

Freeman,  
Garey,  
Gorman,  
Humphreys,

Sulivane,  
Stump,  
Wilson—21.

The order was then adopted.

The several officers present were then qualified by taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion by Mr. Sulivane, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to select two Chaplains for this body.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Sulivane, Bannon and Hill.

On motion by Mr. Cooper, it was

Ordered, That the Rules of the Senate of 1876 be adopted for the government of the Senate until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Bannon submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,  
January 3d, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

The Senate has organized by the election of the Hon. Edward Lloyd as President, and the appointment of Augustus Gassaway as Secretary. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the Session, and propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of three members to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Legislature is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Bannon, Humphreys and Stump.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. Joyce, it was

Ordered, That the Librarian be authorized to furnish, if in the Library, to each member of the Senate, a copy of the Constitution and Code and supplements, to be returned to the Library at the close of the Session.