

Ninety-nine having answered to their names the clerk announced that a majority of all members-elect being present the House was ready under the provisions of the Constitution to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, of Worcester county, Hon. Edward E. Goslin, of Caroline county, was called to the chair for the purpose of temporary organization.

Mr. Dennis, of Worcester, and Mr. De. B. Walbach, of Charles, conducted the Speaker *pro tem.* to the Chair.

Whereupon,

Mr. Carville D. Benson, of Baltimore county, nominated Dr. Geo. Y. Everhart as Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Faega, of Allegany, nominated Mr. Jas. E. Godwin, of Baltimore city, for Speaker.

Dr. Richard S. Hill, of Prince George's, and William N. Harry, of Frederick, were appointed tellers.

The House thereupon proceeded to the election of Speaker.

Upon counting the ballots it was found that Dr. Geo. Y. Everhart had received 70 votes, and Mr. Jas. E. Godwin, 27 votes.

Whereupon,

The Speaker *pro tem.* appointed Mr. Godwin and Mr. Benson, of Baltimore county, to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair.

The Speaker thereupon addressed the House as follows:

ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES :

In entering upon the discharge of my duties as presiding officer of this House, I wish to thank you for the very great honor you have conferred upon me. For to be elected Speaker of this House of Delegates is an honor of which any Marylander might be proud, while I am grateful for the signal honor which you have conferred upon me, I feel most sensitively the