

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS DISCUSSED IN THE SENATE.

Adjournment of the House on Account of the Death of Representative Hahn.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Senate this morning agreed to a resolution to appoint the Rev. J. G. Butler, D.D., of Washington, chaplain of the Senate.

Among petitions presented and referred to committees, was a number from local assemblies of Knights of Labor throughout the country favoring the building of the Hennepin canal. Also, memorials of the Knights of Labor protesting against the denial of the extra pay which had been provided for by law for workmen in the government service who work more than eight hours per day.

In presenting one of these memorials Senator Ingalls said the complaint was just one, and the nation had been disgraced by the violation of the law complained of in the memorial.

Senator Ingalls submitted a joint resolution proposing constitutional amendment providing that the 30th of April shall be the day for the beginning of the successive administrations of the government hereafter, instead of the 4th of March. It was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Hahn caused the electoral count bill, but yielded to Senator Van Wyck in order that that Senator might call up the House bill increasing the pensions of widows and dependent relatives of deceased soldiers.

On motion of Senator Van Wyck that bill was taken up. The bill, as it came from the House, increased the pensions of widows of soldiers from \$8 to \$12 a month. The Senate committee amended the bill so as to increase the pensions of minor children from \$2 to \$4 a month. Senator Van Wyck said the Senate had already been charged, wrongfully charged, he thought, with neglect of duty in not speedily raising the increase of the classes of pensions provided for by this bill.

The bill, he said, ought to be passed at once. He had an amendment which he would propose, to extend the time of pensions for insane or idiotic minor children, so as to cover the entire period of such insanity or idiocy.

Senator Swell said the House bill was a simple proposition to raise the pensions of widows and dependent relatives from \$8 to \$12 a month. The Senate committee had thought it germane to the bill to increase the pension for minor children from \$1 to \$4 a month, and to provide that the time for the continuance of the child's pension should be extended from sixteen to eighteen years of age.

Senator Logan hoped the Senate would pass the bill, as it came from the House. If the bill were to go back to the House with amendments some doubts might arise as to its passage.

Senator Harrison agreed with Senator Logan. He hoped Senator Van Wyck would ask for a reconsideration and leave the amendments to come up hereafter.

Senator Van Wyck could see no propriety in attaching to the bill whatever was germane to it. Senator Van Wyck then formally moved his amendment providing that the pensions of children who are idiotic or insane should continue during the existence of such idiocy or insanity.

Senator Payne opposed the amendment. If the bill were passed as it came from the House something would be accomplished. Amendments endangered its early passage.

Senator Van Wyck's amendment was agreed to—yeas, 25; nays, 22. The bill then went over until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives announced the death of Representative Hahn of Louisiana, and Senator Calhoun, who had taken the floor to speak on the Edmunds resolutions, gave way to Senator Easton, who moved the customary resolutions of regret, on the adoption of which the Senate adjourned in memory of the deceased, adjourned.

The House. Immediately after reading the journal the House adjourned, out of respect to the memory of Representative Michael Hahn, of Louisiana.

Bureau of Animal Industry. The House Committee on Agriculture to-day instructed Representative Hatch to report favorably a bill prepared by him amendatory of the act establishing a Bureau of Animal Industry, and providing means for the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle. The limit of twenty persons as the number of employees to be allowed in the Bureau of Animal Industry is removed and the number is left discretionary with the Commissioner of Agriculture. The chief amendment to the bill is in section 3, which relates to the suppression of contagious and infectious diseases. This section, as amended, is as follows: Sec. 3.—That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture to prepare such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the speedy and effectual suppression and extirpation of such diseases, and to certify such rules and regulations to the executive authority of each State and Territory, and invite said authorities to co-operate in the execution and enforcement of this act.

Whenever the plans and methods of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be accepted by any State or Territory in which pleuro-pneumonia or other contagious, infectious or communicable disease is declared to exist, and whenever the Governor of a State or other properly constituted authorities signify their readiness to co-operate in the execution of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease in conformity with the provisions of this act, the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorized to expend so much of the money appropriated by this act as may be necessary in such investigations as he may deem necessary to be made in connection with the disease, and in such dissection and other means of protection as may be necessary to extirpate the disease, provided that the Commissioner of Agriculture shall cause special investigations to be made as to the existence of pleuro-pneumonia, foot and mouth diseases and rinderpest in any part of the United States where he may have reason to suspect their existence, and upon the discovery of any of these diseases the Commissioner of Agriculture, with the consent, approval and co-operation of the Governor or other properly constituted authority of the State where such diseases shall be found shall cause the appraisal of the animals or animals affected with or that have been exposed to such disease, and under the laws of the State providing for condemning private property for public use shall

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