

of party, and should enlist the patriotic support of every American citizen.

[Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

The President, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Rules beg leave to report unfavorably on the order of the Senator from Baltimore county of February 4, 1916, "to increase the membership of the Standing Committee on Judicial Proceedings."

The class of Bills commonly known as "Annexation Bills" are covered by Section 4 of Article 11-A, known as the "Home Rule Amendment," which contains the following language: "Any law so drawn as to apply to two or more of the geographical sub-divisions of this State shall not be deemed a local law within the meaning of this article. The term 'geographical sub-division' herein used shall be taken to mean the City of Baltimore or any of the counties of this State."

Therefore all measures relating to more than one geographical sub-division are not local, but are properly referable to a standing committee. Therefore your committee report against any change in the membership of the standing committees other than those now provided by Rule 15. However, in this case, in fairness to the Senator from Anne Arundel county, who is not a member of the standing committee to which annexation Bills have been heretofore referred, your committee would recommend that for the purpose of hearing, discussing and voting with said standing committee on any measure affecting his county and another section of the State, such as Senate Bill No. 135, introduced on February 7, 1916, by Senator Campbell, that he be added for such purpose and for that purpose alone to the Standing Committee on Judicial Proceedings, by special rule, which is hereto attached.

PETER J. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

HARVEY L. COOPER,

F. M. ZIHLMAN.

SPECIAL RULE.

Ordered by the Senate, That for the purpose of considering, voting or reporting upon Senate Bill No. 135, introduced February 7, 1916, by Senator Campbell, and any and all other Bills relating to the extension of the limits of Baltimore city, wherein the limits of Anne Arundel county are to