

Mr. Pilkington submitted the following amendment:

Section 2, line 19, after the word "offence" insert "one half to be paid to the informer;"

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The bill having been read the second time, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled, an Act appropriating a sum of money to pay the claim of Henry H. Owings, for costs in the Orphans' Court of Baltimore and in the Court of Appeals, due him by the State, in the case of Henry H. Owings vs. the State of Maryland,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Spruce Hill Coal Company of Allegany county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled, an Act to enable the Baltimore United Fire Department to donate its properties and effects to the Aged Men's Home of Baltimore city, and to dissolve its organization and surrender its charter,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Slothower,

The rules were suspended, and he submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, it is publicly represented that the patronage of certain officials is openly exerted within these walls to secure the election of a particular individual to the Senate of the United States; and these representations are so confidently and persistently asserted and repeated as to be exceedingly painful as well as injurious to the honor and usefulness of this body; therefore,

Resolved, by the House of Delegates, that a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to inquire into and ascertain the truth or falsehood of said charges, and that the committee proceed at once in the discharge of its duties, and to this end be allowed to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses on oath;

The question being upon the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Pilkington moved that it be laid upon the table;

Upon which Mr. Slothower demanded the yeas and nays;