Mr. Stephenson submitted the following amendment:

Provided, That no mortgage given to secure or enforce the fulfillment of a promise or contract in the future, and which does not subject the mortgagor or mortgagors to the penalties therein named, until such promise or contract shall be non-complied with, shall be subject to taxation.

Which was adopted.

Said bill as amended was read the second time, and

The yeas and nays being demanded upon the question of engrossment, the Senate refused to engross said bill as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Compton,
Earle,
Fields,
Henry,
Jump,

Stephenson,
Steiner,
Tuck,
Wilson—9.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. President,
Blake,
Carroll,
Denson,
Downs,
Blake,
Spates,
Sellman,
Spencer—10.

On motion by Mr. Downs,

The vote by which the Senate refused to engross said bill,

Was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

Said bill was laid on the table and made the order of the day for Friday, the 8th inst.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of Élizabeth Elliott, praying a pension.

Also, the application of Sarah Besse, asking the same.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The following message was received from his Excellency, Governor Whyte, by the hands of Hollingsworth Whyte, Esq.:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, March 4, 1872.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith return to the House, in which it originated, the bill, entitled an Act directing the County Commissioners of Washington county to issue bonds, to raise money to build