

The President announced the order of the day to be the following bills:

First.—Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal chap. 325, of the Acts of 1872, entitled an Act to repeal Sec. 59, of the Act of 1868, chap. 471, entitled an Act to repeal Art. 26, of the Code of Public General Laws, and to enact a substitute, and to repeal Sec. 22, of Art. 16, Sec. 99 to 103, of the same Article, and Sections 33 to 43, of Art. 88, of the Code of Public General Laws, and to re-enact the same with amendments,

Being upon its second reading,

On motion by Mr. Bannon,

Was recommitted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Second.—Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal Sections 1 to 13, (both inclusive,) of Art. 44, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Maryland Hospital," and to enact in lieu thereof the following to be arranged as Sections of said Article of the Code.

Pending the consideration of said bill,

Mr. Bannon, (by unanimous consent,) from the Committee on Public Buildings, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Public Buildings beg leave to submit the following report in relation to the Maryland Hospital at Spring Grove.

Your Committee visited the Maryland Hospital, at Spring Grove, situated near Catonsville, in Baltimore county, seven miles from Baltimore, and found it located on a tract of land containing one hundred and thirty-seven (137) acres, commanding a fine view of Baltimore city, the bay and surrounding country for many miles. The improvements consist of a large hospital built of granite, in a very substantial manner, with gas house, hot-house, gardner's dwelling, stabling, &c. We found the hospital capable of comfortably affording accommodation for three hundred and twenty-five patients—there were, however, on the day of our visit, February 12th, 1876, only one hundred and seventy-eight insane in the institution, sixty-four of whom paid for their own maintenance, and were no tax on the hospital: the remaining one hundred and fourteen were sent to the hospital by the order of the Circuit Courts for the various counties and the City of Baltimore, and the sum of two hundred dollars per annum levied by the County Commissioners, or the City Council, for each of these insane paupers, and paid over by the different counties and City of Baltimore, to the Presi-