Tuesday, February 9th, 1904.

The House met at 12 m., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Frank D. Orrick.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Speaker, Wilkinson, Atkinson, Gibbs, Atwell, Downs, Duvall, Smoot, Walbach, Benson, Green, Stevenson, Collins, Dodson, Milbourne, Miles, Riggan, Keys, Kirk, Fryer, Hill, Ray, Tighe, Wells, Walls, Butler, Wilson, Dennis, Kirbin, Crawford, Harrison, Harry, Hiteshew, Smith, Andrew, McComas, Goslin, Bosse, Lipman, Norris, Reed, Hall, Morrison, Murphy, of Baltimore city, Roth, Trager, Bouchet, Dawkins, Durham, Grant, Linthicum, Moore, Henkel, Lock, Miller, Pairo, Mitchell, Tennant, Amiss, Johnston, Lansdale, Williams, Drumm, Feaga, Loar, Stump, Jenkins, Haines, Kain, Oursler, Gill, Pearre, Bennett, Messick, Harvey, Howard—76.

The Journal of February 8th was read and approved.

## ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Miller, it was

Ordered, That Messrs. Bald and Godwin be excused from to-day's session on account of business.

On motion of Mr. Pairo, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Baker be excused from attendance at to-day's session on account of important business.

Also,

Ordered, That Mr. Bingham be excused from attendance at to-day's session on account of important business.