character mentioned in this section, then, as regards the operation of the statute of limitations upon the claim so sued on, the time elapsed between the institution of said abated suit and the time of such plaintiff or plaintiffs, becoming a party or parties to said bill in equity, shall be excluded in ascertaining the period within which suits are required to be brought by the said statute of limitations.

The costs taxable to any plaintiff or plaintiffs in any action at law which shall be abated under the provisions of this section, the plaintiff or plaintiffs in which shall become a party or parties to a bill in equity under the provisions of this section, shall become a part of the costs taxable in the proceedings in said equity case.

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage."

Which was adopted.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Benson, from Committee on Corporations, reported favorably, with amendments,

House bill, File No. 614, entitled "An Act to authorize, empower and direct the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick county to enter into an agreement with the proper authorities of Loudon county, in the State of Virginia, in the purchase of the Berlin and Lovettsville bridge over the Potomac river, and to provide a fund for the payment of one-half the cost of purchasing said bridge and the maintenance thereof as a free bridge for the use and benefit of the people of the State of Maryland and Virginia."

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Amend title by striking out the words "and direct" in the first line thereof, and inserting the word "and" in the first line of the title between the words "authoize and empower."

Which was adopted.

Insert in line 2, of section 1, after the word "empower," "and when it deems it advisable so to do."

Which was adopted.