

Duke,
Dennis,
Freeman,
Ford,
Getty,
Gorman,
Hepbron,
Humphreys,

Lloyd,
McCulloh,
Mudd,
Newcomer,
Phelps,
Steiner,
Walsh—19.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Lawrence submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

February 2d, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

It has become our melancholy duty to announce that, since the last Session of our General Assembly, the Hon. Chapman Billingsley, late a Representative from St. Mary's county, in our Body, has been called by a Divine Providence from our midst.

Fully appreciating his great worth, and loss to our State, but bowing in humble submission to the Divine Will, it only remains for us to express our devotion to his memory, and we propose to your Honorable Body, as a testimonial of respect, and as an earnest of our sorrow at his demise, that the business of the two Houses of the General Assembly be suspended, that his friends and associates may pay a fitting tribute to his memory; and as a further mark of respect, that upon the conclusion of such eulogies as may be offered, the two Houses of the General Assembly, immediately adjourn, and that the members of both Houses wear the usual badge of mourning for the usual time.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

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

Mr. Lawrence submitted the following:

WHEREAS, The Senate has received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. Chapman Billingsley, late Senator from St. Mary's county; therefore—

Be it Resolved by the Senate of Maryland, That in his death this Body, and the State have lost one of their noblest men, one of their best and most able members.

And further, That his long and active public service, his devotion to the welfare of his State and fellow-men, his earn-