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Mr. Baker, from a Select Committee, reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal section 15, of chapter 136, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session 1892, entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Aberdeen, in Harford county, and to re enact the same with amendments, and four additional sections, to be known as sections 15 B, section 15 C, section 15 D and section 15 E.

With the following proposed amendment :

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

In line 6, section 15 B, strike out "twenty-five," and insert "fifteen."

In line 6, section 15 B, after the word "from," insert "County and Municipal."

Which was adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion by Mr. Hepbron,

Senate bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Chestertown Light, Power and Railway Company.

Was considered, and

Committed to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Hayes presented the following

REPORT :

To the Honorable,

The Senate of Maryland :

Gentlemen:—The Committee appointed by your Honorable Body, to consider the feasibility of restoring the Senate Chamber to its condition when Washington resigned his commission within its historic walls in 1783, and to ascertain the cost of such restoration, beg leave to respectfully report :

First. That they consider the restoration feasible, and that there is a widespread desire throughout the State to see it accomplished. It is yet practical to restore with accuracy the chamber to its original condition, as material and memories which may soon be lost, still exist, and your committee have been singularly fortunate in obtaining data, both for the architectural detail, as well as for the furnishing, as the result of persistent research.

Secondly. Your Committee recommend that the work of restoration should be entire to be satisfactory. Any partial restoration, while better than none, can only have an incomplete and unsatisfactory effect, and will fail in accomplishing the end sought. They would respectfully advise the following:

1. Replacing niche behind Speaker's chair, with columns and entablature.

2. Replacing ladies gallery and stairway to reach it from lobby.

3. Rebuilding chimney breast, only twelve inches projection, and replacing mantel and fire place. The latter will be for appearance only, unless the flues remain in the wall, which is believed to be the case.

4. Replacing pannelled window seats, and the restoration of the original sashes.

5. The removal of the beam in the centre of ceiling, by sinking it in the depth of the floor. It is at present a serious disfigurement, and entirely changes the original character of the ceiling. It can be arranged as proposed, without impairing the strength of the floor above in the slightest.

Your committee has diligently used the time at its disposal in getting reliable estimates of the cost of the proposed work, which they find can be done as before mentioned, by responsible persons, in the best manner and of the best materials, for the sum of \$4,250.00, including the preparation of the necessary drawings, travelling and clerical expenses and supervision.

Search for any of the original furniture in existence has engaged the attention of your committee, and

among other objects they have been able to locate the Speaker's chair and desk, as well as one of the members chairs, with a desk, and the desk of the clerks. This furniture is of solid mahogany and of handsome design. The chandelier is an important feature in the appearance of the room. It was placed in the centre of the ceiling, and its restoration may even be regarded as an architectural element. It can be made and supplied with electricity in imitation of the original candles. The furniture and chandelier can be reproduced for the additional sum of \$1,900.00.

We would suggest, that in view of the historical value and importance of the work, that these sums appear small. They could be made available in annual installments, and your committee earnestly recommend that the work may be authorized at once.

J. APPLETON WILSON,
FRANK B. MAYER.

Which was read.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS—THIRD READING.

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 213, 214 and 215, of Article 16, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Trustees," and re-enact the same with amendments.

Was read the third time, and passed by yeas and nays, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Moss,
Baker,	Newman,
Bennett,	Ravenscroft,
Bowie,	Rogers,
Bruce,	Seibert,
Carrico,	Sloan,
Evans,	Smith,
Finley,	Talbott,
Hayes,	Tilghman,
Hepbron,	Waters,
Johnson,	Wilkinson.—22.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.