

TUESDAY, February 1, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs. President, Biggs, Browne, Denson, Earle, Fields, Henry, Hyland, Jump, Malone, Miller, Parker, Sellman, Snyder, Spates, Stephenson, Welch—17.

Mr. Welch presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kent county, praying a modification of the Oyster Law.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

Mr. Henry presented the petition of the Commissioners of Dorchester county and 19 citizens of said county, praying the passage of a law to provide for the more effective collection of State and county taxes in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, remonstrating against the passage of a law prohibiting the killing of Partridges in said county until November, 1872.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of George G. Gerry, asking a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jump presented the petition of Samuel S. Yeo, late collector of taxes for Talbot county, asking to be refunded money overpaid into the State Treasury.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the Comptroller