

requested to state to the Committee of Invitation, that the action of Senate was unanimous.

On motion by Mr. Steiner, it was

Ordered, That the representatives of the Associated Press, "The Sun," "Gazette" and "American," be furnished each with a copy of each Senate Printed Bill, and of the Daily Journal of the Senate.

Mr. Phelps offered the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing section five, chapter four of an Act to repeal an Act passed at January Session of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled "Public Education," providing for a general system of Free Public Schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, and to re-enact the same with amendments; and to re-enact in the place of section five, chapter four, a provision that all taxes for public education in this State, shall be levied upon the State at large, abolishing all special taxes upon the counties and city of Baltimore, as now provided by law, thereby making the Public Schools of this State, emphatically, and to all intents and purposes, a State Institution. The taxes levied, as above indicated, to be distributed in the different counties and the city of Baltimore, *pro rata*, as now provided by law. And be it further ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire whether sections two and three, chapter seven, are complied with in the Public Schools of this State, and if not, how far they fall short of the provision of law, as set forth in the two sections above noticed. And be it further ordered, That the Committee have power to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Fields, it was

Ordered, That from and after this date, the Senate shall meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., except Monday, when it meet at 12 o'clock, noon.

Mr. Brattan presented the petition of Samuel Start and one hundred and eighty-three citizens of Somerset county, praying for a local option law.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

On motion by Mr. Steiner,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Steiner, Brattan and Tuck, to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Public Charities."