

On motion by Mr. Sulivane,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 1, of the Acts passed January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to protect fish in the Black Water River, in Dorchester County, and to enact the following in lieu thereof,

Was recommitted to the Select Committee.

House bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act passed at the January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frederick, passed February 24th, 1841, Chapter 125,

Was read a third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Lancaster,
Bannon,	Lee,
Combs, of Allegany,	McLane,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Miller,
Cooper,	Newcomer,
Ford,	Peter,
Freeman,	Steiner,
Garey,	Stump,
Gorman,	Sulivane,
Hepborn,	Welfley—21.
Hill,	

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

The President laid before the Senate the following opinion of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County.

That in ascertaining the balance in the Treasury on the 1st of October, 1877, to the credit of the School Tax, the Comptroller ought not to charge that fund with the appropriations for the State Normal School, prior to the fiscal year 1868, nor with the expenses of the State Board of Education, nor with appropriations to Colored Schools or the State Normal Colored School.

According to the proper construction of the laws of the State relating to free Public Schools, it is the duty of the Comptroller of the Treasury, on the 15th day of June, the 1st day October, the 1st day January and the 15th day of March in each year, to apportion among the several Counties and the City of Baltimore, according to the ratio prescribed by law, the whole amount of each school tax in the Treasury on each of the days of such appointment.