

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND
OTHER PAPERS.

Mr. Frick submitted the following:

*To the President of the Senate of Maryland and
the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland:*

In compliance with Joint Resolution Number 9 of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1914, which authorized the appointment of a joint commission on behalf of the State of Maryland to confer with a like joint commission on behalf of the State of Virginia, with reference to concurrent fishery legislation, Carville D. Benson, chairman of the Commission on the part of Maryland, begs to report as follows:

The two joint commissions have held three joint meetings, the first at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, August 3 to 5, 1914, the second at Baltimore, Maryland, during the Star-Spangled Banner Celebration, September 11 and 12, 1914, and the third in Richmond, Virginia, January 18 and 19, 1916.

First Meeting—The Maryland Commission arrived at Old Point, Virginia, on Monday evening, August 2, 1914, on the "Governor P. F. Thomas" of the Maryland Oyster Navy. During the same night the Virginia Commission arrived on the "Commodore Maury." The next morning the Marylanders and Virginians held separate caucuses and the following organizations were announced:

For the State of Maryland—Senator Carville D. Benson, chairman; A. J. Almony, secretary, with the following members present: Senator W. W. Beck, Senator William F. Chesley, Delegates Andrew J. Cummings and Thomas C. Hopkins.

For the State of Virginia—Harry R. Houston, chairman; R. O. Norris, Jr., secretary, with the following members present: Senator John R. Saunders, Senator G. Walter Mapp, and Delegates J. Harry Rew, J. Davis Reed and George L. Browning.

The committees from the two States then assembled in joint conference in the Hotel Chamberlin, where the joint conference was organized. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Houston, of the Virginia Commission, who extended the Marylanders a warm welcome, and then announced that nominations were in order for permanent chairman. Senator Mapp placed in nomination Hon. Andrew J. Cummings, of Montgomery county, Maryland, who was unanimously elected chairman. Senator Benson nominated Harry R. Houston, of Virginia, as permanent secretary, and he was unanimously chosen.