

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Allegany,

Leave was granted the committee on Corporations to report a bill entitled, an Act to amend and continue in force an Act entitled, an Act to Incorporate the North Branch company, passed at the session of the General Assembly begun and held on the 5th day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter 108.

Mr. Calvert submitted the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whereas, a suit is now pending before the Supreme Court of the United States, in which the State of Maryland is plaintiff, and the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike company is defendant;

And whereas, The interest of the citizens of the State of Maryland, residing near the road of said company requires a speedy determination of the suit;

Be it resolved, That the Attorney General is hereby directed to take such steps as in his judgment will bring the suit to an early decision;

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Poteet, from the committee on Claims, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an Act appropriating a sum of money for legal services rendered by Thomas Donaldson to the State of Maryland;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an Act to add a new section to Article 24 of the Code of Public General Laws entitled conveyancing, to provide for the execution, acknowledgement and recording of bonds of conveyance and other obligations, to convey real estate and to make valid such instruments as may have been heretofore executed, acknowledged and recorded;

Which was read the first time.

Also, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an Act to make valid the official acts of Justices of the Peace and Constables who failed to qualify under the New Constitution within the required time, and who have been reappointed and since qualified according to law;

Which was read the first time.

Also, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an Act to alter and change the name of Zachariah Origen Simmons, of Frederick county, to that of John Simmons;