

Mr. Boyle presented the petition of William Bodham and James O. Hinds and 40 other signers, of Harford and Baltimore counties, for the removal of the Eastern Hay Scales.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. Purnell presented the petition of Joseph Miller, T. Marshall and others, asking repeal of the law closing barber shops on Sunday.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

The petition of George Haywood and others, citizens of Worcester county, protesting against the continuing of the Agricultural College as a preparatory, military or naval school.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

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The petition of James H. Yours and others, citizens of Worcester county, against the repeal of the present Local Option Law in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Gunby presented the petition of John W. Sterling and 107 other citizens of Crisfield, in favor of reducing the tax on license to take oysters, from three dollars to one dollar per ton.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

On motion of Mr. Purnell, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Ford have leave of absence to visit his family for a few days.

On motion of Mr. Whitelock, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to introduce a bill, whereby corporations, organized under the laws of this State, shall be prohibited from increasing their capital stock by stock dividends, or otherwise, without the consent of the General Assembly first obtained, and so regulate the distribution of the increased stock which may be authorized.

On motion of Mr. Ward, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Briscoe, of Cecil county, be excused from attendance here to-day, on account of being detained at home on urgent business.

On motion of Mr. Dodson, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzjarrell be granted leave of absence to look after his property damaged by the late storm.