

senger, or deliver it in person, and have it received and presented in open session by the representative of the district or county in which the petitioner resides; or, failing this, then by any member of the General Assembly, so that the same may be recorded in the Journals and referred to the proper committee for action. This is an enlargement of the writ of habeas corpus. It is an inalienable right and makes one of the trinity—free speech, free press and free petition.

I would be derelict in my duty were I to pass over at this time a reference to one (whom in singling him out, I mean no disrespect or want of appreciation of my friends in the minority party in the Senate or of their many esteemed qualities of head and heart, when I mention him) who served with me on equal terms as floor leaders of our respective parties in the sessions of 1912 and 1914. Never for one fraction of time did I, as majority leader, fail to recognize the enduring qualities of the distinguished young Senator from Allegany county. Fairness, a lover of a square deal, he on every occasion won the admiration of all his colleagues irrespective of party, and I can pay him no greater tribute than to say that I agree with him that there were but few, if any, points of difference in the respective platforms of our parties; that we are all, as Senators, pledged to good, economical, efficient government for the State, and that we shall labor as we best know how to attain that end, in order that good government shall reign in the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Frick it was ordered that the address of the President be spread upon the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Duvall it was ordered that the thanks of the Senate be extended to the Hon. William J. Ogden for the able and courteous manner in which he performed the duties of temporary presiding officer at this session.

On motion of Mr. Archer it was ordered that the President of the Senate be and he is hereby authorized, either in conjunction with the Speaker of the House, or alone, to request of the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city to detail 50 members of the police force of Baltimore city to assist in preserving order during the inaugural ceremonies on the 12th inst., such officers to be sworn in as deputy sheriffs by the Sheriff of Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Shepherd submitted the following order:

That P. Watson Webb, of Dorchester county, be Secretary of the Senate.