

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day,

The House proceeded to the consideration of

The bill entitled an Act to repeal Article 81, of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, entitled "Revenue and Taxes," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Said bill being upon a second reading,

Mr. Watkins submitted the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

SECTION. 3. The provisions of the preceding section shall not apply to property belonging to the United States, to this State, or any county or incorporated city or town of this State, to houses for public worship, including parsonages, with the grounds appurtenant thereto and necessary for the use thereof, all grave-yards, cemeteries and burying-grounds, the crops and produce of lands in the hands of the producer or his agent, mortgages on real estate, all shares of the capital stock of any Building Association, Land or Loan Company or Corporation of which the funds and capital stock are invested in mortgage on real or leasehold property subject to taxation, to the extent of such investments, provisions for the use and consumption of the person to whom the same shall belong and his family, private libraries not kept for sale, plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers moved or worked by hand, and the articles manufactured by them whilst in their possession, or that of their agents, unsold, wearing-apparel of every description, fish at the time fishermen may be employed in catching, salting and packing the same, or while they remain in their possession or that of their agents unsold, household manufactures, the Masonic Temple in the City of Baltimore and lot on which the same stands, and the stock issued for the building of the same, the Bible-House, Tract-House and German Protestant Orphans' Association Building, in the City of Baltimore; the bridge over the Potomac River, between Shepherdstown and Washington county, all judgments, notes, securities and other property belonging to any bank or other incorporated Institution of this State paying its taxes on its shares of capital stock, public hospitals, asylums and other incorporated literary, charitable or benevolent institutions for the relief of the indigent or afflicted, and the lots or lands appurtenant, not exceeding forty acres, with all their furniture and equipments, libraries and scientific instruments, and stocks and securities held by such literary, charitable or benevolent Institutions, shall be exempt from taxation for State or local purposes; *Provided*, The whole value of such