

Mr. Evans submitted the following proposed amendments:

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Strike out all after the words "A bill entitled an Act to add a new section to Article 13, of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,' to come in after section 10, and to be designated as 'Section 10 A.'"

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 13, of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,' to come in after section 10, to be called "Section 10 A," relating to half holidays on Saturdays.

"Sec. 10 A. It shall be lawful for banks and bankers in this State to close their doors for business at 12 o'clock noon on each and every Saturday in the year; and every Saturday in the year after 12 o'clock noon shall be a legal half holiday, so far as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance, and the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts, promissory notes and other negotiable paper, and for these purposes shall be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called "Sunday," and all such bills, checks, drafts and notes presentable for acceptance or payment on Saturdays shall be deemed to be presentable for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding; provided, however, that all bills of exchange, drafts and promissory notes made after the passage of this Act, except those payable at sight or on demand, which shall be otherwise payable on any half holiday Saturday, shall be deemed to be and shall be payable on the next succeeding secular or business day; and provided, that for the purpose of protesting or otherwise holding liable any party to any bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note and which shall or have been paid before 12 o'clock at noon, or on any half holiday Saturday a demand of acceptance or payment thereof may be made and notice of protest or dishonor thereof may be given on the next succeed-