

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.	Touchstone,	Smith, of B. city,
Stewart, Speaker,	Williams,	Bond, of B. city,
Loker,	Sudler,	Colton,
Iglehart,	Vandiver,	Mullin,
Deale,	Moore,	McElroy,
Mitchell,	Wentz,	Markland,
Chapman,	Robb,	McCulloh,
Nicolai,	Morse,	Kean,
Slingluff,	Blake,	Trimble,
Montague,	Latrobe,	Clark,
Poteet,	Pentland,	Hopkins—32.

The Secretary of the Senate returned

The bill entitled an Act to repeal section 18, of Article 73, of the Public General Laws, entitled "Penitentiary," and to re-enact the same with amendments,

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays, with proposed amendments."

Amendments proposed :

Section 1, line 4, strike out all after the word follows, and insert the words, the directors may enter into contracts for the employment of the convicts in the penitentiary, and for the sale of manufactures in the institution; but in every case the contracts and sales shall be to the highest bidder, after due public notice inviting bids, and all purchases of articles or goods wanted by the institution shall be made from the lowest bidder, after like public notice.

Amend second section by inserting in line 6, after the word "Penitentiary," the following: "And for the sale of the manufacturies in the Institution."

Amend section 1, line 7, by inserting after the word "proper," the following: "And may employ such agent or agents for the purchase of articles or goods wanted by the Institution, and allow the agent so employed such compensation as the Directors may deem right and proper."

The amendments were rejected.

Mr. Nicolai submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

23d March, 1868.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Delegates most respectfully return herewith a bill entitled an Act to repeal section 18, of Article 73, of the Public General Laws, entitled Penitentiary, and to re-enact the same with amendments, passed by your House