

Mr. Potter moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up the last order of the day, being the bill reported by him from the committee entitled an act, to divide the State into six congressional districts, and the report of the minority of the committee, offered as a substitute therefor.

On the question being put,

On suspending the rule,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the first order of the day, being the unfinished order of Monday the 8th instant, the bill reported by Mr. Phelps 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 question before the House being upon the motion of Mr. Reeder, to strike out the enacting clause of the bill ;

Mr. Poultney moved for the previous question, and the same being demanded by a majority of the members present,

The main question was put,

"Will the House strike out the enacting clause of the bill ;"

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows :

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Watson, (Speaker,) Causin, Hopewell, Murray, Thomas, of A. A., Ligon, Johnson, Chapman, Reeder, Freeman, Walker, Carroll, jr., Stansbury, of Baltimore county, Poultney, Aringdale, Lackland, Cropper, Owen, Harris, Wootten, Cathell, Buckey, Levering, Stansbury, jr. of Baltimore city, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Waters, of Montgomery, McKaig, Hammill, Smith, Fitzpatrick, and Shaw.—36.

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs Thomas, of St. Mary's, Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Warfield, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Philips, Dennis, Stewart, Dail, Phelps, Calvert, Ghiselin, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Polk, Yellott, Hopkins, Stephenson, Potter, McKnett, Keene, Curley, Carey, Kilgour, Griffith, Ecker, Stull and Powder.—35.

So the enacting clause of the bill was stricken out.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the second order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Cathell, entitled, an act to reduce the number of members in the House of Delegates;

The said bill having been read the second time,

Mr. Carey moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill, and called for the previous question;

On the question being put, shall the main question be now put,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Yellott moved to lay said bill on the table,

Mr. Cropper moved to postpone the bill indefinitely,

Determined in the negative.