tion to the present consideration of the joint resolution.

Mr. CONKLING. I think such a matter as this should be 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. CANDLER, Mr. RAMSEY, Mr. PATTERSON, and Mr. ABBOTT submitted amendments intended to be proposed to the bill (H. R. No. 354) making appropriations and to suspend deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870; which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. DRAKE. I move my motion that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was agreed to; and at some time in the executive session the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, April 5, 1869.

The House met at half-past eleven o'clock. 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 memorial and resolutions of States and territorial Legislatures are in order.

PRINTING OF DEBATES.

Mr. ELLA introduced a bill (H. R. No. 370) to provide for printing the Congressional Record; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Mr. JENKINS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 371) to provide for the establishment of a department of justice; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF BANKRUPTCY.

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 Revenue, 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.

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