

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President then laid before the Senate the Unfinished Business of March 22, being a resolution by Mr. Archer:

WHEREAS, The Democracy of Maryland, in convention assembled, on the twenty-third of September, 1915, pledged the party to the most rigid economy in the administration of all the affairs of the State, so that the saving in the expenditure of the public money might be as great as is consistent with good government; and, as part of the economy plans in the platform provided, pledged that character of business administration which will insure the highest degree of economy, believing that in the transaction of public business the same degree of ability, attention and forethought should be exercised as is given the most successful mercantile, banking, public service or other enterprises whose success depends upon a high order of business efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The changed condition since the adoption of our present Constitution in 1867, as well as the recent creation of offices and commissions by successive Legislatures without any comprehensive survey of the State's business, have resulted in the existence of offices and commissions which have become useless, or the duties of which overlap and should be consolidated; and

WHEREAS, In order to remedy these conditions the party, in convention assembled as aforesaid, pledged the prompt and faithful passage of such laws and the proposal of such amendments to the State Constitution as may be requisite, in order to abolish each and every office or commission which has become no longer reasonably necessary to the public good, or the duties of which should be transferred to some other office or commission, and to the passage of such laws and the proposals of such Constitutional amendments as may be necessary to prevent waste and duplication, and to promote the greatest possible economy and efficiency in the administration of the State's affairs; and to a policy of rigid retrenchment in all State expenditures, and to such legislation as may be necessary to the efficient handling of the State's finances; and

WHEREAS, In order that the pledges might be faithfully, intelligently and promptly fulfilled, and that there might be no abatement in its progressive policies, the Democratic Party, in convention assembled as aforesaid, appointed Dr. J. F. Goodnow, Hon. James Alfred Pearce, Joseph D. Baker, Philip D. Laird, William Milnes Maloy, B. Howard Griswold, Jr.,