

Which was adopted.

The said bill was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Chilcoat,

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, February 28th, 1856.

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

Messrs. Speaker, Griffith, Dorsey, Neff, Waters, Dowell, Stone, Merrick, Chilcoat, Rankin, Wright, Cullings, Heath, Roberts, Toadvine, Lawson, Wilson, of Som., Daniel, Dail, Thomas, Scott, Stubbs, Miller, Brooke, Rolph, Parker, Smith, of Worcester, Brengle, Davis, Carper, Grove, Hauver, Duvall, Jarrett, Silver, Whitby, Stack, Kennedy, Partridge, Abbott, Lester, Hugg, Harrington, Witmer, Reichard, Loughridge, Corby, Tower, Kildow, Frey, Brown, Smith, of Carroll, Buffington, Stewart, Rowles.

The reading of yesterday morning's journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy,

The rules were suspended to enable him to offer the following orders:

Ordered, That leave be granted the Committee on Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Speaker be allowed to appoint an additional clerk to the committee on Ways and Means;

Which were severally read and adopted.

Mr. Carper presented a petition from 65 citizens of Frederick county, asking legislation in reference to the nunneries;

Also, a similar petition from 87 citizens of Frederick county.

Which were severally referred to the special committee on that subject.

Mr. Chilcoat presented a petition of J. T. Councilman and 21