

The senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill to prevent gaming, with the amendments heretofore proposed to the same, by the committee to whom the said bill was referred.

A motion having been made and acceded to, to take the question on each amendment separately.—On proceeding to the reading of the said amendments, the question was put, “will the senate consent to the 1st amendment, being in the following words, viz: 1st, After the word “gaming,” in the 8th line of the 1st section, insert the following “or permitting the same to be kept or practised in any tavern or house of which he, she or they may be the proprietor or proprietors, occupant or occupants.”—Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, “will the senate assent to the 2d amendment, being in the following words, viz:”—In the 10th line, same section, after the word “dollars,” insert the following, “and be imprisoned for a period in the discretion of the court, not exceeding twelve months.”—Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, “will the senate assent to the 3d amendment, being in the following words, viz: “In the 12th line of the same section, strike out the words “twelve months,” and insert in lieu thereof, the words “two years.”—Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, “will the senate assent to the 4th amendment, being in the following words.”—4th, Add an additional section, the following, viz:—And be it enacted, That there shall be no power to remit any fine or fines, imposed under this act unless the party fined, shall have remained in jail at least one year after the term of imprisonment limited in his sentence shall have expired.”—Determined in negative.

On motion, the following was offered as an amendment to the bill, viz:—Strike out the last section of the bill, being in the following words, viz:—“And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained, shall operate to abate any prosecution now pending under the laws of this state.”—And insert the following, viz:—“And be it enacted, That if any person shall hereafter be convicted of any crime committed before the passing of this act, he or she shall be sentenced to undergo such pains and punishments, as by the laws now in force are prescribed and directed, unless such convict shall openly pray the court before whom such offender shall be tried, that sentence may be pronounced agreeably to the provisions of this act, for the like offence, in which case the said court shall comply with the said prayer, and pass such sentence on said convict, as they would have passed, had the said offence been committed subsequent to the passing of this act.”

The same having been read, the following was on motion offered as a substitute, viz: