

Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of Smallwood Grange of 268 Maryland hereby request the General Assembly to submit to the voters the amendment providing the right of initiative for the people of this State; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to our representatives at Annapolis to be offered in the House and Senate.

(Signed) WM. H. BUCKINGHAM, *Secretary,*
Westminster, Carroll County, Md.

[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.]

Also a petition of James D. Hull, secretary, Brigham-Hopkins Company, manufacturers of fashionable straw hats, Baltimore, Maryland, protesting against House Bill No. 539, particularly Section 22-A, stating that personally they deplore the necessity of any children working at all, but believe that the curtailing of their working time, as well as lowering of age limit, will work a hardship to many children who are obliged, under the present conditions, to obtain a livelihood for themselves, and possibly for others dependent upon them. *[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.]*

Also a petition of A. Eisenberg, proprietor, Eisenberg's underselling store, Lexington street, Baltimore, in opposition to Section 22-A of House Bill No. 539, introduced by Delegate White of Baltimore city. The protest states that they will be compelled to dismiss all employes under 16 years of age if the Bill passes. The store employs 500 men and women; they state that as there is no vocational business training in our public schools, girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 16 would be deprived of the opportunity to gain a business training, and that the age of 16 is too late in life to make a beginning in most cases and, in all cases, would be detrimental and embarrassing to them. They, therefore, ask that the section be eliminated or the Bill defeated. *[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Labor.]*

Also a petition of Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Company, Inc., New York and Baltimore, manufacturers of shirts, overalls and underwear, opposing Section 22-A of Mr. White's House Bill No. 539, relating to child labor laws. They claim that