

On motion of Mr. Watkins, (the rules being suspended,)

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act passed at January session, 1872, chapter 355, entitled an Act to authorize the issuing of licenses to Telegraph Companies and Express or Transportation Companies not organized under the laws of this State to transact business therein, and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add the same to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State.

Pending which,

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The further consideration thereof was postponed, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Senate Joint Resolution directing the Comptroller to place to the credit of Insurance Companies incorporated by the State of Pennsylvania, and doing business in this State, such amounts as may have been paid by them for licenses since May the first, 1873:

WHEREAS, By the Act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, at the January session, 1872, chapter 388, section 36, the same "taxes, fines, penalties, deposits of money or securities or other obligations or prohibitions, are imposed upon all Insurance Companies of other States doing business in the State of Maryland," as are imposed upon Insurance Companies incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, and transacting business in such other States; and

Whereas, The laws of the State of Pennsylvania, imposing a license of five hundred dollars and an additional tax of three per cent. upon all premiums, receipts, was so changed (taking effect after the required date of renewal of all licenses within the State of Maryland) as to require only payments of the three per cent. tax on all premiums received; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, requested and directed to credit on all statements of premium receipts made by Insurance Companies incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania and transacting business in this State, such amounts as may have been paid by each of said Insurance Companies for license since May the first, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; *Provided, however*, That the charge to each