On motion of Mr. Duvall,

The rules were suspended, and it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that Mr. James I. Bowie's absence from the House is unavoidable.

· On motion of Mr. Creswell,

The rules were suspended, and

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill to provide for short forms for covenants in conveyances;

The bill entitled, An act to refund to Curtis W. Jacobs, administrator of William Holland, deceased, the sum of sixty-two dollars and forty-nine cents;

Pending its second reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The joint resolution of thanks to the loyal Officers of the Army and Navy;

Was read the second time, and passed by yeas and nays, as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Berry, Spr.,	Creswell,	Christopher,
Westcott,	McIntire,	Hugg,
Smyth,	Morton,	Alexander,
Walton,	Bowie, Sr.,	Pearson,
Dunbar,	Duvall,	Herbert,
Nutwell,	Hammond, of Fr.	Thomas,
Given,	Biggs,	Rohrer,
Ensor,	Johnson, of Fr.,	Dunlop,
Pearce,	Harris, of Fr.,	White,
Harrison,	McCoy,	Lowe,
Kerr,	Dove,	Everhart,
Dougherty,	Lewis,	Waters,
Wright,	Willis,	Hammond, How.,
Turner,	Warner,	Donaldson—44.
Phelps,	Wolf,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Magruder,

Smith-2,

The said resolution was then sent to the Senate.

The bill entitled, An act to repeal sections 486, 487, 488,