

referred the bill entitled, An act to continue the charter of the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, reported it without amendment ;

The bill was then read the second time.

A communication was received from His Excellency, Gov. Hicks, by the hands of Thos. J. Wilson, Secretary of State ;
Endorsed " on Executive business."

Mr. Eichelberger, from the select committee to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to change the name of Charles Louis Durocher McLaughlin to Charles Louis Durocher, reported it without amendment.

The bill was then read the second time.

The Senate took up for consideration the bill entitled, An act to amend the 107th section of the 81st article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the fixing of the commissions of executors and to taxing the same.

Mr. Briscoe submitted the following amendments :

"But where an executor shall release his commissions in favor of the widow, or any one of the surviving children of the deceased, the tax mentioned in the preceding section shall not be charged. And where an executor elects to take less than five per cent. commissions (as he may, after executing such a release in any one of the instances above designated,) the said tax shall be charged only on the commissions he shall elect to take."

Strike out all of section 1st, after the word " assets."

Which were read.

The question upon their adoption was determined in the negative, as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Billingsley, Briscoe,	Eichelberger, Heckart,	Whitaker—5.
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NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Goldsborough, Pt. Bayne, Everett, Firey,	Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Harrison, Lankford,	Sellman, Smith, Waters, Willis—11.
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The bill was then read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follow :