

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Inspections.

Mr. Combs presented a petition from George W. Parks and 125 other oystermen of St. Mary's county, praying that the Oyster Law may be so amended as to prohibit the taking of oysters during the months of April and September.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

Mr. Sams presented a petition from Brigham Hopkins & Co., and 100 other citizens of Baltimore, for a just and equitable telephone rate.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Fockler, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Garrott be excused on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Orrick, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Monmonier be excused from attending to-day's session.

On motion of Mr. Maddox, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Carrico be excused from attendance on to-day's session, on account of business.

On motion of Mr. Carter, it was

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

On motion of Mr. Walz, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Fuld be excused on account of sickness.

LEAVES TO INTRODUCE BILLS.

On motion of Mr. McSherry,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill entitled an Act to amend Article 27, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," by adding a new sub-title to be known as "Bawdy Houses and Houses of Ill-Fame," and add a new section to be known as "Section 16 A."