

Also, favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal and re enact with amendments new section 32, of Article 33, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Registration," as enacted by the Act of 1890, chapter 573.

Which was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

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

House bill entitled an Act to add new sections to Article 23, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Telegraph Companies," to come in after 232 A, 232 B, 232 C, 232 D and 232 E, to regulate the rental and use of telephones in the cities, towns and villages in the State of Maryland, and to add new sections to Article 23, of the Code, title "Corporations," sub-title "Telegraphs,"

With the accompanying explanatory

REPORT:

To the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Corporations to which was referred the House Bill No. 125, begs leave to report as follows:

The Committee has heard with interest the protracted discussion which has taken place in connection with this bill. We have been aided to some extent by the report made to the Senate in 1890, upon a similar bill. Your Committee does not doubt the constitutional power of the House to pass a bill regulating Telephone rates in the State of Maryland. It is, however, plain to us, that we should not exercise this power in such manner as to do injustice.

It has been shown to your Committee that the existing rates charged for the use of telephones, annually, in the cities presently to be named, are as follows:

Baltimore, \$100; Boston, \$120; Chicago, \$125; Cincinnati, \$100, New Orleans, \$96; New York, \$150, \$180; Philadelphia, \$120; Pittsburgh, \$100; St. Louis, \$100; Washington, \$100.

These rates are the same as were charged in 1890, when the report of the Senate Committee, to which reference has been made, was read; these are the