in this amendment and a conference committee was appointed. The conference committee on the day before the session ended, recommended that the Senate amendments be adopted.<sup>62</sup> The bill then passed the Senate and House unanimously.<sup>63</sup>

SB 308 This bill pertained to the salaries of the clerks of courts. The controversy surrounded the amount—the House said \$15,000, and the Senate said \$17,000. The conference committee decided that the Senate figure should stand, and that the salaries should be not less than \$12,000 nor more than \$17,000.<sup>64</sup> The Senate then passed the bill as amended by the conference committee, 28 to 0,<sup>65</sup> and the House passed it 104 to 6.<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> 2 MD. S. JOUR. 1459 (1965).

<sup>59</sup> 2 MD. H. DEL. JOUR. 2037 (1965).

<sup>60</sup> 1 MD. S. JOUR. 885 (1965).

<sup>61</sup> 2 MD. H. DEL. JOUR. 1998 (1965).

<sup>62</sup> 2 MD. S. JOUR. 1604 (1965); 2 MD. H. DEL. JOUR. 2116 (1965).

<sup>63</sup> 2 MD. S. JOUR. 1605 (1965); 2 MD. H. DEL. JOUR. 2117 (1965).

<sup>64</sup> 2 MD. S. JOUR. 2035 (1965); 2 MD. H. DEL. JOUR. 1459 (1965).

<sup>65</sup> 2 MD. S. JOUR. 1460 (1965).

<sup>66</sup> 2 MD. H. DEL. JOUR. 2036 (1965).