

Daniel S. Biser, Esquire, of Frederick county, was put in nomination for the office of speaker of the House of Delegates, and the ballots being taken and counted by Messrs. Owens and Causin, tellers, it appeared that there had been seventy votes given, of which Daniel S. Biser, Esquire, received fifty-five votes; there were eight blanks and seven scattering.

Whereupon Daniel S. Biser, Esquire, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates, and accordingly took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Ordered, That John Nick. Watkins of Anne Arundel county, be chief clerk of the present House of Delegates;

Who appeared and qualified.

On motion of Mr. Sherwood of Talbot,

Ordered, That Peter Webb of Talbot county, be appointed assistant clerk of the present House of Delegates;

Who appeared and qualified.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

Ordered, That Edward M. Wise of Somerset county, Marcy Fountain of Caroline county, Thomson Mason of Washington county, Hyde Ray Bowie of Calvert county, and Edward W. Wyse of Baltimore county, be appointed committee clerks of this House;

Who appeared and qualified.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Ordered, That Samuel Kirby of Baltimore city, be sergeant-at-Arms for the present House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Ordered, That William Murdoch of Anne Arundel county, be Doorkeeper of the present House of Delegates;

Who appeared and qualified.

Mr. Causin presented the memorial of Henry G. S. Key, praying to be allowed a seat as a delegate from St. Mary's county;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Elections and Privileges, to be hereafter appointed.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Graves, Murray and Hamilton to bring in a bill to repeal the act of 1840 chapter 155, directing the manner in which the agents to represent the State in all joint stock companies, in which the State has an interest, shall be appointed.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 27th, 1842.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

The House of Delegates is ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have chosen Daniel S. Biser, Esq. Speaker,