

Read the first and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill passed and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Semmes reported a bill entitled, an act to amend an act entitled, an act for the relief of John B. Brooke, clerk of Prince George's county court ;

Read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Buchanan, chairman of the committee on Retrenchment, made the following

REPORT :

The committee on Retrenchment, to whom was referred the "leave to introduce a bill to limit the pay of the members to two dollars, after the first fifty days of the session, and two dollars per day as their per diem for every day of the session after the fiftieth day of each and every session," have had the same under consideration, and report :

That they believe it impolitic and unwise to lessen the pay of members in proportion to the time in which they are engaged upon the public business of the State.

If the business of the Legislature can be discharged in a period of time less than is now limited by law, this committee will not hesitate to recommend a termination of the session of the Legislature at the expiration of fifty days of its session.

A just and adequate remuneration to the members of the Legislature, is required by a just regard for the interest of the State.

J. M. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

Read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Grove,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act to quiet the possession of real estate in Washington county ;

Read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act to repeal the first and second sections of an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty-one, chapter one hundred and eighty-six, entitled, an additional supplement to an act to regulate sales by public auction, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, chapter one hundred and eleven ;

Read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following message :

By the House of Delegates,

February 3rd, 1843.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

The time of service for which the Hon. John Leeds Kerr has been elected as one of the Senators to represent this State in the