

The Honorable, the Speaker, announced

The bill entitled, An act to amend the 23rd section, of the 81st article, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to direct tax imposed on the assessable property of the State;

As the Order of the Day.

Pending its second reading,

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

The following amendment was adopted:

Strike out all after the word "hereby," lines 4 and 5, section 1, and insert "amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows;"

The bill was then read the second time.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the following House bills:

The bill entitled, An act to add to the 56th article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to licenses, the following sections relating to merchandise brokers, and to amend the 17th section of the same article, imposing a penalty upon brokers acting without license, so as to include merchandise brokers;

The bill entitled, An act to amend the 43rd section, of the 29th article, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the compensation of the crier of the Court of Appeals, and the sheriff appointed to attend said court;

The bill entitled, An act to amend sections 947 and 949, of article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore city, relating to licensing of wood hucksters;

The bill entitled, An act to change the name of Wilson Long to Sidney Chaille Long;

The bill entitled, An act to repeal sections 130, of article 8, of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the collection of taxes, fines and forfeitures, in the village of North East;

Severally endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays."

Also, the bill entitled, An act for the protection of fowls and birds against hawks, owls minks and weasels;

Endorsed, "rejected."

Also, delivered the following message:

*By the Senate,*

February 24th, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

On the 13th of January last, we sent to your body the