

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the President announced the first order of the day to be

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal Chapter 377, of the Acts of 1872, entitled an Act to repeal an Act of 1870, Chapter 311, entitled an Act to repeal an Act of 1868, Chapter 407, entitled "Public Education," providing a general system of Free Public Schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to repeal Chapter 473, of the Acts of 1874, amendatory of the Acts of 1872, Chapter 377, and to re-enact the said two Acts of 1872, Chapter 377, and the Act of 1874, Chapter 473, with amendments, so as to read as follows.

Said bill being upon its second reading,

Mr. Bannon submitted the following amendment in lieu of the amendment submitted by him at the Night Session of the 18th inst :

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Sec. 1. "The State Board of Education shall consist of seven members, one of them to be elected by the qualified voters of each of the following Congressional Districts of this State, at the next election to be held for Members of Congress of the United States, in November, 1878: One from the first, one from the second, one from the fifth, and one from the sixth, and two members of said Board shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, every two years, and shall hold office until their successors qualify. The elected members of said Board shall be divided by lot into two classes, of two each, and those of the first class shall go out of office at the expiration of two years, and those of the second class at the end of four years from the first day of January succeeding their election, or when their successors have been elected and qualified, and after the first election of members of said Board, the first class of three so chosen by lot shall be succeeded by two others, to be chosen from their districts respectively, at the next Congressional election thereafter, and to hold office for four years, from the first day of January then next ensuing, and at the then next Congressional election, the remaining two shall in like manner be chosen as herein provided, so that said classes shall be alternately chosen and appointed every two years. The Governor of the State shall also be a member of said Board, and when present shall be the Presi-