On motion by Mr. Stephenson and by unanimous consent, it was

Ordered, That each of the Boards of County Commissioners of this State, and the Appeal Tax Court or City Collector of Baltimore be, and they are hereby directed, to report to the Senate at the earliest day practicable, the amounts of revenue derived to the State for the last fiscal year from said counties and city respectively from tax on mortgages. Also, the amount derived to their respective counties and the city of Baltimore from the same source.

On motion by Mr. Earle, and by unanimous consent,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to report a bill to promote the collection of the revenues of the State by the Collectors of State taxes.

On motion by Mr. Welch, and by unanimous consent,

Leave was granted to Senators Welch, Earle and Stephenson, to report a bill to give protection to fish and wild fowl in the waters of Queen Anne's, Kent and Harford counties.

Mr. Stephenson, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh O'Connor and 50 other voters of the 8th election district of Baltimore county, praying that no law may be enacted to prevent stock from running at large, asked that the reference be changed.

On motion by Mr. Clarke,

Said petition was referred to a Select Committee.

The President appointed as said Committee, Senators Clarke, Browne and Biggs.

The House bill entitled an Act to enlarge the corporate power of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, in relation to the holding of property,

Being upon its third reading, was

On motion by Mr. Clarke,

Referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

The House bill entitled an Act to amend the charter of the town of Leitersburg, in Washington county,

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

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President, Clarke, Denson, Parker, Sellman, Snyder,