

titled "Fines and Forfeitures," to come in after section 3, with proposed amendment.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Amend body of bill by striking out the words "three hundred," in the 13th line of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred and fifty."

Said bill was read a second time.

Also,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize Hashabiah Haines, of Carroll county, to settle his accounts as guardian to Wm. L. Haines, in the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City, and to deliver the estate to his said ward.

Which was read a second time.

Mr. Keech, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Judiciary Committee, who were instructed by an order of this House to inquire into the expediency of Codifying the Laws of this State, including those that have been or may be passed at the present session of the Legislature, respectfully report, that in their opinion it is highly expedient that there should be a codification of said Laws.

They further report, that substantially there are three distinct propositions relative to the codification of said Laws. The first, that the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be paid to the person making the codification of said Laws, and that the copyright thereof shall remain in the State, and that said Laws, when so codified, shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for its rejection or approval, and if approved and adopted by said General Assembly, it shall become the Law of the State, and be printed under the direction of the Legislature.

Another proposition is, that said Laws shall be codified after the manner of Brightley's Digest or the Virginia Code; that when said codification is completed, it shall be submitted to three of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, and if approved by them, shall become the Law of the State; that said Code shall be printed at the expense of the persons codifying the same; and that 300 copies thereof be placed in the Library of the State; and that the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) be then paid to the codifiers.

The third and last proposition provides for the payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the persons codifying the Laws, for the purpose of paying expenses of printing,