

On motion of Mr. Grove, of Cecil, it was Ordered, That Mr. Beeks be excused for last night's and to day's sessions, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Combs, it was Ordered, That Mr. Garner be excused from attending the sessions of yesterday and to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Wallen, it was Ordered, That Mr. Godwin be excused from attending to-day's session, on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Carter, it was Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be excused from attending to night's session of the House.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, it was Ordered, That at to-night's session the House shall consider only local bills on second and third reading files, to which there will be no objection.

On motion of Mr. Hill, it was Ordered, That the Committee on Internal Improvements, Railroads and Canals, ascertain and report to this House at as early a day as is reasonably practicable, the total cost of the repairs made upon the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal by the trustees of the preferred bondholders of 1844, from the time the Canal was delivered over to them by the Circuit Court of Washington county; the total tonnage of the Canal during the year 1891; a detailed statement of the total receipts and expenditures for the same period, *in all accounts*; the number of new boats now being built; the number and condition of the boats now in the Canal fit for use; the cost of operating the Canal during the year 1891; the rate of tolls and transportations fixed for 1892, and the present condition of the Canal, and what is the present status of the State's interest in the Canal, and for the purpose of enabling the Committee to procure the information and make their report, they may be empowered to summon and examine witnesses, if they deem it necessary.

LEAVES TO INTRODUCE BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Hayward,
Leave was granted to the Committee on Ways and Means to introduce a bill for the relief of the sureties