On motion of Mr. Griffith, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Canby be excused from to-day's session, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Fox, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Walz be excused from attending to-day's session, on account of important business.

· On motion of Mr. Monmonier, it was

Ordered, That Senate Bill No. 139, entitled an Act to repeal section one hundred and eighty-eight to two hundred and seventeen inclusive, of Article three, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore County," sub-title "Roads," and to re-enact the following in lieu thereof, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hill, it was

Ordered, That the congratulations of the House be extended the Hon. James G. Berret, upon the anniversary of his 77th birthday, that occurs this day, with the hope that many more years may be spared him, and that his usefulness may continue without any interruption of the ills to which flesh is heir.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, it was

Ordered, That the Carpenter of the House be and he is hereby instructed to prepare a suitable bulletin board and securely place the same in a prominent position in the Rotunda, and that hereafter the chairmen of the several committees of the House shall post notices of time and place of meetings of the several committees on said bulletin board instead of giving said notice upon the floor of the House.

On motion of Mr. Carter, it was

Ordered, That when this House meets on Monday evening, February 15th, it shall immediately after the reading of the Journal, take up for consideration local bills on the third reading file of the House, and immediately after such file is cleared of said bills, it shall consider the local bills on the second reading file.

Mr. Hutchins submitted the following order, viz:

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee on Claims issue his certificate to John Johnson for the