

preciate the reasons which constrain me to call you to this Special Session.

JOHN WALTER SMITH.

On motion of Mr. Peter, it was

Ordered, That said message be spread upon the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The following communication was ordered spread upon the Journal:

March 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas G. Hayes, Mayor,
Baltimore, Md.

Your Honor: I enclose an estimate showing in detail the items which go to make up the \$12,000,000, which was suggested on Monday at the Sewerage Commission conference as the amount to be included in the enabling act. In order to make this estimate intelligible some explanation should accompany it.

The committee which you appointed to investigate this matter, Messrs. Fendall and Phelps and myself, after a thorough examination of the plans recommended by the old sewerage commission, decided that the plan which they suggested for septic tank treatment of the sewerage at or near the old quarantine grounds, or Masonville, if feasible, would be the more economical plan for disposing of the sewerage in a satisfactory manner, and so that no property interests could be injured. Your committee was also of the opinion that if septic tank treatment of sewage should not be successful, the next best thing to do would be to convey it to filtration fields in Anne Arundel county according to the plan first recommended by the old Sewerage Commission. It is our opinion that, on account of the great expense of disposing of sewage by the latter plan, some effort should certainly be made to first determine the feasibility of the septic tank treatment