

the United States, and to express the earnest wish of this general assembly, that one or more competent engineers may be appointed to make an accurate survey of the coast designated in the said resolution, and to report the estimate of the probable cost of the improvement proposed.

Resolved, That the governor be also requested to transmit a copy of the first resolution to the governors of the states of Virginia and Delaware, and to desire that the same may be as speedily as possible communicated to their respective general assemblies.

Which were read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Turner, Ordered, That the committee on education be directed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of devising some mode of raising means for the purpose of carrying into effect a system of general education in this state, and make report to this house by bill, or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, Ordered, That the report of the treasurer of the western shore in obedience to an order of this house, in relation to the number of shares for which the state has a right to subscribe in the several banks of this state, be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to inquire into the propriety of selling the state's right to the reserved shares in these banks, and if it be deemed expedient to sell them, the propriety of investing the proceeds for the benefit of the free school system.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore be required to report to this house the amount of investments in the free school funds of the several counties in the state's reserved shares in the stock of the Bank of Baltimore, and in the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, designating the several amounts so invested in the free school funds of each county respectively.

The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Tilghman,, entitled, An act to provide for the consolidation and distribution of the several school funds, when Mr. Teackle moved as a substitute therefor, a bill, entitled, An act to assign and appropriate certain revenues for the support of public instruction in primary schools of all the youth throughout this state.