

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day ;

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by him 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 and for other purposes.

The said bill having been read ;

Mr. Reeder moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill.

Pending this motion, and after debate thereon ;

On motion of Mr. Causin,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 12 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, January 9th, 1844.

The House met. Present at the call of the roll, the following members :

Messrs. Causin, Thomas, of St. Mary's, Hopewell, Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Murray, Thomas of Anne Arundel, Ligon, Johnson, Warfield, Chapman, Reeder, Freeman, Walker, Carroll, jr., Stansbury of Baltimore county, Poultney, Bowdle, Arringdale, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Philips, Dennis, Stewart, Dail, Phelps, Lackland, Owen, Harris, Calvert, Semmes, Ghiseln, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Polk, Hopkins, Stephenson, Potter, McKnett, Keene, Curley, Levering, Carey, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Griffith, McKaig, Hammill, Smith Fitzpatrick, Shaw, Stull, Powder.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The Speaker announced the following message as having been received from the Senate on yesterday, viz.

An act to make valid the official acts of Isaac Brower, and John B. Gilbert, as justices of the peace, for Frederick county, Endorsed, "will pass," and the bill ordered to be engrossed ;

And delivered a bill originated in and passed by the Senate, entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Allegany county, passed at March session, 1841, chapter 44 ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. McKaig, Smith, Fitzpatrick, and Hammill, and

A report of the trustees of Allegany county Academy ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

The bill entitled, an act to open and establish Prospect Street, in the Town of Cumberland, which passed the House on yesterday ;

Was sent to the Senate.