

The enacting clause of the bill was stricken out.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the House took up for consideration the bill to provide for taking the sense of the people upon the expediency of calling a convention to frame a new constitution and form of government for the State, and to provide for the election of delegates to said convention.

On motion of Mr. Stockbridge,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the bill to provide for taking the sense of the people upon the expediency of calling a convention to frame a new constitution and form of government for the State, and to provide for the election of delegates to said convention.

After some time spent in committee of the whole, the committee rose, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Frazier, chairman of the committee of the whole House, reported that they had had under consideration the bill entitled, "An act to provide for taking the sense of the people upon the expediency of calling a convention to frame a new constitution and form of government for the State, and to provide for the election of delegates to said convention. They had made no progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs,

The House concurred in the report.

On motion of Mr. Dent,

The House took a recess until five o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, January 27th, 1864.—5 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Kemp, Speaker, Martin, Westcott, Cosden, Henkle, Griffith, Davis, Carrico, Hoffman, Wright, Pearce, of Baltimore county, Lester, Kerr, Elliott, Frazier, Jones, Stubbs,