

OREGON BRANCH, PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. FITCH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1590) to aid in the construction of the Oregon branch, Pacific railroad; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

LAND DISTRICT IN NEBRASKA.

Mr. TAPPE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1591) to create an additional land district in the State of Nebraska; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

WAGON-ROADS IN NEW MEXICO.

Mr. CHAVES introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1592) granting land to aid in the construction of wagon-roads in the Territory of New Mexico; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

SURVEYS IN NEW MEXICO.

Mr. CHAVES also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1593) to expedite the survey of certain lands; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The SPEAKER. The call of States and Territories for the introduction of bills and joint resolutions having been concluded, the next business during the morning hour is the call of States and Territories, beginning with the State of Illinois, for the introduction of resolutions.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF 1812.

Mr. HAWLEY introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 204) relating to obtaining statistics of surviving soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812; which was read a first and second time.

The joint resolution proposes to direct the Secretary of the Interior to include in the instructions to the United States marshals for taking the census during the present year directions to obtain the following statistics respecting the surviving officers, soldiers, and sailors of the war of 1812, and the surviving widows of deceased officers, soldiers, and sailors of that war: the name and age of each surviving officer, soldier, or sailor; the name of the deceased officer, soldier, or sailor whose widow survives; the date of enlistment and length of service, with name of company and regiment or vessel in which service was rendered, as nearly as may be, of each officer, soldier, or sailor, and of each deceased officer, soldier, or sailor whose widow survives; what pension, if any, the surviving officer, soldier, or sailor, or his widow, is receiving.

Mr. HAWLEY. I demand the previous question.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and under the operation thereof the joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. PAINE. I call for the yeas and nays on the passage of the resolution.

The yeas and nays were not ordered.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio. I ask my friend from Illinois to withdraw this proposition until we take up the census bill, which will probably come up during to-day.

The SPEAKER. No debate is in order.

On the passage of the joint resolution there were—ayes 52, noes 40; no quorum voting.

The SPEAKER, under the rule, ordered tellers; and appointed Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. GARFIELD of Ohio.

The House divided; and the tellers reported—ayes eighty-six, noes not counted.

So the joint resolution was passed.

Mr. WILLARD moved to reconsider the vote by which the joint resolution was passed; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

SINKING FUND.

Mr. CREBS submitted the following resolution, on which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to furnish to this House, at as early a day as practicable, a statement showing the amount and description of bonds purchased by him since the 1st day of July, 1869, on account of the sinking fund; and also at what dates and at what prices the same were purchased; and also what amount and what description of bonds have been purchased in addition on account of the liquidation of the public debt since the date aforesaid, and at what prices the same were purchased.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and under the operation thereof the resolution was adopted.

Mr. CREBS moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

BANK CIRCULATION.

Mr. BURCHARD submitted the following resolution, on which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That the business interests of the southern and western States imperatively require a greater amount of circulating currency to be issued in those States; that a distribution of national banking circulation by which three fourths of the entire amount is issued to associations in States having in the aggregate less than one third of the population of the Union is partial and unjust, and should be remedied by a redistribution, or allowing an increase of existing bank circulation in States and Territories having less than their due share, so that each part of the Union can secure its just proportion.

Mr. SCHENCK. I hope the resolution will be referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 45, noes 44; no quorum voting.

The SPEAKER, under the rule, ordered tellers; and appointed Mr. BURCHARD and Mr. SCHENCK.

Mr. VAN TRUMP. I rise to a parliamentary question. Is that resolution divisible?

The SPEAKER. The Chair is of the opinion that the resolution is divisible.

The House again divided; and the tellers reported—ayes 59, noes 63.

So the House refused to second the demand for the previous question.

Mr. SCHENCK. I move that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. SCHENCK moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was referred; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

INTERNAL REVENUE BALANCES.

Mr. CULLOM submitted the following resolution, on which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to furnish this House a statement of the balance due from collectors of internal revenue who are not now in office as such balances appear on books of the accounting officers of his Department on the 30th day of June, 1869; and that he also inform this House how many and what amount of such balances have been paid since the 30th day of June, 1869, stating the names of the persons from whom such balances are due and the names of the persons who have paid the balances against them since the commencement of the present fiscal year.

Mr. BROOKS, of New York. Why not include those now in office?

Mr. CULLOM. There is no necessity for doing it.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 49, noes 30; no quorum voting.

The SPEAKER, under the rule, ordered tellers; and appointed Mr. CULLOM, and Mr. BROOKS of New York.

The House again divided; and the tellers reported—ayes 72, noes 60.

So the previous question was seconded.

The main question was ordered; and under the operation thereof the resolution was adopted.

Mr. CULLOM moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

FREEDMEN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY.

Mr. COOK introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1595) to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company," approved March 3, 1865; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES AT SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Mr. LOGAN submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to the adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the use of said organization, all of the stereotype plates used in the publication of the book entitled "Memorial Ceremonies at the Graves of our Soldiers," which were delivered to him by Frank Moore, and are now at the disposition of the House.

Mr. LOGAN moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

ROBERT BRIGHAM.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported back House bill No. 1115, for the relief of Robert Brigham, late postmaster at Franklin, Pennsylvania; and the same was referred to the Committee of Claims.

UNITED STATES BONDS.

Mr. WILLIAMS submitted the following resolution, on which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That while it is the duty of Congress to provide for the funding of the national debt at a lower rate of interest, and to extend the time for its payment to a period at which it will be the least oppressive to the people, it is also the sense of this House that the interest-bearing debt of the United States should not be increased by causing a surrender of any part of our present circulating medium, not bearing interest, and the substitution therefor of interest-bearing bonds.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and under the operation thereof the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

GRANTS OF LANDS.

Mr. HOLMAN submitted the following resolution, on which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this House the policy of granting subsidies in public lands to railroad and other corporations ought to be discontinued; and that every consideration of public policy and equal justice to the whole people requires that the public lands of the United States should be held for the exclusive purpose of securing homesteads to actual settlers under the homestead and preemption laws, subject to reasonable appropriations of such lands for the purposes of education.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and under the operation thereof the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

TROOPS IN KANSAS.

Mr. KERR submitted the following resolution, on which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not deemed prejudicial to public interests, to inform the House whether any portion of the military forces of the United States have been sent into the counties of Bourbon, Crawford, and Cherokee, in the State of Kansas, and if so, when, what number, for what purpose, and on whose procurement; and also whether they have been required to erect there any winter