

DIFFICULTIES. FIGHT OVER THE APPOINTMENT BILL IN THE HOUSE.

10:45, when the monotony of the proceedings was broken by the appearance of the sergeant-at-arms appearing with Representatives Hutchins, Thompson and Morse in custody, and a lively time ensued as to the punishment, consideration of the bill occupied the time until midnight, when a motion to dispense with further proceedings under the call was defeated.

Fillibustering Tactics Adopted by the Republicans--Lots of Fun, but no Progress Made at 2:40 This Morning--Senate Adjournment as a Testimonial of Respect to Its Deceased Associate--Secretary Sherman's Plan for Preventing Contractions Under the New Funding Bill--The River and Harbor Appropriations Increased \$600,000 by the Senate Committee--General Capital News.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.--Immediately after reading the journal the Senate received in mournful silence the announcement by Senator Cameron, of Wisconsin, of the death of his late colleague, Matthew H. Carpenter. Senator Cameron stated that at some convenient time hereafter the Senate would be asked to consider resolutions commemorative of the life and public services of the dead Senator. After an expression of his sorrow for the loss of his colleague and friend, and an appeal to the members of the Senate, which the people of Wisconsin would feel in the death of their most gifted and distinguished representative, Mr. Cameron offered the following: Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. M. H. Carpenter, late a Senator from Wisconsin, and that a committee of five Senators be appointed by the Vice President to take an order for superintending the funeral of Mr. Carpenter, and that as a mark of respect the Senate do hereby resolve that the remains be removed from Washington to Milwaukee in charge of the sergeant at arms and attended by said committee, who shall have full power to carry the resolution into effect and that the Secretary of the Senate communicate the foregoing to the House of Representatives and that as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate adjourn.

Senator Fendleton, in seconding the resolution, spoke of the deep sensibility with which he was sure every member of the Senate had received notice just made and their full share in the sentiment of sorrow expressed. The resolutions were adopted and the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.--Mr. Baker reported back the fortification appropriation bill with the Senate amendments, and recommending concurrence in some and non-concurrence in others. Report agreed to.

Mr. Cox demanded the regular order, being the consideration of the appropriation bill. Mr. Burroughs raised the question of consideration. At first it was proposed to put it on the second roll call, they, at Mr. Cox's suggestion, cast their votes in the negative. The vote was yeas 144, nays 68, so the House determined to proceed to consideration of the appropriation bill.

Mr. Cox demanded the previous question, but Robeson and Conger asked further time to be permitted to debate.

Mr. Cox thereupon offered to yield to the Republican side of the house the time to withdraw an amendment to the bill, the previous question had been seconded, but this offer was declined by Conger.

Mr. Robeson stated that there had been six more speeches on the Democratic side than on the Republican side, a Republican on the Democratic side, and a Democrat on the Republican side. The demand for the previous question being repeated, Robeson asserted that the Republicans meant to have a free debate, or set there until they got it.

Mr. Cox yielded to Ryan of Pennsylvania, to offer an amendment and a short colloquy ensued between the speaker and Conger as to the admissibility of the amendment, the speaker deciding it might be offered.

Mr. Robeson wished to understand whether the amendment was intended to put in all their amendments or refuse to allow his side to do so. Mr. Cox replied the Republicans offered amendments fixing the representation at 319.

Mr. Ryan's amendment was then offered. It was a motion to divide any county or parish, when any district shall consist of more than one county or parish.

A vote was then taken on ordering the main question, and resulted 136 to 10, one less than a quorum. The speaker then put in the affirmative, thus making a quorum. The Republicans who voted were Dick, in the affirmative, and Robinson, Kittinger, Washburn and Taylor, Ohio, in the negative.

The Republicans then moved to dilatory motions, Mr. Conger moving to adjourn, and to adjourn to a day certain, and Page, Cal., moving for a recess, pending which, on motion of Mr. Atkins, the Senate amendments to the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bills were not considered.

A motion being put to adjourn to a day certain, Saturday, no quorum voted and a call of the House was ordered. Although the roll call disclosed the presence of 261 members, more than a quorum, the speaker put in a resolution adopted directing the sergeant-at-arms to enforce the attendance of members.

Then all business was suspended, and the House listlessly awaited the arrival of the sergeant-at-arms with the absentees. The members congregated in groups, smoking and chatting, now and then interrupting the monotony of the proceedings with points of order, which had the effect of raising a laugh and sending the absentees to their seats. When an hour and a half had passed, and but one member, Camp, had been brought by the sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Conger moved further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, stating it was the late Senator Carpenter. On a vote by tellers this motion was defeated, 110 to 111.

Mr. Springer submitted a proposition that the subject should be postponed until to-morrow, that the Republicans should be allowed two hours for debate and that then a vote should be taken on the bill and amendment.

Mr. Conger suggested the subject would come up to-morrow as unfinished business and to adjourn to the contrary. Before a lively controversy arose between Conger and the speaker as to whether the main question had been ordered on the bill. The speaker maintained it had, and Conger appealed to the yeas and nays. Before a final decision had been reached on this point a vote was taken on a motion to dispense with further proceedings under the call, and it was defeated--yeas 121; nays 155. The House then relapsed into its former condition of indifference to the regular session of the House. His leave of absence was granted.

There was another roll call and then for about an hour the members gathered in groups in the area and salutes and endeavoring to come to an agreement to the bill. A division of figures of State populations from 301 to 325 were made so as to ascertain whether the fraction left over would be large enough to entitle a State to an additional member because the seemed the special advantage after which all were striving, but it was all in vain, the resulting fractions would not come out so as to give advantage to every State, and consequently the magical figure remained undiscovered.

Various suggestions of compromise, none acceptable, which occupied the time until

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