

On motion by Mr. Fields,

The Senate proceeded to a temporary organization.

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The Hon. Barnes Compton, of Charles County, was called to the Chair, and, having assumed the same, addressed the Senators present.

The Senators elect then qualified, by taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution, before the President, *pro tem.*

On motion by Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 12 o'clock.

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The Senate adjourned.

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THURSDAY, January 4th, 1872.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. Blake, Compton, Carroll, Crawford, Claggett, Denson, Dennis, Earle, Fields, Henry, Jump, Longwell, Miller, Stephenson, Spates, Snyder, Sellman, Spencer, Steiner, Timmons, Tuck, Wilson, Williams—23.

Mr. Stephenson moved that the Senate proceed to the election of a President, and nominated the Hon. Henry Snyder, of the Second Legislative District of Baltimore City.

Mr. Steiner moved that the election be made by ballot,

Which was accepted by Mr. Stephenson.

Messrs. Stephenson and Steiner were appointed by the Chair as tellers.

The ballots being counted, it appeared that twenty-three ballots had been cast, of which the Hon. Henry Snyder received 22 votes, and that there was one blank ballot.

Whereupon, it was declared that the Hon. Henry Snyder is duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Snyder was then conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Earle and Carroll,