

Getty,
Gorman,
Humphreys,

Stevens,
Steiner,
Walsh—22.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

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

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal chapter 456 of the Acts passed at January Session, 1874, entitled an Act to provide for the better protection of birds in Garrett county, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Which was read the first time.

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

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the the County Commissioners for Dorchester county to appoint an additional Constable for the 1st Election District of said county.

Which was read the first time.

Senate Joint Resolutions reported by the Joint Committee appointed to prepare a suitable testimonial to the memory of the late Hon. Reverdy Johnson.

Were read the second time.

The question being upon the engrossment of the resolution.

Mr. Stevens arose and said :

Mr. President:—Reverdy Johnson, the great Jurist of America, is no more. Maryland, which was first at his cradle, is last at his tomb.

He was a counsellor of deepest wisdom and purest purpose, the advocate of human rights and constitutional liberties. In the full and ripe manhood of his usefulness, in the front rank of statesmen and patriots, he has suddenly gone from us like the extinguishment of a great and brilliant light. But though his mortal form is hid from among us, and loving hands have piled his grave with the choicest and sweetest flowers, yet the works he did live after him, and the example left behind will serve as a proud monument to his memory, and an encouragement to the youth of the land for generations to come.

“Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime.”
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints in the sands of time.”

He was of that class of men whom Scaliger designates as *homines centenarii*—men that appear upon the earth but once in a century. He was the last of a former generation. The compeer of Wirt, Pinkney, Taney and other illustrious men.