

Mr. Steiner, from a Select Committee, to which leave had been granted, reported a bill entitled, "An Act to confirm and approve an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January Session, 1872, Chapter 4, entitled, an Act authorizing the County Commissioners for Frederick county, to subscribe to the capital stock of the Liberty and Frederick Turnpike Road Company of Frederick county."

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Phelps, from a Select Committee, to which leave had been granted, reported a bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Bank in Cambridge, in Dorchester county, Maryland.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion by Mr. Fields,

Ordered to be printed.

Senate Joint Resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to submit to their respective Houses a memorial and protest against the passage of the Supplemental Civil Rights Bill now before Congress,

Being on their second reading,

Mr. Steiner submitted the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word *whereas*, and insert the following:

The General Assembly of Maryland, at the January Session, 1872, did provide for the establishment of Public Schools for the education of colored youth wherever an average attendance of not less than fifteen scholars could be secured, which should be kept open as long as the other Public Schools of the School District in which they were located, which should be subject to the same laws, and furnish instruction in the same branches as the schools for white children.

*And whereas*, This action was taken in response to numerous petitions proceeding from the colored citizens of this State, asking for "larger facilities for the acquisition of a rudimental education, so that they and their children might be better qualified to perform the duties of citizenship," and praying not "that the schools for the whites should be thrown open to their children," which they say "would be detrimental to their educational interests," but "that a proper proportion of the School Fund, both of the State and counties, should be applied to the maintenance of their separate schools, where their children might be gathered upon a common level,