

and they are hereby instructed to include in their assessment bill the taxation of mortgages.

Mr. Berret submitted the following proposed amendment :

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out all after the word "hereby" and insert the following: "instructed to enquire into the expediency of the taxation of mortgages."

Mr. Brashears submitted the following proposed amendment to the proposed amendment :

Strike out all after the word "ordered."

Which motion prevailed.

Said order, as amended, was then adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gallagher, from the Committee on Inspections, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments section 12, of Article 58, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Inspections, sub-title "Tobacco," as repealed and re-enacted by the Acts of 1890, chapter 262.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Joyce, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to incorporate Elkton Electric Light and Power Company.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Thompson, from Committee on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to prohibit the use of explosives in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, as a means of taking or catching fish.

Which was read a second time.

Mr. Field, from Committee on Militia, reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section 6, of Article 65, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Militia."

Which was read a second time.