

thew Stilinner, George W. Hagg, Solomon Row, Joseph Looney, jr., B. W. Compton, Benjamin Staby, David McClanahan, John S. Rallipp, John M. Rallipp, E. Vance, Joseph Kelley, Joseph Looney, sr., John A. Compton, Drewny Packett, John W. Childress, all of Buchanan county, Virginia, and of A. W. Graves, Madison county, Virginia, praying to be relieved from their political disabilities; which were referred to the select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities.

He also presented the petitions of Daniel Brown, Andrew Patterson, and Joseph Walker, Rockbridge county, Virginia; of Edmund Winston, Hanover county, Virginia; of Stephen B. Duff, Washington county, Virginia; of John Sanders, Wythe county, Virginia, and William E. Stone, Montgomery county, Virginia, praying for the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities.

Mr. SPRAGUE presented a memorial of citizens of Providence, Rhode Island, sellers of household wringers of various manufactures, remonstrating against the passage of House bill No. 1492, for the extension of John Young's patent for washing and wringing machines; which was ordered to lie on the table.

PAPERS WITHDRAWN AND REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland, it was

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Levi Hertzog be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. CONKLING, it was

Ordered, That the letter of the Secretary of the Interior, of February 15, 1869, communicating an account of the Northwest Fur Company for provisions and payment of men necessary for the defense and protection of Government property at Fort Union in 1866 and 1867, be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. No. 595) to repeal an act entitled "An act for the survey of grants or claims of lands," approved June 2, 1862, reported it without amendment.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. No. 406) to expedite the survey of private land claims, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. No. 758) for the settlement of the account of Captain E. M. Buchanan, late commissary of subsistence of volunteers, reported without it amendment.

He also, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. No. 689) for the relief of Hull & Cozzens, and John Naylor & Co., reported it with an amendment.

Mr. HOWELL. I am directed by the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Mary B. Winslip, protesting against a reduction of her pension, to report it back. The case has been decided adversely, and will abide the result of our action on the general law. I move that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HOWELL, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry C. Weatherby, submitted a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. No. 880) granting a pension to Henry C. Weatherby.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading, and the report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of J. George Harris, praying for compensation for property taken and used for public purposes by the United States military authorities during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, reported a joint resolution (S. R. No. 189) to enable the Court of Claims to hear and de-

termine the claim of J. George Harris, paymaster United States Navy; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

He also, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John L. Miles, reported a joint resolution (S. R. No. 190) to compensate John L. Miles, late second lieutenant second Indiana battery, for one horse lost in the service; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. TRUMBULL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of George Bushhead, principal chief of the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, and others, on behalf of those Indians, praying an investigation into the acts of William H. Thomas, James H. Terrell, and S. H. Swetland, formerly agents for those Indians, and that such measures be taken as will compel them to account for and pay over to the Indians certain money improperly retained by them, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; which was agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. WILSON asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 881) to amend the act to incorporate the National Academy of Sciences; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HOWE asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 882) to authorize the sale of the pine timber on certain lands reserved for the use of the Menomonee tribe of Indians in the State of Wisconsin; which was read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRATT asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 883) granting a pension to John W. Salyers, a soldier of the war of 1812; which was read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CONKLING asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 884) to incorporate the International Society of the United States for the Promotion and Protection of Immigration; which was read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. TRUMBULL asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. No. 191) granting an American register to the British-built bark Busy; which was read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGETOWN AND HARPER'S FERRY RAILROAD.

Mr. VICKERS. I move a reconsideration of the joint resolution passed yesterday (S. R. No. 172) directing the survey of a route for a railroad on the west bank of the Potomac river, from a point opposite Georgetown to Harper's Ferry.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The motion to reconsider will be entered.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Mr. WILSON. Let us go on with the Calendar.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate resumes the consideration of the Calendar. The Secretary will report the first bill on the Calendar at the point where it stopped yesterday.

The first bill on the Calendar was the bill (H. R. No. 1328) to establish the department of justice.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland. I think that bill ought to go over.

Mr. PATTERSON. I would ask the gentleman why?

Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland. The name strikes me very sensitively.

Mr. PATTERSON. The gentleman ought not to object on that ground. I will say that the bill has been considered very thoroughly, and during two Congresses. Let it be read.

Mr. TRUMBULL. I wish to say in regard to this measure that I think it a very important bill and a very proper bill to be acted upon. In regard to the particular details of this bill I am not prepared to express an opinion; but this is a subject that certainly deserves attention. The bill came from the Committee on Retrenchment. It has not been examined by the Committee on the Judiciary; but I have looked over it somewhat, and I trust the Senate will take action upon it.

Mr. PATTERSON. I will say to the Senator from Illinois that this subject was first referred to the Committee on Retrenchment in the Thirty-Ninth Congress, immediately after the Committee on Retrenchment was organized. The committee secured information from various Departments of the Government touching the subject. In the Fortieth Congress a bill was introduced by Mr. JENCKES in the House and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment. A similar bill was introduced by Judge LAWRENCE in the House, and referred to the Judiciary Committee of the House. The two committees met and framed a bill which was in substance the bill now before the Senate. It was reported from the Committee on Retrenchment in the House at this session and passed the House without amendment. It was reported from the Committee on Retrenchment here, and is now upon the Calendar, and I hope we shall proceed with its consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from Maryland has withdrawn his objection to allow the bill to be reported, as the Chair understands.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland. Yes, sir; let it be read.

The Secretary proceeded to read the bill.

Mr. DRAKE. I consider this bill of too great importance to be passed under the present order of business, and I object to its further consideration.

Mr. SUMNER. I submit to my friend that he had better allow it to be read through.

Mr. DRAKE. Why?

Mr. SUMNER. So that it will be in a condition to be acted on.

Mr. CONKLING. I think that is the very reason why it should not be read. If it is not to be acted on now, the reading ought to be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over, objection being made.

RECONSTRUCTION EXPENSES.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine. I ask consent to make a report. The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. No. 269) to amend the act of April 20, 1870, have instructed me to report it back without amendment, and I ask unanimous consent to have it considered now.

There being no objection, the Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the joint resolution. It declares that the first proviso in the act approved April 20, 1870, (which prescribes the conditions under which the disbursement of the appropriations therein contained, for defraying expenses incurred in carrying into effect the act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States, shall be made,) shall not be held to apply to accounts for services rendered or for supplies furnished under regulations or orders issued by the respective commanders of the several military districts under the authority of the seventh section of the act of March 23, 1867, and which accounts shall have been duly certified and audited, and have been approved and the payment ordered by those commanders.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine. I will state for the judgment of the Senate the point of this resolution from the House. In the recent deficiency bill there is this provision:

"To defray expenses incurred in carrying into effect the act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States, for various supplies and service, namely, in the first military district, \$75,000: