

tion to the present consideration of the joint resolution?

Mr. CONKLING. I think such a matter as that ought to be considered with some deliberation. I do not want to object, but I hope it will be taken up at some future time.

The VICE PRESIDENT. It will be placed on the Calendar.

AMENDMENTS TO DEFICIENCY BILL.

Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. RAMSEY, Mr. PATTERSON, Mr. FOWLER, and Mr. ABBOTT submitted amendments intended to be proposed to the bill (H. R. No. 354) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870; which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. DRAKE. I renew my motion that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was agreed to; and after some time spent in executive session the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, April 5, 1869.

The House met at twelve o'clock m. Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. J. G. BUTLER.

The Journal of Saturday last was read and approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The SPEAKER. This being Monday, the first business in order is the call of States and Territories, commencing with the State of Maine, for the introduction of bills and joint resolutions to be referred to their appropriate committees, not to be brought back into the House by motions to reconsider. During this call memorials and resolutions of State and territorial Legislatures are in order.

PRINTING OF DEBATES.

Mr. ELA introduced a bill (H. R. No. 370) to provide for printing the Congressional Record; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Mr. JENCKES introduced a bill (H. R. No. 371) to establish a department of justice; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

ARLETTE LEONARD.

Mr. MERCUR introduced a bill (H. R. No. 372) for an act granting a pension to Arlette Leonard, widow of Maryin H. Leonard; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

MARIA PRATT.

Mr. DONLEY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 373) granting a pension to Maria Pratt; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

WILLIAM H. HARRISON.

Mr. SCOFIELD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 374) for the relief of William H. Harrison; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

JOHN M'LAIN.

Mr. SCOFIELD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 375) for the relief of John McLain; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

REDUCTION OF ARMY OFFICERS.

Mr. NEGLEY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 376) to reduce the number of officers in the Army of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT.

Mr. WELKER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 377) to provide a uniform system of education

for the public schools of the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

CRIMINAL CODE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Mr. WELKER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 378) to provide a criminal code for the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Mr. LAWRENCE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 379) to establish a law department; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

ELECTIONS IN UNRECONSTRUCTED STATES.

Mr. LAWRENCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 380) to preserve the purity of elections and the right of free discussion in the unreconstructed States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.

Mr. TRIMBLE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 381) appropriating \$100,000 for building a custom-house, post office, United States court-rooms, and offices for the United States internal revenue at Paducah, Kentucky; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

POST ROUTE IN TENNESSEE.

Mr. ARNELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 382) to establish a post route from Linden to Waynesboro', in the State of Tennessee; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

NASHVILLE AND DECATUR RAILROAD.

Mr. ARNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 383) to regrant certain public lands in the State of Alabama to the Nashville and Decatur railroad; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. ARNELL. I ask that this bill be printed.

Mr. HOLMAN. I must object to the printing of so many bills; for it will make our files so large that it will be difficult to refer to them with any readiness.

Mr. ARNELL. I hope the gentleman will withdraw his objection to the printing of this bill, for it is one of some importance.

Mr. HOLMAN. Very well; I will withdraw my objection, though I think too many bills are printed.

The order to print was accordingly made.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

Mr. SMITH, of Tennessee, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 384) making an appropriation of \$200,000 for the purpose of building a court-house and post office at Memphis, Tennessee; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

FORT CULLOM, COLORADO.

Mr. JULIAN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 385) declaring the lands constituting the Fort Cullom military reservation, in the Territory of Colorado, subject to preemption and homestead entry, as provided for in existing laws; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF BANKRUPTCY.

Mr. JUDD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 386) to amend an act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, approved March 2, 1867; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Revision of Laws of the United States.

CHARLES PITCHEE.

Mr. COOK introduced a bill (H. R. No.

387) for the relief of Charles Pitchee; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

POST ROUTE IN ILLINOIS.

Mr. CREBS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 388) to establish a post road from Carmi, Illinois, via Roland and Elba, to Equality, Illinois; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

LAND TITLES IN MISSOURI.

Mr. McCORMICK, of Missouri, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 389) to quiet certain land titles in the State of Missouri; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

POST ROUTE IN MISSOURI.

Mr. McCORMICK, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 390) to quiet certain land titles in the State of Missouri; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

PORTAGE LAKE AND RIVER.

Mr. STRICKLAND introduced a bill (H. R. No. 391) establishing the right of way of the Portage Lake and River Improvement Company, and providing for a grant of land for said improvement; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STRICKLAND also presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, asking for an appropriation to improve Portage Lake and river, in Houghton county, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ELMIRA BRAINARD.

Mr. STRICKLAND also presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, in favor of a pension for Elmira Brainard; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PENSIONS TO SOLDIERS OF 1812.

Mr. STRICKLAND also presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan, asking the passage of an act granting a pension to the soldiers of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions and of the War of 1812.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF MICHIGAN.

Mr. STRICKLAND also presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan, asking an appropriation to aid a geological survey of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. NEEDHAM.

Mr. LOUGHRIDGE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 392) for the relief of Lieutenant William H. Needham, late of twenty-second Iowa infantry; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

LAND-GRANT RAILROADS IN MICHIGAN, ETC.

Mr. SAWYER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 393) granting lands to the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota to aid in the construction of certain railroads; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

LAND GRANTS IN IOWA AND MINNESOTA.

Mr. WILKINSON introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 70) extending certain land grants in Iowa and Minnesota; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF COLORADO.

Mr. BRADFORD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 394) in relation to the southern boundary of Colorado Territory; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Territories, and ordered to be printed.