to the joint committee on fire companies
Mr Shaffer from the joint committee on ~~health~~ presented the following report and resolution, on the petition of Joseph Smith and others, read a first and by special order a second time adopted and sent to the First Branch:
The joint committee on health, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Smith and others complaining that "the use of sulphurous and other noxious gases used in bleaching straw goods, are hurtful to health, and causes disorder of the throat and lungs" respectfully report that one of the committee introduced a resolution of enquiry to the board of health, as appears on Second Branch journal, page 182 to which a reply has been made by the city physician (which reply can be found on page 199 of the same journal) in which he informs this branch that the gases complained of "are ranked among the gaseous poisons, and if incautiously inhaled, will destroy life; nevertheless many persons follow this employment, without appearing to suffer any material injury." He also states "that the board of health possesses full power and authority to abate any nuisance destructive to health."
After mature deliberation, your committee have come to the conclusion that it is not necessary at this time to pass a special ordinance to meet this particular case,- first, because the board of health already have sufficient power to abate the nuisance complained of,- and secondly, great injury might be done to a very numerous class of poor but industrious females, whose whole earnings being to support themselves and dependants by their utmost exertions untrammelled. They therefore report the following resolution:

John Disney	First Branch	F Littig Shaffer	Second Branch
R C Wells		John W Willson	
Charles Farquharson		Elias Ware Jr	

Resolved, that the petition of Joseph Smith and others be referred to the board of health, with instructions to examine the nuisance complained of: and if in their opinion it is deleterous to the health of the neighbours to have ~~said nuisance~~ abated.
Mr Farlow called up the resolution of the joint committee on the harbor, relative to repairing County wharf, read a second time,
On motion of Mr Farlow the resolution was amended by striking out the words "eight hundred and seventeen" and inserting the words "one thousand"
The resolution as amended was adopted, and sent to the First Branch
A report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of John C Kelly, were received from the First Branch, read a first,

and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch
A report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Thomas H Lambdin, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time,- concurred in and returned to the First Branch.
A report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Peter Connelly, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time,- concurred in and returned to the First Branch,
A report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Richard C Murray, were received from the First Branch read a first and by special order a second time,- concurred in and returned to the First Branch.
On motion of Mr Dukehart the resolution of the joint committee on fire companies making the annual appropriations to the fire companies was taken up, read a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.
On motion of Mr Dukehart, the resolution of the joint committee on fire companies, making special appropriations to the several fire companies was taken up.
On motion of Mr Dukehart, the resolutions were taken up seperately.
The first resolution appropriating one thousand dollars to the Mechanical Fire company, was read a second time, and concurred in, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Dukehart, appeared as follows:
Yeas. Messrs. President, Farlow, Shaffer, Stewart, Willson, Taylor, Kelso, Dukehart, Ware, 9.
Nays 0.
The second resolution appropriating seven hundred dollars to the Union Fire Company, was read a second time, and concurred in.
The third resolution appropriating nine hundred dollars to the Friendship Fire Company, was read a second time, and concurred in.
The fourth resolution appropriating eight hundred dollars to the Deptford Fire Company, was read a second time, and concurred in.
The fifth resolution appropriating seven hundred dollars to the Liberty Fire Company, was read a second time, and concurred in.
The sixth resolution appropriating nine hundred dollars to the Independent Fire Company, was read a second time,
Mr Shaffer moved to amend by striking out "nine" not concurred in.
The resolution was concurred in.
The seventh resolution appropriating eight hundred dollars to the New Market Fire Company, was read a second time, and concurred in.