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, and the Committee of Claims, in opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I believe, has risen to oppose this bill. The principal was not paid, and the Committee of Claims, in opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I believe, has risen to oppose this bill. The principal was not paid, and the Committee of Claims, in opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I believe, has risen to oppose this bill. The principal was not paid, and the Committee of Claims, in opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I believe, has risen to oppose this bill. The principal was not paid, and the Committee of Claims, in opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I believe, has risen to oppose this bill. The principal was not paid, and the Committee of Claims, in opposition of just such members as the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I believe, has risen to oppose this bill.

Mr. SCOFIELD. I desire to state that upon the question on the floor, I am prepared to support Mr. McCauley, of New York. If he were present here, I would have voted 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 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, states that the President has approved and signed joint resolutions and bills of the following titles:

A joint resolution (H. R. No. 237) granting an American register to the British-built schooner Venilia;

A joint resolution (H. R. No. 324) granting continued supplies to the Monument Association of Adrian, Michigan;

An act (H. R. No. 1289) to establish the department of justice; and

A joint resolution (H. R. No. 227) 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 of reference.

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. 2290) 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, and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, and ordered to be printed.

AUSTRIAN STEAMSHIP LINE:

Mr. SARGENT, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2300) to provide for the sale of the sea islands of Beaufort county, South Carolina, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION OF REFEREE, ETC.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Massachusetts, also, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 227) to pay money of certain military organisations therein named; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXPULSION OF W. SCOTT SMITH.

Mr. PARK, of Pennsylvania, was recognized to move for the expulsion of W. Scott Smith, a member, from the House, for misconduct in the House.

Mr. CHASE. I move to reconsider the previous vote by which the resolution was adopted, and also move that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion 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. Alcorn, Governor of that State, asking for aid from the United States in reclaiming the alluvial lands of the State from overflow; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

GOAT ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO BAY:

On motion of Mr. WINS, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Private Land Claims was discharged from the further consideration of a bill (H. R. No. 1134) to settle the title to Yerba Buena or Goat Island, in the bay of San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

RECONSIDERATION OF REFERENCES, ETC.

Mr. DAWS. I move to reconsider the previous vote by which the bill, joint resolutions, etc., 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 Public Printer'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. DAWS. I desire to ask the Speaker to allow me to move such act to the consideration of the House of Representatives, which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. CLARK, of Texas, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 230) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the accounts of Richard B. Peckford,