

Whereupon the Speaker declared that the Hon. Anthony Kennedy had been duly elected United States Senator for the term of six years, from the 4th of March, 1857.

Mr. Wickes submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to investigate the existence of secret political societies in this State, report the progress they have made in such investigation, the number of witnesses they have examined under oath, and the names of such witnesses; and that they also report whether in the summoning of witnesses they have selected those who have been as well as those who now are members of the American party.

On motion of Mr. Fiery,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 15th, 1856.

The House met. Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Plowden, Griffith, Sudler, Dorsey, Neff, Waters, Dowell, Stone, Merrick, Chilcoat, Rankin, Wright, Cullings, Wilson, of Somerset, Daniel, Frazier, Scott, Stubbs, Miller, Brooke, Bowie, Goldsborough, Rolph, Parker, Timmons, Smith, of Worcester, Brengle, Davis, Carper, Grove, Hauver, Wolfe, Duvall, Jarrett, Silver, Whitby, Kennedy, Partridge, Smith, of Baltimore city, Abbott, Valiant, Lester, Hugg, Askew, Harrington, Fiery, Witmer, Reichard, Loughridge, Corby, Harding, Tower, Wickes, Kildow, Brown, Smith, of Carroll, Buffington, Stewart, Rowles.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Hon. William Frazier, by appointment of the Speaker, took the chair as Speaker *pro tem*.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message :