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Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, hereafter to be appointed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, it was

Ordered, That Augustus Gassaway be appointed Secretary; Wm. H. Hiss, Reading Clerk; Solomon E. Smithe, Journal Clerk; James T. Blackistone, Sergeant-at-Arms; George Harris, Door Keepers; and Wm. H. Penington, Page.

The several officers present were then qualified, by taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

Mr. Blake submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 4th, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

The Senate has organized by the election of Hon. Henry Snyder, President, and the appointment of Augustus Gassaway, Esq., Secretary. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the Session, and propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of three members, to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the Legislature is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed, on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Blake, Compton and Earle.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Stephenson,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Stephenson, Tuck and Spencer to prepare and report a bill, entitled an Act to repeal Chapter 411, passed at January Session, 1870, entitled an Act to add additional sections to article sixty-nine of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Officers," regulating and prescribing the number and compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Delegates, and repealing Acts inconsistent therewith.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to confer and report upon the names of ministers suitable to officiate as Chaplains in the Senate during the Session.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Carroll, Earle and Denson as said committee.