

MONDAY, March 20th, 1876.

Senate met at 12 M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Canter.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. Aydelotte, Bannon, Brewer, Cooper, Duke, Freeman, Ford, Getty, Gorman Humphreys, Joyce, Lee, Lawrence, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Suit, Walsh—18.

The roll having been called and the President of the Senate being found absent, his absence was duly announced by the Secretary,

When,

On motion by Mr. Gorman,

Hon. John Carroll Walsh was elected President *pro-tem*.

Proceedings of Friday's Session were read and approved.

Mr. Suit presented the memorial of Mrs. J. B. Perrie, R. W. Perrie, and 100 other ladies, of Prince George's county, against the sale of liquor.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, it was

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the speech of the Senator from Anne Arundel upon the Joint Resolutions in relation to the Canal question, be printed for the use of the Senate, and that the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be paid by the Chairman of the Committee on Claims for the same.

On motion by Mr. Aydelotte, it was

Ordered, That the Messenger to the Printer be, and hereby is directed to respectfully request the distribution among Senators, within the next three days, a due number of the copies of the Public School Report for the year 1875.

On motion by Mr. Lee,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, to introduce a bill to amend Article 95, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Usury," by adding a sixth Section thereto.

On motion by Mr. Cooper,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance, to introduce a bill to refund to the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, money erroneously paid into the State Treasury.