

The bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Maryland Petroleum Company of Allegany county,

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

The bill entitled, an Act to repeal sections 44, 45, 46, and 47, of Article 61, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to Mechanics' lien, and to re-enact the same with amendments,

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

The bill entitled, an Act to add additional sections to Article 93 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Testamentary Law, to come in after section 328 of said article,

Was taken up for consideration on its second reading.

Mr. Markey submitted the following amendment :

Be it enacted, That the Orphans' Courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the several Circuit Courts of the State, so far as to authorize and direct the sales of real estate of intestates, where the appraised value of said real estate shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars—and to confirm and ratify said sales in the same manner as they are now authorized by laws to ratify sales of real estate made by executors, under the direction of wills and testaments ;

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Markey submitted the following amendment :

And be it enacted, That upon the ratification by said Orphan's Court, the administrator shall proceed to convey the title of said intestate to said real estate in the same manner as trustees under the appointment of said Circuit Courts are now authorized to do ; and the said Orphans' Court may allow the same commissions to any executor or administrator as are now allowed to a trustee appointed to sell under a decree in equity,

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Markey submitted the following amendment :

Be it enacted, That for the purpose of ascertaining the value of said real estate, they are hereby authorized to issue a warrant to appraisers, in the manner as indicated in section one hundred and twenty-eight and nine, of Article eighty-one of the Code of Public General Laws, and if, upon the returns of said appraisement, it should exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, the said Orphans' Court shall not proceed to order said sales;