

The said bill was then read the first, and by a special order the second time and passed.

Mr. Alexander obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled an act to amend and reduce into one act the act to incorporate the American Life Insurance and Trust Company and the several supplements thereto,

Ordered, that Messrs. Alexander, Giles, and Goldsborough report the same.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived,

Mr. Hughes moved that the house proceed to ballot for a Senator to represent this State in the Senate of the United States, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Honorable Joseph Kent, Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hughes,

The house was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members, who after a short time had elapsed returned and reported that he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then proceeded to ballot for a Senator to represent this State in the Senate of the United States until the 4th day of March, 1839,—the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the house of delegates, appointed to meet the committee of the senate, to count the joint ballot, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported that there were altogether ninety-five votes taken, of which number William D. Merrick, Esq. received sixty-one votes, that there were thirty-three blank ballots and one scattering,—Whereupon,

Resolved, that William D. Merrick, Esq. be, and he is hereby declared to be a Senator to represent this State in the Senate of the United States until the 4th day of March, 1839.

On motion of Mr. Neff,

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 4th, 1838.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of Mary Charles, of Caroline county—and,

The bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to accept the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, an act for the continuation and repair of the Cumberland Road in the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, passed December session, 1834, chapter 203;

Were sent to the senate.