NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Billingsley, Brattan, Davis,

Spencer, Suit—5.

Mr. Davis submitted the following amendment:

Strike out the words "thirty-five hundred," and insert "five thousand."

Which was rejected.

Mr. Davis submitted the following amendment:

Strike out "fifteen hundred," and insert "one thousand," on the 2nd line of the 5th section.

Which was rejected.

The said bill, as amended, was then read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered

The Senate Joint Resolutions empowering the Comptroller of the Treasury to employ counsel to assist in the argument of the case of the State vs. The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

Endorsed, "Indefinitely Postsponed."

The Hon. C. J. Pennington, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered the following communication from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, Feb'y 17th, 1874.

To the Senate:

I return, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 34, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed at the January Session of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter two hundred and nine," entitled "An Act to add to the eleventh section of Article fifty-six of the Code of General Public Laws a subsection, entitled 'Insurance Brokers,' and to re-enact the same with amendments."

The title of this bill, if I understand correctly its provisions, should be "An Act for the destruction of the business of Insurance Brokers in the city of Baltimore."

The apparent object to be accomplished by its enactment, would seem to be a transfer of the duty of issuing licenses to Insurance Brokers from the officer now having charge of their issue, to the Insurance Commissioner, but the real purpose of the bill, as it seems to me, is to limit, by the certificate of li-