

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. McCullough, it was

Ordered, That Senators Dixon and Palmer be excused from absence from to-night's session.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gadd, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims pay to W. M. Holladay the sum of ten dollars (\$10) for printing cards for Senator's desks and signs for committee rooms, and two hundred copies of Senate roll calls.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance (hereafter to be appointed).

Mr. Robinson submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 18th, 1904.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

Inasmuch as this General Assembly is the Legislature which has been chosen next, preceding the expiration of the time for which the Hon. Louis E. McComas was elected Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States; and inasmuch as Tuesday, January 19th, 1904, will be the second Tuesday after the meeting and organizations of the Legislature at its January session, 1904, we propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to proceed at the hour of 12 o'clock, meridian, on that day, to the election of a Senator in the Congress of the United States for this State, for the term of six years, from March 4th, 1905, to succeed the Hon. Louis E. McComas, whose term will on the last mentioned date expire; also, that such election shall be conducted in the following manner as prescribed by chapter 1, of title 2, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in such case made and provided, to-wit: The Senate and House of Delegates shall, each in their respective chambers, openly, at the time aforesaid, by a *viva voce* vote, by each member present, name one person for such Senator, and the name of the person so voted for who receives a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each House,