

Feb. 5th, 1876. "Reducing the price of Gas to \$4.00 per 1000 ft. with a discount of 20 per cent. for prompt payment, making the net cost of Gas \$3.20 per 1000 feet," which, in the opinion of your Committee, is a very high price, taking into consideration that the Gas Companies of Baltimore, (which we think is a fair comparison, the cost of material being about equal in Baltimore and Annapolis,) charge but \$3.00 per 1000 feet, with a deduction of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , making the cost of gas to all consumers \$2.75 per 1000 feet, and to as large consumers as the State, a deduction of one-sixth is allowed, making the net cost but \$2.50 per 1000 ft.

We would further submit that the charges, both to the State and to the people of Annapolis, are unjust and burdensome, and that the charter should be amended so that the Company should be restricted in its charges; and your Committee further report that they would have so amended it but from want of time.

JOHN GILL, Jr.,  
Chairman.

Together with the testimony taken in the case.  
The report was adopted.

Mr. Gill, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported unfavorably,

A bill entitled an Act for the relief of St. John's College.  
The unfavorable report was adopted.

Also, favorably,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to add additional Sections to Article 56, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Licenses," under the sub-title "Coal Mining."

Which was read a second time.

Also, favorably,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to create a loan to discharge an indebtedness of the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, now secured by mortgages of said Hospital and premises, and to provide furniture for the same.

Which was read a second time.

Also, favorably,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to regulate the levy for State purposes for the year 1876, and for subsequent years.

Which was read a second time.

Also, favorably,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to add an additional Section to Article 22, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Comptroller, relating to claims against insolvent collectors and other officers.

Which was read a second time.