

The bill amending the charter of the Firemen's Insurance company of Baltimore city;

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

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Billingslea, of Carroll,
Billingsley, of St. Mary's,
Clarke,
Davis, of Caroline,
Davis, of Washington,
Eaton,
Frazier,
Jenkins,
Lansdale,
Mackall,

McMaster,
McNeal,
Ohr,
Philpot,
Tome,
Turner,
Vickers,
Waters.
Wells,
Whitney—20.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Ohr, submitted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Revenue Commissioners have reported to the "Committee of Ways and Means," the following recommendation:

"A repeal of the Excise Tax of six cents per ton levied upon mineral coals," and, "for similar reasons to the above and in view of the termination of the Reciprocity treaty, that the duty now imposed upon Bituminous coals of foreign production imported into the United States be reduced from \$1½ to fifty cents per ton."

AND WHEREAS, The adoption by Congress of this recommendation to impose a duty of only fifty cents a ton "upon Bituminous coals of foreign production," will strike a fatal blow at the most important branch of the home industry of our State, namely: its Bituminous coal interests; virtually destroying the most important portion of its trade by excluding almost entirely from our largest markets on the seaboard, the Bituminous coals of the State of Maryland and West Virginia, by admitting at this very small duty the Bituminous coals of the British Provinces, produced under the cheap labor system of Great Britain and her dependencies.

AND WHEREAS, We recognize the importance to the General Government of the large revenue derived by it from this branch of our domestic industry, through direct excise duty, and also from the universal system of labor, employed by it in production and transportation, etc.