

Ordered, That the report of the superintendent of the National Road, within the limits of the State of Maryland, which was communicated to the house by His Excellency the Governor, on the 27th instant, be referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

One o'clock having arrived, the house proceeded to the election of United States Senator, to represent this State in the Senate of the United States, for six years from the fourth day of March last.

The ballot box was prepared, and the ballots deposited therein. It was then delivered to Messrs. Hollyday and Thomas of Anne Arundel, who had been appointed, conjointly with the committee of the Senate, to count the ballots and report the result. They retired, and after a time returned and reported, that on examination of the ballot box, it appeared there had been ninety six votes given in all, of which James Alfred Pearce, Esquire, received fifty-nine votes, and that there were thirty-six blank votes and one scattering.

Whereupon it was declared that the Honorable James Alfred Pearce, is duly elected a Senator to represent the State of Maryland, in the Senate of the United States, for six years from and after the fourth day of March last.

Mr. Phelps reported a bill, entitled, an act, to alter and amend the constitution and form of government of the State Maryland, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the legislature, and for other purposes ;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McKaig reported a bill entitled, an act, to incorporate the German Union Beneficial Society of Cumberland ;

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Welsh submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby authorised, to pay the several members of this General Assembly, and the several officers thereof, or to their respective orders, any sum or sums of money now due, or which from time to time may become due to them respectively ; and for which they shall obtain certificates from the chairman of the committee on Claims of the present house of delegates.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hollyday submitted the following message .

Which was read and assented to.

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 29th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

The Hon. James A. Pearce, having been elected Senator for six years from the 4th of March 1843, we propose with the con-