

called to the chair for the purpose of temporary organization.

Mr. Hanson, of Howard county, Mr. Collins, of Talbot county, conducted the speaker *pro tem*, to the chair.

Mr. Wolfe, of Howard county, nominated Hon. Lloyd Wilkinson, of Worcester county, for Speaker, and Mr. Briggs, of Washington county, nominated Hon. James De B. Walbach, of Charles county.

On motion of Mr. Buckey, of Frederick county, nominations were closed.

Mr. Walters, of Frederick county, and Mr. Krems, of Anne Arundel county, were appointed as tellers.

The House then proceeded to vote for Speaker.

Upon counting the ballots it was found that Hon. Lloyd Wilkinson had received 64 votes and Hon. James De B. Walbach 26 votes.

Whereupon,

The Speaker *pro tem*. declared that the Hon. Lloyd Wilkinson had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was therefore duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The Speaker *pro tem*. appointed Mr. Lehman, of Baltimore city, and Mr. De B. Walbach, of Charles county, to conduct the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Speaker thereupon delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

I scarcely know how to clothe in fitting words my appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me. All my life I have considered a seat in the House of Delegates as conferring a great honor upon any man, and when you add to that the distinction of presiding over so able a body of representative citizens as those composing the present membership of this House, I am at a loss for words to express my appreciation of the high honor.

While this distinguished honor carries with it a sense