

granted to the Joint Committees of the Maryland State Grange and the State Farmers' Association to-day, from 4 P. M., to 8 P. M., for the purpose of holding a meeting to discuss legislation in the interest of Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, it was

Ordered, That Senators Wirt, Hepbron and Dawson be excused from attendance on to-day's session.

Mr. Waters presented the following :

Ordered, That five days and mileage be allowed to Wm. H. Ady. Sergeant-at-Arms, and to William F. Sudler, Door-keeper, for services rendered the Senate at the present session, and the Chairman of the Committee on Claims is hereby directed to credit and pay such claims upon taking the proper vouchers thereof.

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

On motion by Mr. Toadvin, it was

Ordered, That the Sanitary Committee be instructed to enquire into the sanitary condition of the State House, and report at as early a date as possible.

Mr. Toadvin submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Librarian be directed to furnish the Senate with twelve copies of the Code, and that the Pages be instructed to keep the same in the Senate Chamber.

Which was read.

Mr. Moss submitted the following amendment :

Strike out all after the word "furnish" and insert "each Senator with a copy of the Code, to be returned at the close of the session."

Which was adopted.

Said order, as amended, was then adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wilkinson,

Senate bill entitled an Act to protect oysters in the waters of the tributaries of the Potomac river bordering upon the shores of St. Mary's and Charles counties.

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