the Legislature of a State or Territory may be presented.

EXPERIMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. BLAINE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 606) to limit and control the expenditure of certain appropriations; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PROMOTION IN THE NAVY.

Mr. BLAINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 607) to amend the act of July 25, 1866, relating to promotions in the Navy; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

TAKING TOLL OF NATIONAL BANKS.

Mr. PETERS presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Maine in regard to the law of the United States providing for the taxation of the stock of national banks; which were referred to the Committees on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ABROAD.

Mr. PETERS also presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Maine in relation to the rights of naturalized citizens of the United States in foreign countries; which were read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONTRACTS PAYABLE IN COIN.

Mr. PETERD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 608) for the enforcement of contracts payable in coin; which was read a first and second time.

Mr. POLAND. I ask that this bill be read at length.

The bill, which was read, provides that in every suit or proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation or contract in writing, made after the passage of this act, for the payment of any sum in gold or silver coin, when judgment shall be rendered for the plaintiff or complainant therein the judgment shall be that the sum found due shall be paid in gold and silver coin; and the execution or other final process shall be committed for the plaintiff or complainant, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The motion was agreed to.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. BUTTWell introduced a bill (H. R. No. 609) to establish a department of justice; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ABROAD.

Mr. JENKINS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 611) concerning American citizenship and the rights of American citizens in foreign States; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN.

Mr. VAN AERNAM introduced a bill (H. R. No. 612) granting a pension to William Chamberlain, a soldier of the war of 1812, which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary War Pension's and of the War of 1812.

DUNKIRK HARBOR, NEW YORK.

Mr. VAN AERNAM also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 613) making an appropriation for

the completion of the improvements of the harbor at Dunkirk, New York, which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

RAILROAD FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK.

Mr. KELSDY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 621) to authorize the building of a military and naval railroad from Washington, District of Columbia, to the city of New York; which was read a first and second time.

Mr. KELSDY also referred the bill to the select committee of five.

SPALDING. I move to amend so as to refer the bill to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. If the Committee on Roads and Canals have a proposition of that kind before them now I must object to the motion for a special committee.

Mr. KELSDY. I hope it will be referred to a special committee.

Mr. WINDOM. I suggest to the gentleman from New York to modify his motion so as to increase the committee to nine.

Mr. KELSDY. I accept that as a modification of my motion.

The SPEAKER. Under the rules the first question will be on reference to the standing committee.

Mr. HOLMAN. Let us know what we are voting on.

Mr. KELSDY. It is substantially the same proposition passed in the Thirty-Ninth Congress. There are a few amendments. I think every member will favor the object in view.

The House divided on the question of reference to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and there were—ayes 42, noes 26; no quorum voting.

The SPEAKER ordered tellers; and appointed Mr. KELSDY and Mr. SPALDING. The returns were made; and the tellers reported—ayes 57, noes 38.

Mr. KELSDY demanded the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered to be printed.

Mr. HOLMAN. Is it in order to move to lay the bill on the table?

The SPEAKER. It is not, as during the morning hour on Monday bills and resolutions can only be introduced for reference.

So the bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

MRS. ALICE DRYER.

Mr. PEIRRISS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 614) for the relief of Alice Dryer; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

NATURALIZATION.

Mr. ROBINSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 615) extending the provisions of the act of July 17, 1852, for naturalization of soldiers, to those who enlisted in the naval and marine service of the United States; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CHRISTINE KINSEL.

Mr. MILLER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 616) granting a pension to Christine Kinsel, widow of Erastus Kinsel, deceased, late fifty-seventh regiment Pennsylvania volunteers; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

GENERAL WARD H. BURNETT.

Mr. MILLER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 617) granting a pension to Lloyd H. Burnett; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

JACOB GATES.

Mr. MORGILL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 618) providing for the relief of Jacob Gates; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

DAVID WRIGHT.

Mr. MOORES introduced a bill (H. R. No. 619) to regulate the construction of private canals in the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Post Roads.

REGISTRATION OF VESSELS.

Mr. BUCKLAND introduced a bill (H. R. No. 620) to repeal section five of an act entitled "A law concerning the registration of ships or vessels," approved December 31, 1792; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

NATIONAL CURRENCY.

Mr. BUCKLAND also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 621) to regulate the national currency and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. WEICKER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 622) to regulate the construction of private buildings in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

MAIL ROUTES IN OHIO.

Mr. BINGHAM introduced a bill (H. R. No. 623) to establish a mail route from Cumberland to Caldwell; in the State of Ohio; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. MUNGER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 627) to abolish the post from Piqua, Ohio, to New Bremen, Ohio, and the post route from New Bremen to Anna Station, via the Dayton and Michigan railroad; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

ISSUE OF LEGAL TENDERS.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of Indiana, introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 188) to authorize the issue of $10,000,000 legal-tender notes in support of the deficieny in the currency caused by the canceling of legal-tender and compound-interest notes; which was read a first and second time.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of Indiana. I ask to have it referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

SPALDING. I move to lay it on the table.