

Mr. Smith, of Baltimore city, being in the chair,

Mr. Touchstone submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

*Whereas*, The constitutional period of this session of the General Assembly of Maryland is now about to expire, and

*Whereas*, This is a befitting time for the members of this House to express the high regard in which we hold the Honorable Speaker of this House, feeling as we do, that it would be unbecoming as well as unusual on such occasions, to separate without expressing to him our sincere thanks for the prompt, efficient and impartial manner in which he has discharged the intricate, sometimes embarrassing, and always high and responsible duties of his position.

It would be beneath the dignity of this body to utter words of flattery, but it is one of Maryland's most venerated customs to boast of the virtues, ability and patriotism of her statesmen. As in the heroic past, her statesmen are the jewels of her diadem, and it should be the ambition of every true son of "My Maryland," to honor, to applaud and to emulate their virtues. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That our sincere thanks are due, and they are hereby given to the Honorable William A. Stewart, Speaker of this House, for his kind and courteous deportment during this session, to each and all of its members, and for the impartial, remarkably able and dignified manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of his high and responsible position.

*Resolved*, That in the Honorable William A. Stewart, Speaker of this House, distinguished as he is for his integrity, ability and patriotism, we recognize the true type of the Maryland statesman, and that knowing him to be as brave as he is true, able and patriotic, we have every confidence, that in whatever position he may be placed in the future, he will battle for the interest, honor and sovereignty of our gallant, noble and beloved commonwealth.

Which were read and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Bond, Chairman of the Committee on the Library, reported favorably the joint resolutions in relation to the State Library.

Which were read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Senate bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company,

Was read a third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows :