

THURSDAY, February 18th, 1892.

The House met at 12 M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Day.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Speaker, Combs, Garner, Strong, Wilson, Brashears, Donaldson, Hutchins, Sappington, of Anne Arundel, Ireland, Lane, Carrico, Maddox, Orrick, Cole, Elliott, Hamilton, Jr., Collins, Wooters, Leonard, Green, Anderson, Sterling, Meredith, Smith, of Dorchester, Beeks, Grove, of Cecil, Bowie, of Prince George's, Hill, Perrie, Bryan, Wallen, Godwin, Franklin, Wilkinson, Hayman, McSherry, Grove, of Frederick, Bevard, Stearns, Deen, Johnson, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Brennan, Fox, Carter, Bowie, of Baltimore city, Gallagher, Sams, Sanders, Carr, Cornthwaite, Joyce, Smith, of Washington, Fockler, Shafer, Garrott, Laird, Griffith, Barber, Young, Hosken, Sr., Stottlemeyer, Haines, Sellman, Berret, Leeds, Tracey, Haslup, Ellegood, Laws, Moore, Bittinger, Michaels—74.

Journal of the 17th read and approved.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

The Speaker laid before the House the following :

Whereas, business of all kinds on the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal has absolutely ceased since the first day of April, 1890, to the great injury of the people along the line of said canal and of the city of Havre de Grace.

Therefore, be it ordered, that the Attorney-General be and he is hereby requested to examine the lease from said Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal Company to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, and to report to this House whether by the terms of said lease the rights and privileges are reserved to said railroad company to abandon the use of said canal at its pleasure, and if he shall ascertain that no such right and privilege are reserved, whether any steps can be taken to compel the resumption of transportation upon said canal by said Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.