

counties, subject to the right of appeal as in cases of small debts. And the said commissioners shall in their said scale discriminate as to tolls chargeable against vessels to which the president and directors or their agent shall be applied to tow as aforesaid, and which the said president and directors or agent shall decline or be unable to tow, and as to the tolls chargeable to vessels for which no application to be towed shall be made; and also as to cases of such application where the said president and directors or the agent are ready and willing to tow as aforesaid, and the applicant shall decline having the vessel towed; and the said commissioners shall report to the governor and council the scale of tolls that they shall from time to time fix, and also to the said corporate body.'

On motion of Mr. Page, the following amendment was read:

At the end of the bill add the following section:

'And be it enacted, That the state of Maryland reserves to itself the right at any time to modify, change or annul any of the provisions of the aforesaid act of incorporation.'

The question was put,

'Will the senate assent to said amendment?'

And it was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Page, the following amendment was read:

At the end of the bill add:

'And be it enacted, That the state of Maryland reserves to itself the right to modify at any time any of the provisions of the aforesaid act of incorporation in any manner not tending to defeat the object and design as expressed in said act.'

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the following was offered as a substitute:

At the end of the bill add:

'And be it enacted, That the legislature shall at all times hereafter have the power of reducing the minimum and maximum of the fines and penalties mentioned in the 12th section of this act.'

The question was put,

'Will the senate receive the substitute?'

And it was determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put,

'Will the senate assent to the amendment?'

And it was determined in the affirmative.