

and then other States many years after the principal had been paid, presented their claims for interest.

Now, how is it? Why, says gentlemen, this is an old claim. How old is it? The principal was not paid, as I have stated, on account of the opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, [Mr. Woodward,] who has risen to oppose this bill. The principal was not paid until 1869. In 1860 Massachusetts presented her claim for interest. Could she have done it sooner? The principal was not paid before, so that she could tell what the interest would be. Every other State but Massachusetts had been paid. After she had presented her claim for interest the war broke out, and when said, "We will let the claim remain until the war is ended." The war is now closed, and the Committee of Claims propose simply to do for Massachusetts what has been done for every other State; no more and no less. It is opening no new door; it is establishing no new principle; it is simply doing for Massachusetts to-day what has been done before for other States similarly situated.

As has been already stated, this matter has been narrowed down so as to give to Massachusetts the smallest amount that has been given to any State. We have applied to the officers of the Government, and they have informed us that if the interest had been calculated upon the same principle that it was in the case of the State of Maryland the amount to be allowed would be something near one million two hundred thousand dollars; but by calculating it upon the principle upon which interest was reckoned for the State of Virginia, where the smallest amount of interest was allowed, it amounts to the sum which has been reported from the Committee of Claims.

Having said what I have deemed necessary to justify the Committee of Claims, to show that we have done in this case simply what has been done in the case of every other State, and which we cannot in reason refuse in this case, I now call for the vote.

Mr. BANKS. I desire one minute.

Mr. COX. I desire to say a few words.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Massachusetts. I do not think I ought to permit any more time to be taken up by debate on this bill.

Mr. MORGAN. I call for the yeas and nays upon the passage of the bill.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was then taken; and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 100, nays 62, not voting 68; as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Armstrong, Arnoll, Asper, Atwood, Axtell, Ayer, Banks, Barry, Bennett, Bingham, Booker, George M. Brooks, Buck, Buckley, Buffinton, Burdett, Benjamin F. Butler, Cassma, Churchill, William T. Clark, Sidney Clarke, Clinton L. Cobb, Coburn, Conger, Covode, Davis, Dawes, Dickey, Donley, Dyer, Ela, Farnsworth, Ferriss, Fisher, Fitch, Garfield, Gillfillan, Hale, Hamilton, Harris, Hays, Heflin, Hoar, Hooper, Jenckes, Kelley, Kellogg, Kelsey, Ketcham, Knapp, Ladin, Lash, Logan, Maynard, McCrary, McKenzie, Jesse H. Moore, Daniel J. Morrill, Samuel P. Morrill, Myers, Negley, O'Neill, Packard, Pucker, Paine, Palmer, Peck, Peters, Phelps, Platt, Poland, Pomeroy, Rooks, Sanford, Sargent, Sawyer, Schenck, William J. Smith, William Smyth, Starkweather, Stevens, Stokes, Stoughton, Strader, Strickland, Strong, Taft, Tanner, Taylor, Tillman, Twichell, Upson, Van Horn, Wallace, William F. Washburn, Wheeler, Eugene W. Wilson, and Winans—100.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Ambley, Bailey, Beaman, Bently, Beck, Benjamin, Biggs, Bird, Blair, Burchard, Burr, Cleveland, Amasa Cobb, Cox, Crebs, Cullom, Dickinson, Dox, Eldridge, Perry, Pinkenburg, Getz, Holdeman, Hambleton, Hamill, Hawkins, Hay, Thomas L. Jones, Judd, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Mayham, McGrew, McKee, McNesly, Morgan, Morphis, Mungen, Niblack, Orth, Perce, Pottor, Reeves, Schumaker, Slecum, John A. Smith, Stiles, Trimble, Tyner, Van Auken, Van Trump, Ward, Welker, Wells, Whitmore, Williams, John T. Wilson, Winchester, Wood, and Woodward—62.

NOT VOTING—Messrs. Archer, Barnum, Benton, Boles, Bowen, Boyd, James Brooks, Frederick R. Butler, Calk, Chiklin, Cook, Conner, Cowles, Decker, Dixon, Dockory, Duval, Fox, Gibson, Griswold, Haight, Hawley, Heaton, Hill, Hoge, Holman, Hotchkiss, Ingersoll, Johnson, Alexander H. Jones, Julian, Kerr, Knott, Loughridge, Lynch, McCarthy, McCormick, Mercer, Milnes, Eliakim H. Moore, William Moore, Morrissey, Newsham, Porter, Prosser, Randall, Rice, Ridgway, Rogers, Seefeld,

Shanks, Lionel A. Sheldon, Porter Sheldon, Sherrod, Shober, Joseph S. Smith, Worthington C. Smith, Stevenson, Stone, Swann, Sweeney, Townsend, Van Wyck, Voorhees, Cadwalader C. Washburn, Wilkinson, Willard, and Witcoher—68.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. SCOFIELD. I desire to state that upon this question I am paired with Mr. McCARTHY, of New York. If he were present he would vote for the bill and I would vote against it.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Massachusetts, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. HORACE PORTER, one of his Secretaries, announced that the President had approved and signed joint resolutions and bills of the following titles:

A joint resolution (H. R. No. 227) granting an American register to the British-built schooner Venilia;

A joint resolution (H. R. No. 324) granting condemned guns to the Soldiers' Monument Association of Adrian, Michigan;

An act (H. R. No. 1828) to establish the department of justice; and

An act (H. R. No. 1956) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner Cavallo Marino.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. SCHENCK. Pursuant to the notice which I gave the other day, I propose now to move to proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table.

Mr. PAINE. Before that question is put, I ask the gentleman to allow me to introduce a bill for reference and printing.

Mr. SCHENCK. I will yield for a few minutes for such business as may give rise to no debate.

#### SALE OF SEA ISLAND LANDS.

Mr. PAINE, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2289) to provide for the sale of certain lots and lands of the sea islands of Beaufort county, South Carolina, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the select Committee on Reconstruction, and ordered to be printed.

#### AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

Mr. SARGENT, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2290) to authorize the establishment of ocean mail steamship service between the United States and Australia; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

#### CARTAGE AT NEW YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Mr. COX. I ask consent to offer the following resolution, to which I think nobody will object:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be respectfully requested to answer the resolution of the House about the cartage regulations of the New York city custom-house.

Mr. MAYNARD. I must object to that, unless there is some special reason for it.

Mr. COX. There is no reason except this: my resolution on this subject was adopted by the House two months ago, and there has as yet been no response to it. I know the Secretary has finished up the business properly; but we get no response to the resolution.

Mr. MAYNARD. Unless there is an understanding that there is some purpose at the Department to ignore the previous resolution of the House, such a resolution as this is, I think, not respectful.

Mr. COX. It is a very respectful resolution.

Mr. MAYNARD. I must object.

#### RICHARD R. PEEBLES.

Mr. CLARK, of Texas, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 349) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the accounts of Richard R. Peebles,

of Austin county, Texas, late collector of the port of Galveston, Texas; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

#### BRITISH-BUILT STEAMER BAGDAD.

Mr. CLARK, of Texas, also, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 350) granting an American register to the British-built steamer Bagdad; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

#### UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRANCH.

Mr. VAN HORN, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2291) to aid in the construction of a narrow-gauge mountain railway and telegraph line from a point on the Union Pacific railroad, at or near Echo City, to the mouth of Cottonwood cañon, in the Territory of Utah; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

#### PAY OF MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

Mr. VAN HORN also, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2292) to pay members of certain military organizations therein named; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

#### EXPULSION OF W. SCOTT SMITH.

Mr. POLAND. The committee to whom was referred the resolution for the expulsion of W. Scott Smith, a correspondent, from the reporters' gallery of the House, have directed me to submit a report, and move that it be printed. I will state that the committee recommend that the resolution referred to them be laid on the table.

The motion to print the report was agreed to.

#### OVERFLOWED LANDS IN MISSISSIPPI.

Mr. BARRY, by unanimous consent, presented a memorial of the Legislature of Mississippi and a letter of J. I. Alcorna, Governor of that State, asking for aid from the United States in reclaiming the alluvial lands of the State from overflow; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

#### GOAT ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

On motion of Mr. WINANS, by unanimous consent, the Committee on the Public Lands was discharged from the further consideration of a bill (H. R. No. 1314) to settle the title to Yerba Buena or Goat Island, in the bay of San Francisco, California; and the same was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

#### RECONSIDERATION OF REFERENCES, ETC.

Mr. DAWES. I move to reconsider the various votes by which bills, joint resolutions, &c., have been referred or recommitted this morning; and also move that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

#### BUSINESS ON SPEAKER'S TABLE.

Mr. SCHENCK. In order to expedite the disposition of business on the Speaker's table, I ask unanimous consent that in the consideration of such business debate be limited to ten-minute speeches.

Mr. BENJAMIN. I cannot agree to that. There are some very important bills on the Speaker's table.

Mr. DAWES. I desire to ask the House to consent to give me an hour, by and by, for the consideration of the miscellaneous appropriation bill. I do not suppose members will desire to spend the whole day in the consideration of business on the Speaker's table. If the House will give me an hour to-day for the appropriation bill I will to-morrow move to go to the Speaker's table for an hour, and on each day, regularly, for the same time.

Mr. SCHENCK. The gentleman can accomplish what he desires by moving at any stage to go into the Committee of the Whole.