

United States to protect the liberties and lives of American citizens whenever wrongly threatened or endangered by any foreign power or armed force, either upon the high seas or in any part of the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the ability of the United States to defend the integrity of its territory and to protect its citizens is the most important issue now before the people; that it rises above all consideration of party and should enlist the patriotic support of every American citizen.

[Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.]

At 12.45 o'clock P. M. the Secretary of State appeared and delivered a message from the Executive.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Ogden, from Committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported unfavorably Senate Bill No. 74, entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 39 of Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Licenses,' sub-title 'Traders.'" [Which unfavorable report was adopted.]

The President, chairman of Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

The Committee report unfavorably on the order introduced by Senator Williams: "That the Senate Committee on Rules be requested to amend the Senate Rules, relating to the introduction of Bills, so as to provide that Bills introduced for the purpose of sanctioning bequests, after the title to the same has been journalized, and record made of the same on his book by the Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, without being first printed, unless the Senator introducing the same shall ask for such printing for special reasons; and to provide further under the Senate Rules that all Bills for sanctioning bequests be printed before the end of the session in one Omnibus Bequest Bill," for the reason that said order is in conflict with the contract made for printing for the Session of 1916. The contract as set forth on page 21 of the Journal of the Senate for the Session of 1916 shows that under his contract entered into with the State of Maryland he is required to print 300 copies of each and every Bill offered, including general and local Bills, introduced in the Senate; and your committee is of the opinion that the contract had better be kept in its entirety to avoid any question of law that might arise. [Which unfavorable report was adopted.]