Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring thereto,) That the joint Committee on the Library be authorized and directed to inquire into the case and to prepare a portrait of the late Major General George H. Thomas, to be placed in the Capitol, as a memorial of his distinguished services to his country and the honor he has brought to a soldier citizen; and that the cost of said portrait, not exceeding $2,000, be paid in equal proportions out of the contingent funds of the two Houses of Congress.

Mr. SUMNER. Has that resolution been referred to the Committee on the Library?

Mr. HOWE. I do not see any advantage in referring the present motion to the Committee on the Library. I think it had better go to the Committee on Appropriations.

The VICE PRESIDENT. By the twenty-sixth rule resolutions which grant money out of the contingent fund of both Houses must be referred to the Committee on Appropriations. This concurrent resolution will therefore be regarded as having been read the first and second time, and it is now before the Senate as in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. SHERMAN. I hope it will be referred to the Committee on the Library.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HOWE. I propose the Senator from Ohio and I think it ought to go to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. SHERMAN. I have no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The joint resolution emanating from the joint select Committee on Appropriations, and was passed by the body and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. SHERMAN. I have no objection.

The joint resolution was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Mr. SHERMAN presented resolutions of the Legislature of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from that State to use their influence to secure the immediate intervention of the Government in behalf of American citizens now confined in British dungeons; which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

He also presented resolutions of the Legislature of Ohio, requesting the aid of Congress relative to the center water-line of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON presented the petition of Allen Wood and others, praying the enactment of a law to abolish the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Senatorial Resolution, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the petitions of H. B. Aikens, Minyard M. Sanders, Cicero C. Thompson, and John Simpkins, Jackson county, Georgia, and of W. L. Dell, Troup county, Georgia, and of C. F. Belt, Burke county, Georgia, praying the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the select committee.