

Senate bill entitled an Act to regulate the procedure in prosecutions for cruelty to animals.

Which were severally read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported favorably the following Joint Resolution:

Senate Joint Resolution relating to the refunding by the Government of the United States of the direct tax due the State of Maryland.

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

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 13th, 1892.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message proposing that all bills and leaves to introduce bills to sanction bequests, devises, sales, gifts or conveyances to religious objects, be referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings of the respective Houses, and that said Committees, acting jointly, be and they are hereby instructed to report on March 17th, a general bill embracing all such bills and leaves, except when there is a special reason for more speedy action, in which case separate bills may be introduced, and respectfully concur therein.

By order,

CARLTON SHAFER,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Moss presented the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 13th, 1892.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We respectfully invite you to be present in the Senate Chamber at 12 o'clock, noon, to-day, to participate with us in the inauguration of the Governor-