passage of this bill. I know the influence behind this bill. It is an influence that is not controllable, and the influence the country will not submit long to legislation put through under such influences and for such purposes.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is, Shall the amendment be agreed to be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

Mr. BRANDEGEE (when his name was called). I am paired with the senior Senator from Tennessee [Mr. SHIELDS]. In his absence and not knowing how he would vote if present, I withhold my vote.

Mr. COLT (when his name was called). I am paired with the senior Senator from Delaware [Mr. SAULSBURY]. As he, if present, would vote 'yea,' I feel at liberty to vote, and therefore vote 'yea.'

Mr. CUMMINS (when his name was called). I have a pair with the Senator from Illinois [Mr. LEWIS]. If he were present, he would vote 'yea.' If I were at liberty to vote, I should vote 'nay.'

Mr. SMITH of Michigan (when his name was called). I have a pair with the Senator from Missouri [Mr. REZA]. In his absence and not knowing how he would vote if present, I withhold my vote.

Mr. WARREN. M y colleague [Mr. KENDRICK] is unavoidably absent. I therefore ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of House bill 13274.

The motion was agreed to; and the Vice President appointed Mr. MARTIN of Virginia, Mr. OVERMAN, and Mr. WARREN conferees on the part of the Senate.

VALIDATION OF WAR CONTRACTS.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. Mr. President, I am going to ask unanimous consent to take up a bill for consideration, but I am not going to ask that it be considered to-day. I should like to have it proceeded with the next time the Senate convenes; and I therefore ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of House bill 13274.

Mr. PENROSE. What is the bill?

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. It is a bill to validate contracts that have been informally made. After it has been made the unbusiness I shall ask that it shall be laid aside until the next convening of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senate move to take it up now?

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. I do.

Mr. WEEKS. Mr. President, it is impossible to hear what is being said.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from Oregon moves that the Senate proceed to the consideration of House bill 13274. The motion was agreed to; and the Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 13274) to provide relief where formal contracts have not been made in the manner required by law, which had been reported from the Committee on Military Affairs with an amendment.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. Mr. President, I ask that the bill be laid aside until the next convening of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.