

THURSDAY, March 7, 1901.

Senate met at 11 A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Applegarth, Baker, Beasman, Betts, Bouic, Brewington, Bryan, Crothers, Dennis, Dick, Dodson, Gray, Kirwan, Marsh, Messick, Moore, Moses, Peter, Putzel, Ravenscroft, Rohrback, Wilkinson, Williams, of Har., Williams, of A. A.—25.

The Journal of Wednesday, March 6th, was read.

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PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

Mr. Williams, of Harford,

Presented the following

PETITION.

To the Hon. John Hubner,

President of the Senate of Maryland :

The undersigned minority members of the Senate respectfully ask that they be allowed representation upon the committees of this body, to which their members, parliamentary usage and the precedents of the Senate entitle them.

We are eleven in number and constitute two-fifths of the membership of the Senate. We respectfully call your attention to the fact that in 1898, when the party of the minority was in control, the party of the present majority, with only eight members, was allowed two representatives upon every important committee. We are induced to present this petition because we were not given a fair representation upon said committees at the session of 1900, and not having called your attention to the subject at that session prior to the appointment of