

second reading, susceptible of amendment, and that the Senate amendment may be passed or rejected by a *viva voce* vote, subject only to a vote by yeas and nays, upon a final passage of the whole bill as amended.

The undersigned contended and still respectfully contend, that in the case stated, the only question before the House is, whether the House will concur or refuse to concur in the Senate amendment, upon that question the vote must be taken by yeas and nays, and the amendment must be concurred in by a constitutional majority. The bill as already passed, is not, the undersigned submit, again before the House for consideration, either separately or with the Senate amendment, and cannot be again put upon its passage. The House failing to concur in the amendment, the only remedy to reconcile the disagreement is through the medium of a Committee of conference.

Entertaining these views, the undersigned respectfully repeat their request to be allowed to protest against the decision in question.

JOHN T. FORD,
GEO. H. MORGAN.

Which was received.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Leave was granted to the committee on Judiciary to bring in a bill entitled, an act to authorize the affidavit required by article IV, section 783 of the Code of Public Local Laws, to be made before the persons herein named.

On motion of Mr. Pitts,

Leave was granted to the committee on Claims to report a bill for the relief of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of New Ark, New Jersey.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,

The rules were suspended to enable him to present the petition of John Tingle and others, for an amendment to the oyster law of Worcester county;

Which was read and referred to the Worcester delegation.

Mr. Jacobs proposed the following:

WHEREAS, The unholy war now waged by the Federal Government against our sister southern States may termi-