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The Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 922 to 927 inclusive, of Article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the City of Baltimore, and to re-enact the same with amendments, subject, "Home of the Friendless,"

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The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance on the Senate Joint Resolutions relative to the alleged indebtedness of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to the State of Maryland.

The question being upon the adoption of said report.

Mr. Earle submitted the following amendments to the report of the Committee on Finance.

*Resolved*, Whereas, by a recent Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, the charter of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company has been extended, without requiring said Company to pay into the Treasury of the State one-fifth of gross receipts of passenger money which shall be taken by said Company for transportation of passengers between the cities of Washington and Baltimore and intermediate points; and whereas, the Washington Branch of said Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, in competing for freight and travel, must necessarily become a rival work of the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; and whereas, the State of Maryland, beside other interests, holds in said Washington Branch the stock of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which for several years has paid into the Treasury of the State a dividend of ten per centum per annum; and, whereas, by the law of her charter, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is required to pay into the Treasury of the State one-fifth of the gross receipts of passenger money taken by said Company for transportation of passengers over her said Washington Branch, and, whereas, this discrimination of twenty per centum against a Road in which the State has so large an interest must materially affect and reduce the revenue of the State, arising from this source; and whereas, apart from this interest it is just and proper that these two roads should, as regards the State, be placed upon an equal footing; and whereas, for the many franchises that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has received from the State, it is right that she should pay to the State, out of her abundant and prosperous means, a consideration for the release of the one-fifth passenger money which it is the purpose of this Act to grant; therefore,

*Resolved*, That section eight (8) of the Act of 1832, (chap. 175,) which exacts of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Com-