

entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sections 33, 34, 35, 39 and 75 of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Revenue and taxes, and relating to the appointment of and the bonds to be given by, and compensation paid to the collectors of State taxes," the time having elapsed, which, under the rules, would have enabled this House to reconsider its vote on the final passage of said bill.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Loker submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that J. E. Coad is absent from this house because of serious affliction in his family.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bowlus submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the several county School Boards be authorized to keep open the public schools until such time as a new school system shall be adopted and put in operation, and the faith of this General Assembly is hereby pledged for the payment of the necessary expenses.

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Sanner,

Was laid on the table.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Joint Resolutions expressive of the views of the General Assembly upon the present condition of the nation.

Said resolutions being upon a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Pentland,

The further consideration thereof was postponed, and the resolutions made the order of the day for Monday next, March 2d.

The next order of the day was then taken up for consideration, being

The Senate bill entitled an Act to amend the 37th Article of the Public General Laws, by repealing the 2d section of said Article, relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties, as amended by the Act of 1864, chapter 109, and inserting in said Article, in lieu of the