

THURSDAY, February 24th, 1876.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Steele.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members :

Messrs. Smith, (Speaker,) Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Houghes, Robinson, Rullman, Bird, Lancaster, Hawkins, Hooper, Baldwin, Whitelock, Curtis, Smith, of B co., Given, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Smith of Dor., Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Gwynn, Cockey, Neal, Purnell, Onley, Riggs, Hinks, Naill, Rutledge, Boyle, Vandiver, Culbreth, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berkemeier, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, McGlone, Curnburn, Stewart, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Chaisty, Hess, Harig, Albaugh, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Cauby, Griffith, Rawlings, Atkinson, Sprigg, Brooke, Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Car'l, Donaldson, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard—75.

Mr. Waters, of Dorchester, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That bills on their third reading shall be taken up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, immediately after reports from Select Committees are read, until all such bills now on their passage are disposed of; but nothing in this order shall conflict with the action by the House upon those bills which may up to this time have been made the orders of the day for either of those days.

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Mattingly, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar, of St. Mary's, be granted leave of absence from this House for one week, on account of urgent business.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered

A bill entitled an Act to provide for the payment of a sum of money to I. Nevitt Steele, Philip F. Thomas and S. Teackle Wallis, for professional services rendered the State in the prosecution of its claims against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

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

Also, delivered,

A bill entitled an Act to amend Article 67, of the Public