

entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for other purposes

The question before the House, being upon the motion of Mr. Poultney, to reconsider the vote of the House on the 21st instant, upon the amendment offered by Mr. Calvert and adopted by the House, to strike out in the 15th line of the 1st section, the words "two millions," and inserting in lieu thereof, "one million five hundred and forty-five thousand."

Pending this motion and after debate thereon.

At 3 o'clock, Mr. Yellott moved that the House take a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M., which motion he waived for the purpose of enabling the Speaker to present a memorial from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means,

Mr. Semmes from the committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of a law to provide a chaplain for the Penitentiary, asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the select committee raised on the Penitentiary;

On the question being put, on discharging the committee and referring the memorial to the committee on the Penitentiary.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House then took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Yellott, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, entitled, an act to extend the powers of collectors for State and county taxes.

On motion of Mr. Allnutt,

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

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the doorkeeper.

The bill reported by Mr. Phelps, chairman of the committee on Retrenchment, entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature, was taken up for consideration;

On motion of Mr. Murray,

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