

Wright,	Hardcastle,	Everhart,
Turner,	Price,	Hammond, How.,
Carroll,	Warner,	Donaldson—47.
Leckie,	Christopher,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Bond,	Wolf,	Hugg—3.
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The said bill was then sent to the Senate.

Mr. Given, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following

REPORT:

The committee on Engrossed Bills and Resolutions, in obedience to an order of the House, authorising the said committee to examine into the qualifications and competency of the Committee Clerks now employed by this House, and, also, report the number required to perform the duties pertaining to their office; respectfully make the following Report:

They have examined into the qualifications and competency of said clerks, most of whom write a fair and legible hand, but are negligent, in many instances, in punctuation, and, occasionally, in orthography.

The following are the clerks who have been the most efficient and punctual in the discharge of the duties pertaining to their office: Messrs. Baker, Gibbons, Picking, Shipley and Milnor.

Your committee is of the opinion that five clerks are a sufficient number to perform all the duties of the committee room; whereas, eight are now engaged as committee clerks. Whilst examining the accounts kept by the committee on Claims, we were impressed with the great importance of appointing a practical book-keeper as clerk of the said committee. We would, therefore, recommend that the Speaker be authorised to make an appointment to suit the wants of said committee.

We would further suggest, for the purpose of facilitating and systemizing the business of the committee room, that all members having bills to be copied, place them on the desk of the Chief Clerk, who will have them transcribed and returned to the desks of the Member's; that Members, in drawing up bills, be more careful in their chirography, and that the