

With recommendation that said bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Bill so referred.

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

House bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 2, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 20 A, 21, 28, 33 and 34, of Article 72, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add new sections to said Article.

Together with the accompanying explanatory

### REPORT:

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen*

*of the House of Delegates :*

With your permission I report back printed bill No. 144 for a second reading, and submit a statement of the duties and labors performed in the committee room.

The bill herewith reported amending and providing for the proper execution of the laws in force relative to the taking and culling of oysters, is not the work of any one man nor of any body specially interested in this behalf ; but is the result of careful examination on the part of the committee of all bills or suggestions that have come before us, in which the endeavor has been to adopt all of the best and eliminate all of the worst or most objectionable features of each respective bill or suggestion, and to form therefrom a bill that will with impartiality equally tend to the preservation of all the different interests involved. Several bills, as you are aware, have been introduced and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries ; the bill herewith reported is the outcome of our labors. The chairman, in presenting this bill would illy and ungraciously perform his duties if he should fail to make proper recognition of the labor and care of the respective members of this committee, who have untiringly considered all of its provisions and with practical oyster men or with those whose familiarity from contiguity to the oyster grounds has given them knowledge of the practical requirements