

Mr. Willis, from the committee on Internal Improvements, submitted the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the report of the President of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad Company, and had summoned before them the Attorney General as well as the Comptroller and Treasurer in order to obtain all the information upon the subject they could, and whereas the House did but recently pass an order, which we think covers the whole ground; therefore, the committee adopt this order as their report, and respectfully begs to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject at this time.

A. J. WILLIS,

*Chairman.*

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Poteet, from the committee on Claims, made the following report :

The committee on Claims having been instructed to regulate the compensation of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, respectfully report that they deem it competent for this House to fix the compensation of its officers, and whereas by the provisions of the new Constitution there are duties devolving upon the Speaker, for which no compensation is allowed, therefore recommend the adoption of the following order :

Ordered, That the Speaker of this House of Delegates be allowed a per diem of ten dollars.

Mr. Harris moved a call of the House.

The demand being sustained the roll was called and the following members responded:

Messrs. Agnew, Anderson, Angel, Bartell, Brown, Clift, Comegys, Cook, Cronise, Darling, Dean, Eavey, Everhart, Garrison, Handy, Harris, Hazen, Hopkins, Jamison, Jones, Keefer, King, Kirk, Leaverton, Lusby, Malone, Markey, McCauley, McCullough, Miller, of Anne Arundel, Mules, Nairne, Norris, Parker, Pennington, Pilkington, Poteet, Rider, Rinehart, Robinson, Shaw, Sherry, Showacre, Silver, Slothower, Smith, of Allegany, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Frederick, Soper, Stewart, Tarr, Tolson, Tull, Wardwell, Warner, Watkins, Wilson—57.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Anne Arundel,

The Sergeant-at arms, was sent after the absent members.