

ANNAPOLIS, Thursday, January 13, 1916.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock noon.

Prayer by Rev. H. P. Baker.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs.—

President	Brown	Frick	Kaufman	Shepherd
Allen	Chesley	Holmead	Legg	Speicher
Archer	Collier	Johnson	Norris	Warfield
Bennett	Cooper	Jones	Ogden	Zihlman
Bomberger	Duvall	Joy	Parsons	—24.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 12, 1916, was read and approved.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Chesley it was ordered that Mr. Mudd be excused from today's session on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Bennett it was ordered that Mr. Harrison be excused from today's session on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Allen it was ordered that Mr. Williams be excused from today's session on account of sickness.

Two-thirds of all the Senators-elect voting in the affirmative, the rules were suspended by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.—

President	Brown	Frick	Kaufman	Shepherd
Allen	Chesley	Holmead	Legg	Speicher
Archer	Collier	Johnson	Norris	Warfield
Bennett	Cooper	Jones	Ogden	Zihlman
Bomberger	Duvall	Joy	Parsons	Total—24.

NEGATIVE—None.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following order:

Ordered, That Rule 16 of the Senate fixing the standing committees be amended so as to read as follows:

RULE XVI.

"The following Standing Committees, which shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise, shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by the Senate:"

1. On Finance, to consist of eleven Senators.
2. On Judicial Proceedings, to consist of nine Senators.