tion to the present consideration of the joint resolution.

Mr. CONKLING. I think such a matter as the present is best 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. RAMSAY, Mr. PATTERSON, and Mr. Abbott submitted amendments intended to be proposed to the bill (H. R. No. 364) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1868, 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 in executive session the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WRITTEN REPORT. April 5, 1869.

The House met at half-past 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. JENKINS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 371) to establish a department of justice, which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

ARLETTE LEONARD.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT

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'CAIN.

Mr. SCOFIELD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 375) 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.

REDUCTION OF ARMY OFFICERS

Mr. NUGENT 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.

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 Revision of Laws of the United States, 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 for States courtrooms, 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, 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 Post Office and Post Roads.

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 courthouse and post office at Memphis, Tennessee; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

POST COLUMBUS, COLORADO.

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LAND TITLES IN MISSOURI.

Mr. HOLMAN. 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; although I think too many bills are printed.

The order to print was accordingly made.

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