

Severally read and laid on the table.

And unfavorably on the petition of twenty-five citizens of Washington county upon the subject of horse racing;

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Ristean reported a bill entitled, an act for the better regulation of the payment of the pay of the State's agents in all joint stock companies;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Johns, from the select committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act to preserve the ducks in Bush and Gunpowder rivers, reported the same without amendment;

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Ristean reported a bill entitled, an act for the better regulation and enforcement of the collection of the taxes in Baltimore county;

Mr. Bayne reported a bill entitled, an act for the protection of water fowl on the Potomac river;

Said bills severally read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Nicols of Caroline,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature, and for other purposes;

Read the second time by special order.

On motion of Mr. Nicols of Caroline,

The amendments proposed thereto by the committee on Ways and Means were assented to.

The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Forman,

The House was called and the doorkeeper sent after the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

The House proceeded with the ordinary business of the session in the absence of the doorkeeper.

Mr. Presstman, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which were referred the following bills from the Senate:

A bill entitled, an act to make valid a deed therein mentioned;

Also, a bill entitled, an act to make valid a deed therein mentioned;

Also, a bill entitled, an act to make valid certain proceedings therein mentioned;

Also, a bill entitled, an act for the relief of George H. Stewart, administrator de bonis non of Caleb Batson, late of Calvert county, deceased, reported favorably thereon;

And unfavorably on the petition of William Roberts and others, praying the Legislature to grant relief to a certain negro woman therein mentioned.

Severally read and laid on the table.