

FRIDAY, March 8th, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. L. D. Travers.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Stump, Sulivane, Welfley, Wilson—24.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The President presented to the Senate the petition of Joseph B. Seth, Charles H. Gibson and others, citizens of Talbot County, praying for the passage of an Act to prevent the taking or catching of fish other than by hook and line for the period of four years, and that terrapins shall only be caught with oyster tongs or paws in the waters of Wye and Miles rivers.

Which was read, and referred to Senators Lloyd, Miller and Ford.

Mr. Lee presented the petition of about 700 citizens of Carroll County, praying for a Local Option Law.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Lancaster presented the petition of James Harris and 21 others, citizens of the Fifth Election District of Charles County, against the passage of a law closing the voting precinct at Harris' Lot for the purpose of consolidating it with Allen's Fresh.

Which was read, and referred to Senators Lancaster, Combs, of St. Mary's, and Gorman.

On motion by Mr. Miller, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Senator Ford, of Queen Anne's County, is absent to-day on important private business.

On motion by Mr. Bannon, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Senator Combs, of Allegany County, was absent yesterday on public business.