

Landing, McPherson, Reindollar,  
Hearn, Smith, of B. city, Dorsey—45.

So the House refused to assent to the substitute.

Mr. Lynch, of Baltimore county, proposed the following substitute:

WHEREAS, The provisions of this act, are in direct conflict with, and destroy, one of the great privileges that the people of Baltimore county now enjoy in electing their school commissioners;

And whereas, the bill appoints the Register of Wills of the several counties, as treasurer of the school Boards, instead of allowing said Boards to appoint some person responsible to themselves, they being properly the representatives of the interest of public schools;

And whereas, the bill provides for more grades of schools than are required in the counties, thereby complicating the system and embarrassing the legitimate objects of a plain and practical public school system;

And whereas, The operation of the bill will be wholly impracticable, and calculated to retard the progress of public schools instead of promoting their interest in Baltimore county;

And whereas, The bill provides for a special tax in certain cases, which, in its result, will ultimately overthrow the system and destroy all uniformity in the different school districts in the several counties, especially in Baltimore county;

And whereas, the provisions of the bill grant certain privileges to the city of Baltimore, which are denied to the counties—1st. in the appointment or election of School Commissioners; 2d. in the appointment of a Treasurer; and 3d. in requiring the tax in the city to be uniform;

Therefore, be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Baltimore county be and is hereby exempted from the provisions of this act.

Mr. Rogers moved to lay the substitute on the table;

Which was determined in the affirmative.

Pending the consideration of the amendment of Mr. Contee the House adjourned.