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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, March 19.

HOUSE.

The Speaker proceeded, as the first business in order, to call the States for bills and joint resolutions.

A joint resolution was introduced last Monday by Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, on reconstruction. It was taken up, read twice and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Bundy, of Ohio, introduced a bill to amend the pension act of July 14, 1862, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Randall, of Kentucky, introduced a bill further to provide for the payment of certain demands for quartermasters' stores, etc., furnished to the army of the United States, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Baker, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution, upon which there was similar action.

Mr. McClung, of Missouri, introduced a joint resolution for the representation in Congress of the States lately in rebellion, and for the resumption of the practical relations of said States to the United States, upon which the same action was taken.

Mr. Hooper introduced the following bill:

"*Be it enacted, etc.*, That the act entitled 'an act to provide ways and means to support the Government,' approved March 3, 1865, shall be extended and construed to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to sell any description of bonds authorized by said act, at such rates, not less than par, as he may think advisable for lawful money of the United States, or to receive in payment any treasury notes, compound interest notes, certificates of indebtedness or of deposit, or of the interest accrued thereon, which have been or which may be issued under any act of Congress. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to retire and cancel an amount of the treasury notes, certificates or other obligations bearing interest equal in amount to the bonds disposed of, and the public debt shall not hereafter be increased by authority of this or any previous acts of Congress, and from and after the first day of July next the interest on certificates of deposit for temporary loans shall not exceed the annual rate of five per centum. The bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Elliott introduced a bill for the settlement of the accounts of certain public officers. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kasson introduced a bill to amend an act of July 1st, 1862, for the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean. Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Bidwell, of California, introduced a bill to enable the State of California to reclaim the public lands in that State at the received price. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Davis, of Pennsylvania, introduced the following resolutions, and demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That the United States cannot guarantee the bonds of the Mexican or any other Government without impairing its own credit and imposing new burdens upon its people.

Resolved, That the sacred faith of the American people is pledged to the payment of our debt, and that it is unwise to complicate our financial affairs by the assumption of the obligations of other countries.

Resolved, That the true policy of the United States is, in the language of Jefferson, "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."

The resolutions, under the rule, were laid over for the present.

Mr. Winslow, of Minnesota, introduced a joint resolution, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to pay certain claims out of the balance of any appropriations for the expenses of Indian affairs in Utah Territory. Read twice and referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Latham, of Iowa, introduced a bill relative to Guardian Secretary of the District of Columbia. Read twice and referred to Committee on District of Columbia.

Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution, appropriating $30,000 for the survey of Rock river, in Illinois and Wisconsin, with reference to water communications between that river and the great lakes. Read twice and referred to Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kelso, of Missouri, introduced a bill to extend the provisions of an act for calling out volunteers to the 15th and 16th regiments of Missouri volunteer cavalry. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Austin introduced the following concurrent resolution and moved the previous question:

Resolved, Senate concurring, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Representatives, adjourn their respective Houses for the present session on Thursday the (——) day of May, at 1 o'clock, noon. The previous question was seconded.

The vote was taken, and resulted as follows: ayes 86, nays 34; so the resolution was passed.

Mr. Coffroth, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to report at an early day a bill to equalize the bounties of all soldiers and sailors who were mustered into the service of the United States.

Mr. Van Horn, of Missouri, introduced a bill for the relief of loyal settlers on the public domain. Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill relating to the currency of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution declaring that, in the opinion of the House of Representatives, the representatives from the late rebel States, who can take the required oath, are entitled to their seats, and should be admitted as members of the House