

business of the Morning Session, being Senate bills entitled to a second reading.

The Senate bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Potomac and Piedmont Coal and Railroad Company, with power and authority for carrying on the mining of coal, the building of furnaces, burning of brick, and for the transportation of coal and other products of its mines and property to market, and disposing of the same.

Being upon a second reading,

The question recurring upon the following amendment proposed by the Committee on Corporations:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Section 7, line 15, insert the words, "who shall be freeholders."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Marbury submitted the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

To come in as section 8.

*And be it enacted*, That the property of this Company shall be subject to taxation as other personal property.

The amendment was adopted, and

The bill, as amended, read a second time.

Mr. Shipley, (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following order:

Ordered, That Samuel Robinson, an officer of this House, have leave of absence on account of sickness.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kilbourn, (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Public Works be requested to inform this House whether, in their opinion, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company can legally carry into effect the resolution of the stockholders of said Company, passed at their last meeting, providing for funding the overdue and unpaid coupons on the bonds known as preferred bonds and repair bonds, and how the interest of the State would be affected by carrying the same into effect; and what, if any, steps have been taken by them to protect the interests of the State in relation thereto.

Which was adopted.