

passed without amendment the bill (H. R. No. 155) entitled "An act granting a certain right of way to the Hudson River West Shore Railroad Company."

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. I call for the regular order.

The SPEAKER, as the regular order of business, proceeded to call the States, beginning with Massachusetts, for the introduction of resolutions.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. CHURCHILL submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to procure and deliver to Hon. William E. Finck, Sidney T. Holmes, and George W. Julian, members of the Thirty-Ninth Congress, such volumes of the documents to which they are entitled under the eighteenth rule of the House as have been lost or stolen from the mails in the course of transmission.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. In consequence of the noise around me I did not hear the whole of this resolution. I ask that it be reported again as it may affect me.

The resolution was again read.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. I hope that it will be amended so as to apply to all the members; and when that is done I shall move that the resolution be laid on the table. [Laughter.]

Mr. CHURCHILL. I ask unanimous consent to make an explanation.

There was no objection, and it was ordered accordingly.

Mr. CHURCHILL. The rule of the House permits the Clerk to deliver to each member of Congress bound volumes of documents printed during the session. Those intended for the gentlemen named in the resolution were lost or stolen from the mails last summer, and were never received by them. They desire to make their sets complete, but the Clerk cannot send them these volumes without the order of the House, which is the design of this resolution.

Mr. ALLISON. I ask the gentleman to amend his resolution so as to include any other member whose books may have been lost.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. On filing an affidavit of such loss.

Mr. CHURCHILL. I accept the modifications suggested. I demand the previous question.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 24, noes 56; no quorum voting.

The SPEAKER ordered tellers; and appointed Mr. CHURCHILL and Mr. ROSS.

The House again divided; and the tellers reported—ayes 42, noes 39.

So the resolution was disagreed to.

TAX ON FAMILY CRESTS.

Mr. CHANLER submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be requested to levy a tax on family crests and coats of arms worn as ornaments upon vehicles or household furniture actually in use, and report by bill or otherwise.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. BROOKS. I submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish the House with copies of all general orders which have been promulgated by the several commanders of the five military districts, or pentarchies, at the South; and of all special orders, or parts thereof, issued either by said commanders or by any of their subordinate officers for the execution of the reconstruction laws; or in anywise relating thereto.

The SPEAKER. This being a call for executive information it requires unanimous consent.

Mr. WARD. I object.

The SPEAKER. It then lies over under the rules.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES.

Mr. GETZ. I submit the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it is reported that the cities of Boston, in Massachusetts, and Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania, have elected Democratic mayors; and whereas such elections are indicative of a spirit of disloyalty in the citizens of said cities, which demands prompt suppression: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the select Committee on Reconstruction be instructed to inquire whether the States in which the said elections were held have republican forms of government, or do not need reconstruction.

Mr. BALDWIN rising to debate the resolution it went over, under the rules.

ALBANY PUBLIC BUILDING.

Mr. PRUYN submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purchase of a suitable site and the erection of a proper building thereon, at Albany, in the State of New York, for the accommodation of the United States courts, the post office, and custom-house at that place.

DEPARTMENT SOLICITORS.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that solicitors in the Departments of the Government, and other law officers, shall all constitute a part of the Attorney General's department.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS.

Mr. GARFIELD submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules be directed to inquire into the expediency of adopting a rule that members having received consent of the House to make personal explanation shall confine their remarks strictly to personal matters.

Mr. GARFIELD moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

BOUNTY.

Mr. WILSON, of Ohio, submitted the following preamble and resolution, and demanded the previous question on its adoption:

Whereas much well-founded complaint exists among soldiers on account of not receiving the bounty provided by the act of July 28, 1868; and whereas the last session of the present Congress appointed a committee on soldiers and sailors bounties, to inquire into the cause of delay, which committee up to this time has made no report: Therefore,

Resolved, That said committee be, and they are hereby, directed and required at the earliest possible day to report to this House the result of their investigations.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Indiana. I ask consent to make an explanation.

Mr. WARD. I object.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and under the operation thereof the preamble and resolution were agreed to.

SERVICE OF VOLUNTEER OFFICERS.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, introduced a joint resolution in relation to retaining certain volunteer officers in the service; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was referred; and also moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

ORGANIC ACT OF NEW MEXICO.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, also introduced a bill to amend the organic act of the Territory of New Mexico; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, also introduced a bill to facilitate the restoration of the late rebel States, and for other purposes; which was read

a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

NAVY-YARD AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr. SCOFIELD submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of locating a navy-yard and naval depot at the city of Erie, Pennsylvania.

TREATIES WITH FOREIGN NATIONS.

Mr. SPALDING submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it being declared by the second section of the second article of the Constitution that the President shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur, the House of Representatives do not claim any agency in making treaties, but that when a treaty stipulates regulations on any of the subjects submitted by the Constitution to the power of Congress it must depend for its execution as to such stipulations on a law or laws to be passed by Congress according to its sound discretion.

Mr. SPALDING. It will be noticed that this resolution is in the language of the resolution of 1796 adopted by Congress when they considered Jay's treaty. I move that the resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union so that we may have something upon which to discuss this question in the committee, and I wish it understood that I do not commit myself against any appropriation required by any treaty at all.

Mr. SPALDING's motion was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. SCHENCK submitted the following preamble and resolution; which were read, considered, and agreed to:

Whereas it appears from the report submitted by the Secretary of War in reply to a resolution of this House, that the several subordinate establishments in and about the city of New York for the accommodation of the quartermaster, commissary, clothing, ordnance, and medical bureaus of the War Department are now separate and distinct, and in some instances quite remote from each other, thereby involving great expense, at the present time to an annual expenditure of over one hundred thousand dollars, and which must cause also great inconvenience and delay: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Secretary of War to concentrate the offices and storerooms of the said several bureaus at some convenient place within the harbor of said city or on the navigable waters thereof: *Provided*, That suitable warehouses, docks, piers, and basin can be obtained at a saving of expense to the Government.

PAYMENT OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

Mr. CARY submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Secretary of the Treasury should not provide for the immediate payment of the bonds issued under the act of January 28, 1847, redeemable after December 31, 1867, amounting to \$7,169,204; and those issued under the act of March 31, 1848, redeemable after July 1, 1868, amounting to \$8,020,941 80; but that payment should be postponed until coin and legal-tender notes shall be of the same commercial value.

Mr. SCHENCK. I move that that resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. CARY. I have no objection to that reference.

The motion was agreed to.

ABOLITION OF LAND OFFICES.

Mr. CARY introduced a bill to abolish the land offices at Chillicothe, Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Springfield, Illinois; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

EUROPEAN TRIP OF THE MIANTONOMOH.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to furnish to this House the entire expense of the late trip to Europe of the iron clad Miantonomoh, which shall embrace in detail all the items, and out of what fund the said expense has been paid.

The SPEAKER. This being a call for executive information it requires unanimous consent for its consideration this day.

Mr. BROOKS. Objection was made to the