On motion of Mr. McCosker,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Inspections to introduce a bill to repeal section 15 of chapter 153 of the Act of 1872, entitled an Act to provide for the inspection of steam boilers in the City of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Henkle,

Leave was granted to the Anne Arundel delegation to report a bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county to establish a free bridge, by purchase or otherwise, on or near the site where Sweetser's bridge now stands.

On motion of Mr. McWilliams,

Leave was granted to the Select Committee on Pilots to introduce a bill to repeal and amend the seventy-fourth Article of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Pilots."

On motion of Mr. Staylor,

Leave was granted to the Baltimore City delegation to introduce a bill to repeal section 872, Article 4, Code of Public Local Laws, providing for the extension of the limits of direct taxation in the City of Baltimore, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Mr. Merryman submitted the following Joint Resolutions:

Whereas, The Governor of the State, in his Message to the General Assembly, has suggested that the statue of the late Chief Justice Taney, now located in the Capitol Grounds, be formally handed over to the State by the Commissioners appointed under Act of General Assembly, 1867, chapter 51; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a Joint Special Committee of four on the part of the House, and three of the Senate, be appointed to request said Commissioners to appear in the Hall of the House of Delegates on the 17th day of March next, and that upon the occasion 8. Teackle Wallis, Esq., the Chairman of said Commission, be invited to deliver an oration upon the life and public services of the late Chief Justice.

Resolved, That said Special Committee be authorized to make all necessary arrangements to carry out above resolution.

Which were read a first time.

Mr. Merryman moved that the rules be suspended in ac