

and abuse of his franchise which was granted and has been used to carry out their party managers' programme, that have been so offensive to the thinking public that no white majority could be created to give to them the power so to do, but with so large an element of non-thinking and cohesive voters, any measure, no matter how inimical to public welfare, no matter how corrupting have in many cases been made the law of the land to the detriment of a whole people.

The Chair distributed the following message from the Senate :

House bill, File No. 316, entitled "An Act to establish and promote the industry of oyster culture in the State of Maryland."

Endorsed: "Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as amended."

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

In lieu of original bill and all amendments.

Strike out all after the words "A Bill," and insert the following in lieu thereof :

"Entitled 'An Act to establish and promote the industry of oyster culture in the State of Maryland. .

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any bona fide resident of Maryland shall have the right to plant and cultivate oysters in the waters of this State, and such right shall be exercised in the manner prescribed in the following sections of this Act, and shall be subject to the regulations, provisions and limitations hereinafter set forth but no corporation or joint stock company shall be permitted to lease or take up, or to acquire by assignment or otherwise, any lands of the State for oyster planting or cultivation.

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That all natural beds or bars shall be excluded from the operation of this Act, and no person shall be permitted to plant or cultivate oysters thereupon, or in any way to appropriate the same to his own use. The term, natural bed or bar, wherever the same may be used in this Act, is in-