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

AFFIRMATIVE.

Lee. Messrs. President, Miller, Browne, Malone, Carroll, Parker, of Calvert, Earle, Snyder. Fields, Smith. Henkle, Walsh, Hyland, Welch-16. Hammond.

NEGATIVE-None.

The bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Hammond,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, March 19, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr.

Present at roll call:

Messrs. President, Browne, Biggs, Brewer, Clarke, Denson, Fields, Grove, Hyland, Hammond, Kimmel, Lee, Miller, Malone, Spates, Snyder, Smith, Walsh, Welch—19.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered

House bill entitled an Act to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws, to be entitled Public Education, providing a general system of free public schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Smith,

Leave was granted to the Senators from Dorchester, Somerset, and Caroline to introduce a bill to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Dorchester county to erect a bridge over Fishing Creek, to connect Harper's Island with the main land.