Hagerstown, Md., favoring the building of war vessels in the navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. RIXEY: Petition of Mary V. and Susan P. Keith, of Virginia, asking that their claim be referred to the Court of Claims under the Bowman Act—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, paper to accompany bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Mrs. S. W. Skinker, of Fauquier County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. RYAN: Petition of the Iroquois Club, of San Francisco, Cal., favoring the construction of war vessels in the United States navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, petition of Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, Chicago, Ill., and J. L. Mott Iron Works, of New York, favoring the creation of a department of commerce—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. SALMON: Resolutions of Excelsior Lodge, No. 11, Phillipsburg, N. J., Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, favoring the passage of the Grosvenor anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HENRY C. SMITH: Resolutions of Polish National Society of Jackson, Mich., favoring the erection of a statue to the late Brigadier-General Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. SMITH of Illinois: Resolutions of Carpenters' Union No. 841, Carbondale, Ill., and of Carpenters' Union No. 939, of Campbell Hill, Ill., relative to settlement on public lands and reclaiming of arid lands—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. SULZER: Resolution of Typographical Union No. 17, of New Orleans, La., in opposition to House bill 5777, amending the copyright law—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of the Eight-Hour League of America, in support of a national eight-hour day—to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. YOUNG: Petition of the National Guard Association of Philadelphia, Pa., for the passage of House bill 11654—to the Committee on Militia.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, *March 28, 1902.*

The House met at 12 o'clock m. Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENTS, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker——

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. COCHRAN. I rise to ask for the consideration of the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk, which is now privileged.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the privileged resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Concurrent resolution (H. C. Res. 27).

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of War is hereby instructed to send to the House of Representatives information as to the condition of river improvements heretofore constructed on the Missouri River at a point south of St. Joseph, Mo.; whether said improvements are incomplete and, on account of their incomplete condition, in danger of destruction; and the sum necessary to complete said improvements and prevent their destruction by the encroachments of the current.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker——

Mr. PAYNE. I should like to ask if this has been reported by a committee. It would not be privileged unless it is reported by a committee or unless the time prescribed by the rule has elapsed.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will hear from the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, this is a resolution calling for information from one of the Departments of the Government. It has been in the hands of the committee for some time and not reported. I move that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of it and that it be put upon its passage.

Mr. PAYNE. The question is, How long has it been before the committee?

Mr. COCHRAN. More than a month.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Missouri moves to discharge the Committee on Rivers and Harbors from the further consideration of the resolution and to consider the same in the House.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to amend the resolution by striking out the word "concurrent" and inserting the word "House."

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Missouri moves to strike out the word "concurrent" and insert the word "House," so that it will receive consideration as a House resolution. This will involve another amendment, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike out "concurrent" and insert "House."

In lines 1 and 2, after the word "Resolved," strike out the words "by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)."

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, is the resolution open to amendment?

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from Missouri yield to the gentleman from New York?

Mr. COCHRAN. What is the gentleman's suggestion?

Mr. PAYNE. I suggest to the gentleman from Missouri to insert the word "requested" instead of "instructed." It will answer the same purpose, and will be the usual form.

Mr. COCHRAN. I make no objection to such a change.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the word "instructed" will be changed to "requested." Is there objection?

There was no objection.

Mr. MERCER. Mr. Speaker, I suggest to the gentleman from Missouri that he change the form of his resolution so that it will call for the information he has suggested with reference to all the improvements south of Sioux City, Iowa, rather than St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. COCHRAN. I have the great honor to represent only a very small part of that vast territory, and I do not feel called upon to extend my jurisdiction.

Mr. MERCER. Will the gentleman accept an amendment of that sort?

Mr. COCHRAN. I prefer not to.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the amendment to the title will be agreed to.

There was no objection.

DUTIES PAID IN PORTO RICO.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (H. R. 11096) to refund the amount of duties paid in Porto Rico upon articles imported from the several States from April 11, 1899, to May 1, 1900, to confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to render judgment thereon, and making an appropriation therefor.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Maine asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of a bill which the Clerk will report.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims of the United States of all claims against the United States arising out of the payment of customs duties to the military authorities in the island of Porto Rico upon articles imported from the several States, which articles were entered at the several ports of entry in Porto Rico from and including April 11, 1899, to May 1, 1900, and the Court of Claims is empowered and directed to ascertain the amounts of such duties paid during said period and to enter judgment against the United States for the several amounts so paid, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the several dates of payment of such duties to the dates of such judgments, respectively, in all actions for the recovery of such duties now pending in the Court of Claims and in all actions for the recovery of such duties which may be brought in said court within six months from the date of the passage of this act.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I desire to have the amendment of the committee amended by striking out all after the word "read."

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend until consent has been given by the House. Is there objection?

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. Will the gentleman make some explanation of the bill?

Mr. PAYNE. Reserving the right to object, I want to say a word. This bill, in my judgment, should have gone to the Committee on Ways and Means, because it is a bill affecting the revenue, and I do not think that it gives the Committee on the Judiciary jurisdiction of the bill from the fact that it provides for a recovery in the Court of Claims. But the bill was reported by the Committee on the Judiciary before the Ways and Means Committee was aware that any such bill was before the House.

In the meantime the parties interested in this matter had appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means and stated the facts in reference to these claims; and I think, so far as I know, the Committee on Ways and Means were not opposed to this refund of duty, duties paid in Porto Rico, which under the decision of the Supreme Court ought not to have been exacted. The bill provides also for the payment of interest. The parties would be entitled to interest if they could get jurisdiction of the collector, but the General Government has sent General Davis——

Mr. SULZER. Mr. Speaker, I ask for order. It is impossible to hear what the gentleman says.

The SPEAKER. The House will be in order. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. PAYNE. The General Government has, as I said, in the meantime sent the collector, who was General Davis, of the

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Regular Army, to the Philippine Islands, and the parties can not, of course, reach him to bring him before the courts of the United States. If they had been able to serve process upon him, they would have been able to collect these claims and interest upon them, because it is the uniform rule. I do not, therefore, regard this as setting a precedent of the collection of interest on claims, as that is a subject that has been settled by the courts and Congress wherever suits have been commenced and judgment has been given against the Government for the claim and the interest on the claim. For that reason I do not interpose any objection to the consideration of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. Now, I move to amend the committee amendment by striking out all of the committee amendment after the word "read" and inserting in lieu thereof the following——

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state that the copy of the bill at the desk does not indicate any committee amendment.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. I move to strike out the title and insert in lieu thereof the amendment which I send to the Clerk's desk. It simply changes the reading of the title.

The SPEAKER. That will come after the bill has been considered and passed.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. Very well.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Maine now moves the following amendment to the title.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amend the title so as to read:

"A bill to confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to render judgments for the principal and interest in actions to recover duties collected by the military authorities of the United States upon articles imported into Porto Rico from the several States between April 11, 1899, and May 1, 1900."

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered to the amendment offered by the committee.

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. LITTLEFIELD, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was laid on the table.

MILITARY RESERVATION AT BATON ROUGE, LA.

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 11636) providing for the transfer of the title to the military reservation at Baton Rouge, La., to the Louisiana State University and Agricultural College.

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transfer to the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Baton Rouge, La., full and complete title to the buildings and grounds of the United States barracks at Baton Rouge for the purposes of said university and college, except that portion of said ground that lies westward of a line 100 feet east of the center of the railroad track of the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company, and said excepted land may be used and occupied by said railroad company, and should said railroad cease to use and occupy said land, then the possession shall revert to said university.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 3, page 2, strike out the word "possession" and insert the word "title."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. PAYNE. Reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the gentleman how much land this gives away?

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. I will state, Mr. Speaker, that in 1886 the Government gave the university this land. It has been its home for fifteen years. It is on it and occupying it and everything on it. It is about 210 acres. It has already been disposed of by the Government, and nothing remains now. The only reservation was that it should revert to the Government if the Secretary of War should consider it was needed for military purposes. The Secretary of War has reported that he had no such need of the land, and the institution now wants a full title, so that they can continue erecting buildings upon this land for the uses and purposes of the university.

Mr. PAYNE. Congress originally gave them the right to use it?

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. Yes, sir.

Mr. PARKER. Will the gentleman allow me to ask him a question?

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. Certainly.

Mr. PARKER. Is it not the intention of the authorities of this university to sell a part of this land?

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. It is possible they may desire to exchange a portion of it for other lands.

Mr. PARKER. To exchange it for other lands. Was not the original statute of 1886 in this form—that the United States lend or transfer to the university possession of this particular land?

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. That is true.

Mr. PARKER. Providing that it should only remain theirs so long as it was used for university purposes?

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. No, sir.

Mr. PARKER (continuing). And it provided further that it might be taken back by the Secretary of War whenever it was needed by the United States.

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. No, sir; not that. The gentleman is correct in only one particular. There is no question of the use of the university.

Mr. PARKER. I would like to have the statute of 1886 here.

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. I have it here.

Mr. LACEY. I would like to ask the gentleman why the bill was not referred to the proper committee—the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana. That question was entirely in the hands of the gentleman himself. I called upon him to get his opinion as to the jurisdiction of the committees over this particular bill. He agreed with me that the Committee on Military Affairs was the proper committee.

Mr. LACEY. The idea was that there was nothing left except a military right, and that was the only one to be extinguished.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; was engrossed and read the third time, and passed.

The amendment to the title was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was laid on the table.

CENTRAL ARIZONA RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. LACEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of House bill 11998, and in that connection I ask that a bill identical in language, passed by the Senate, may be considered in lieu of the House bill.

Mr. PAYNE. Has the House bill been reported by a committee?

Mr. LACEY. The House bill has been reported by the committee.

The SPEAKER. Has the Senate bill been reported from the committee?

Mr. LACEY. It has not, Mr. Speaker; it has come in since the House bill was reported by the House committee. It is the bill S. 4363, and is identical in language with the House bill. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate bill be substituted for the House bill.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will call the gentleman's attention to the fact that the Senate bill is not within the jurisdiction of the House.

Mr. LACEY. It can be by unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER. It would involve the discharge of the committee from further consideration.

Mr. PAYNE. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the bill be read before these various things are agreed to.

Mr. LACEY. I suggested this to prevent the reading of the bill a second time. Let the House bill be read.

The SPEAKER. What is the motion of the gentleman from Iowa?

Mr. LACEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from consideration of the bill S. 4363, the identical bill in language having been reported in the House bill.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa asks that the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from consideration of the bill S. 4363, and that House bill 11998 may be taken up and considered now. Is there objection?

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, let the bill be read first.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. I believe the title to the bill has not yet been read.

Mr. LACEY. The bill is a bill granting the Central Arizona Railway Company a right of way for railroad purposes through the San Francisco Mountain Forest Reserve. It was a bill introduced by the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. SMITH].

The SPEAKER. Without objection, and subject to further objection, the Clerk will report the Senate bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

An act (S. 4363) granting the Central Arizona Railway Company a right of way for railroad purposes through the San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve.

Be it enacted, etc., That the Central Arizona Railway Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the Territory of Arizona, is authorized to construct and maintain a railroad over and through the San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve (heretofore reserved from entry and settlement and set apart as a public reserve by William McKinley, President of the United States, by proclamation dated the 17th day of August, 1898).

Said road to be constructed upon and across the said San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve from a point at or near the town of Flagstaff, in the county of Coconino, Territory of Arizona, thence in a southwesterly direction by the most practicable route to the town of Jerome, in the county of Yavapai, Territory of Arizona, and thence in a southeasterly direction to the town of Globe, in the county of Gila, Territory of Arizona; also to construct and maintain such side tracks, extensions, switches, and spurs as may be necessary to the convenient construction, use, and maintenance of said railroad in the said counties of Coconino, Yavapai, and Gila. Said right of way being granted subject to the rules and restrictions and carrying all the rights and privileges of an act entitled "An act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States," approved March 3, 1875, said act being hereby made applicable to the right of way hereby granted: *Provided*, That no timber shall be cut by said railroad company for any purpose outside of the right of way herein granted.

Mr. LACEY. Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Senate bill be considered.

The SPEAKER. The messenger has been sent to get the Senate bill, as the House can not act on a copy. The Chair is informed that the room is closed, and the gentleman will have to withdraw his bill.

Mr. LACEY. I have a copy of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER. A copy will not do. The House must have the bill in its possession.

Mr. LACEY. Then, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the matter be passed over for the present, and I will get the bill.

COMMUTATION OF HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Mr. BURKE of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (H. R. 9037) to allow the commutation of homestead entries in certain cases and providing for fees and commissions.

The Clerk read as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That homestead settlers upon the ceded portion of the Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota who made entry subsequent to March 3, 1899, shall be entitled to the provisions of the act entitled "An act to allow commutation of homestead entries in certain cases," approved January 26, 1901, and in commuting shall only be required to pay the price provided in the law under which original entry was made.

SEC. 2. That when any homestead entry shall be commuted to cash final commissions shall be paid thereon by the entryman at the same rate as is now payable upon final homestead entries, with a like rate of commission on payments for excess acreage.

With the following amendments recommended by the Committee on the Public Lands:

Strike out section 2 of the bill and amend the title so as to read: "To allow commutation of homestead entries in certain cases."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of this bill?

Mr. PAYNE. Pending the request for unanimous consent, I wish to ask whether the bill has been reported by any committee of the House.

Mr. BURKE of South Dakota. It has been unanimously reported by the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. MADDOX. I want to reserve the right to object until we hear an explanation.

The SPEAKER. That will be understood.

Mr. BURKE of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, this bill, as I have just stated, has been unanimously reported by the Committee on Public Lands. Its passage is also recommended by the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Its object is simply to cure a defect in an act which was passed by the last Congress allowing to settlers on land formerly included within Indian reservations the right to commute upon payment of the Indian price for the land. The Department had held that, in addition to this, the settler would have to pay $1.25 an acre.

An act passed in March, 1899, relieved settlers from the payment of anything more than $1.25 an acre when commuting, but it has been held that the act of January, 1901, was not retroactive, and that for lands entered between March, 1899, and January, 1901, settlers would still be required to pay the Indian price in addition to $1.25 an acre. The present bill will affect only a dozen entries of land formerly included in the Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. I hope there will be no objection to the bill.

There being no objection the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

The amendments reported by the Committee on the Public Lands (excepting the amendment to the title) were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The SPEAKER. In the absence of objection, the proposed amendment to the title will be agreed to.

There was no objection.

On motion of Mr. BURKE of South Dakota, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was laid on the table.

F. M. VOWELLS.

Mr. SMITH of Kentucky. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (H. R. 1592) for the relief of F. M. Vowells.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the military record of F. M. Vowells, an officer in Company H, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, during the war of the rebellion, be so corrected and amended that he shall be carried on the rolls of regiment and company as a second lieutenant from July 21, 1863, the date of his commission as such, and that he be paid according to the said corrected roll.

There being no objection, the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill; which was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Kentucky, a motion to reconsider the last vote was laid on the table.

RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO MOUNTAINS FOREST RESERVE.

Mr. LACEY. I desire now to renew the request for the present consideration of the bill (S. 4363) granting the Central Arizona Railway Company a right of way for railroad purposes through the San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve. The original bill is now in the hands of the Clerk.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LACEY] asks unanimous consent to discharge the Committee on Public Lands from the further consideration of Senate bill 4363.

There was no objection.

The committee was accordingly discharged; and the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. LACEY. This bill has already been once read.

The bill was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. LACEY, a motion to reconsider the last vote was laid on the table.

LOAN OF REVOLUTIONARY TROPHIES.

Mr. HAY. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the joint resolution which I send to the desk.

The joint resolution (H. J. Res. 172) authorizing the Secretary of War to loan to the Morgan Memorial Association, of Winchester, Va., certain Revolutionary trophies at Allegheny Arsenal, Pittsburg, Pa., was read as follows:

Resolved, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to loan to the Morgan Memorial Association, Winchester, Va., the two 24-pounder boat howitzers, English (bronze), without carriages, relics of the Revolutionary war, now at the Allegheny Arsenal, Pittsburg, Pa., to be placed at the grave of Gen. Daniel Morgan.

There being no objection, the House proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution, which was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. HAY, a motion to reconsider the last vote was laid on the table.

EMANUEL KLAUSER.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a message from the President of the United States; which was read, as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I return without approval House bill No. 3762, entitled "An act for the relief of Emanuel Klauser."

This bill is similar to that in the case of James W. Howell, Senate bill No. 24, which was recently returned by me without my approval. The Howell bill did not merely authorize the President to take action, but it ordered the Secretary of War to revoke and set aside the order approving the proceedings, findings, and sentence of a general court-martial, and to grant an honorable discharge. It appeared to imply the possession by Congress of the power of overruling and reversing by statute a valid judgment. If it did not do that, it was simply an exercise of the pardoning power. It is questionable whether Congress possesses either of those powers, and when the bill directed the Secretary of War to revoke an order, Congress in fact did the thing which it ordered him to do.

The reasons for the action taken in the Howell case appear to me to be equally applicable in the present instance.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, *March 28, 1902.*

Mr. HULL. Mr. Speaker, as the chairman of the subcommittee that has had this bill in charge is not present, and as I have no knowledge whatever of the matter, I move that this message, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The motion was agreed to.

ALIDA PAYNE.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the bill (H. R. 10486) granting a pension to Alida Payne, with an amendment of the Senate.

The amendment was read.

Mr. SULLOWAY. I move that the House concur in the amendment.

The motion was agreed to.

HANNAH P. KNOWLES.

The SPEAKER also laid before the House the bill (H. R. 11418) granting an increase of pension to Hannah P. Knowles, with Senate amendment.

The Senate amendment was read.

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

The motion was agreed to.

PENSION BILLS.

Mr. SULLOWAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of bills on the Private Calendar in their order under the rule for this day.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. CAPRON in the chair, for consideration of bills upon the Private Calendar under the rule.

CALVIN A. RICE.

The first business was the bill (H. R. 3379) to correct the military record of Calvin A. Rice.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill to correct the military record of Calvin A. Rice.

Mr. TALBERT. Mr. Chairman, we have just heard read a message from the President of the United States, in which he vetoes a bill of this kind to remove a charge of desertion, and in view of the fact that he has taken that position, a position in which I agree with him, while I differ with him in most everything else, it seems to me that it would be useless for this House to continue to pass these bills. We had better displace them and let other and more meritorious bills be considered and clear the Calendar. I have looked over the Calendar, and I see on it a good many bills for the removal of the charge of desertion, to correct the military record, and to set aside verdicts of military courts.

Now, I desire as part of my remarks to insert Senate Document No. 244, which is a veto message from the President of the United States, vetoing an act to remove a charge of desertion from the naval record of John Glass. I will not take the time to read it. I will read only a short extract from it. After going on to say that no greater crime exists than that of desertion, the President says:

Under such circumstances it seems to me that to remove the charge of desertion from the Navy and give him an honorable discharge would be to falsify the records and do an injustice to his gallant and worthy comrades who fought the war to a finish. The names of the veterans who fought in the civil war make the honor list of the Republic, and I am not willing to put upon it the name of a man unworthy of the high position.

Comment is unnecessary. That language is as plain and as unmistakable as it can be made, and I am glad to see that I have at last had come to my assistance the Chief Executive of this great nation in preventing placing upon the roll of honor deserters, men who deserve nothing at the hands of the people who pay the taxes of this great nation. [Applause.]

I desire also to insert as a part of my remarks Senate Document No 257, which contains a veto message from the President of the United States upon a bill referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, an act to grant an honorable discharge from the military service to Charles H. Hawley. After saying other things, the President concludes it by this language:

I think it in the highest degree inexpedient to reverse the order of dismissal nearly forty years after the event, when it is out of the question for anyone to possess the knowledge and the means of arriving at the judgment which was possessed by the fellow-officers of the man at the time they dismissed him.

That is also unmistakable language—plain and patriotic—that can not be misunderstood, and I want to call the attention of this House and of the country to it once more.

I also want to insert as a part of my remarks Senate Document No. 258, which is a message from the President of the United States, returning with his objections the bill (S. 24) for the relief of James W. Howell. I will not read the whole of it, but will read one extract. After saying a good many other things, the President concludes it by this language:

There is perhaps no other heritage an American would so like to leave to his children as an honorable discharge for services well and gallantly performed in the civil war; and the honorable discharge thus granted to those who with blood and toil have earned it is cheapened and rendered of little worth if also granted to their unworthy brothers who have forfeited the right to receive it.

That is also plain and unmistakable language.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I want now to read an article that appeared two or three days ago in the Washington Post along that same line:

DESERTERS TO FIND NO FAVOR—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARES HIS OPPOSITION TO THEIR RESTORATION TO ROLLS.

President Roosevelt declared yesterday that so long as he is in office no deserter from the Army or Navy would find favor with him. The statement was made to Capts. Frank Bruner and Ferd. McDonough, of Lytle Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Cincinnati, who handed him a set of resolutions from the ex-Union soldiers of Cincinnati, condemning the restoration of deserters to the rolls and approving his course in vetoing certain bills recently passed by Congress.

They also arranged to present to the President at the next annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the resolutions passed by Lytle Post, thanking him for the stand he has taken in giving preference to civil-war veterans in the matter of appointments.

Now, that shows that the Grand Army men themselves are opposed to having shame and disgrace cast like a shadow over this roll by placing upon it, by the side of honest, patriotic soldiers, coffee coolers, bounty jumpers, and deserters.

I only desired in the outset of the consideration of the bills to-day to call the attention of this House and the country once more, as I have often done, to the fact that we are doing wrong when we continue this practice of removing the charge of desertion at this late day. I want to say that I have looked generally over every pension bill upon this Calendar, and when I see that a man comes up here and wants to take up the time that should be given to the consideration of meritorious bills I am opposed to it. I only submit these remarks, Mr. Chairman, and the House can do as it pleases with regard to the bill now before it.

Mr. JETT. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. TALBERT. Yes.

Mr. JETT. I want to ask the gentleman from South Carolina if he does not think the President took his cue from your position for the last ten years on this question?

Mr. TALBERT. I did not understand the gentleman's question.

Mr. JETT. Do you not think the President has taken his cue from your views in the last ten years?

Mr. TALBERT. I do not know. The dullest man in the country can be influenced by line upon line and precept upon precept, and I have certainly continued along this line in my humble way. Yet I will not claim any such thing, even in a joke, for fear that my friend from Missouri might get mad about it again. [Laughter.] Now, Mr. Chairman, I move that this bill be reported to the House with the recommendation that it lie upon the table, because if it should pass here the President will certainly veto it, and thus we shall have wasted our time. Let us go on and pass these meritorious bills which are upon the Calendar to-day.

Mr. PARKER. Does the gentleman suppose that this is a desertion case?

Mr. TALBERT. It is to correct a military record or to set aside the verdict of a court. Now, the gentleman ought not to get upon false premises himself.

Mr. PARKER. Do not you get on false premises.

Mr. TALBERT. He claims to be a lawyer, or the son of a lawyer, one or the other, or both, I do not know which.

Mr. PARKER. Will the gentleman allow me to ask him a question?

Mr. TALBERT. Why, certainly.

Mr. PARKER. Has the gentleman read the report in this case?

Mr. TALBERT. Yes, sir; I have read the reports in almost all of these cases. I do not know that I have read every report.

Mr. PARKER. Has the gentleman read this report?

Mr. TALBERT. Did the gentleman ever read the Lord's Prayer or repeat it? [Laughter.]

Mr. PARKER. Do you know anything about the facts in this case?

Mr. TALBERT. I do not know that I have read every case. I am not supposed to know. A wayfaring man, though a fool, may see some things without looking into them.

I here insert for the information of the public the three following veto messages signed by the President:

[Senate Document No. 244, Fifty-seventh Congress, first session.]

JOHN GLASS.

Veto message from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, with his objections, the bill (S. 1258) to remove the charge of desertion from the naval record of John Glass.

MARCH 11, 1902.—Read, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

I return without approval Senate bill No. 1258, entitled "An act to remove the charge of desertion from the naval record of John Glass."

There can be no graver crime than the crime of desertion from the Army or Navy, especially during war. It is then high treason to the nation and is justly punishable by death. No man should be relieved from such a crime, especially when nearly forty years have passed since it occurred, save on the clearest possible proof of his real innocence. In this case the statement made by the affiant before the committee does not in all points agree with his statement made to the Secretary of the Navy.

In any event it is incomprehensible to me that he should not have made effective effort to get back into the Navy. He had served but little more than a month when he deserted, and the war lasted for over a year afterwards, yet he made no effort whatever to get back into the war. Under such circumstances it seems to me that to remove the charge of desertion from the Navy and give him an honorable discharge would be to falsify the records and do an injustice to his gallant and worthy comrades who fought the war to a finish. The names of the veterans who fought in the civil war make the honor list of the Republic, and I am not willing to put upon it the name of a man unworthy of the high position.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, *March 11, 1902.*

[Senate Document No. 257, Fifty-seventh Congress, first session.]

CHARLES H. HAWLEY.

Message from the President of the United States, returning, with his objections, the bill (S. 336) entitled "An act to grant an honorable discharge from the military service to Charles H. Hawley."

MARCH 18, 1902.—Read, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

Senate bill No. 336, entitled "An act to grant an honorable discharge from the military service to Charles H. Hawley," is herewith returned without approval.

This is a mandatory bill, revoking the order of dismissal issued thirty-nine years ago, and directing the issuance of an honorable discharge from the Army to this man, whom his superior officers, including the Commander in Chief, Abraham Lincoln, held to be unworthy to serve in the Army of the Union thirty-nine years ago. I do not at this time express an opinion upon the constitutional questions involved in the bill. I think it in the highest degree inexpedient to reverse the order of dismissal nearly forty years after the event, when it is out of the question for anyone to possess the knowledge and the means of arriving at the judgment which was possessed by the fellow-officers of the man at the time they dismissed him.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, *March 15, 1902.*

[Senate Document No. 258, Fifty-seventh Congress, first session.]

JAMES W. HOWELL.

Message from the President of the United States, returning, with his objections, the bill (S. 24) entitled "An act for the relief of James W. Howell."

MARCH 18, 1902.—Read, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

Senate bill No. 24, entitled "An act for the relief of James W. Howell," is herewith returned without approval.

This is not a bill which confers jurisdiction. It is mandatory in its character, directing the Secretary of War to revoke and set aside the proceedings, findings, and sentence of a court-martial held thirty-seven years ago. I do not at this time express an opinion upon the constitutional questions involved in the bill. It is enough to say that this man was convicted of mutiny, sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the Army, and confined at hard labor for a term of years. A portion of the confinement was remitted by Executive clemency.

It is to the last degree improbable that now, thirty-seven years after the event, there is as good an opportunity to pass judgment upon the facts as was the case when the fellow-officers of the offender found him guilty of an offense so serious as to call for the punishment they inflicted. There is perhaps no other heritage an American would so like to leave to his children as an honorable discharge for services well and gallantly performed in the civil war; and the honorable discharge thus granted to those who with blood and toil have earned it is cheapened and rendered of little worth if also granted to their unworthy brothers who have forfeited the right to receive it.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, *March 15, 1902.*

Mr. MONDELL. Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from South Carolina admits that he has not read the report in this case and knows nothing of the case. I am satisfied that had he read the report and studied the case as the Committee on Military Affairs has studied it he would be willing for them to bring in a favorable report. This is not a case of desertion. It is clearly shown by the official records that this officer never deserted. In 1862, on general orders, he was sent to New York on recruiting service. While there, by error, as clearly shown by the official record, he was marked as absent without leave. It subsequently developed that this officer was on duty at the time, and the order of dismissal was revoked by the assistant adjutant-general on January 8, 1863, but, unfortunately, in the meantime the vacancy existing by reason of the officer's dismissal had been filled, and there was no authority in the War Department to restore him to his rank, the place having been filled. The Record and Pension Bureau of the War Department says in this case:

The order of dismissal in this case having been carried into execution, and the officer thereby finally separated from the service, it is beyond the power of any executive officer of the Government to revoke, modify, or set it aside, however unmerited or injudicious that order may be deemed to have been, or to issue for Captain Rice an honorable discharge.

It is clearly indicated by the official records—and I will not take the time of the House to read them in full—that the man was on active duty at the time the order of dismissal was issued; that this matter was brought to the attention of the officials of the War Department; that the order of dismissal was revoked; but, unfortunately, his place having been filled in the ranks, it was beyond the power of the War Department to restore him. And at this late day, after this officer had suffered long years unjustly, I believe it the duty of this House to grant him an honorable discharge—all that is asked in this bill.

Mr. STEELE. I would like to ask whether the gentleman sought to be restored at the time?

Mr. MONDELL. The officer evidently endeavored to be restored at the time, and, as I have said, an order revoking the order of dismissal and restoring him as captain to command, if a vacancy existed, was issued on the 8th of January, 1863.

Mr. STEELE. By whom?

Mr. MONDELL. By the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Army.

Mr. STEELE. Read what he says.

Mr. MONDELL. I will ask for the reading of the entire report.

Mr. STEELE. Just read what the Adjutant-General says.

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. I make the point of order, Mr. Chairman, that this bill is not a proper subject for consideration at this time.

Mr. MONDELL. I will read briefly.

Mr. STEELE. Just read the letter of the Adjutant-General.

Mr. TALBERT. Will the gentleman allow me right there?

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman yield to the gentleman from South Carolina?

Mr. MONDELL. I will say that the gentleman had considerable length of time to discuss the general subject, and I am talking about the bill.

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. I would like to have a ruling on the point of order. We are in Committee of the Whole House under the rule, and I do not think we can enlarge that rule by consent.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair is ready to rule. The Chair will rule that, this being a case that changes the military record, not being a case of desertion, it ought not to be considered at this time; but the question having been debated to the length it has, the Chair will be compelled to hold that the point of order comes too late.

Mr. MONDELL. I read the concluding paragraph of the Adjutant-General's report:

I respectfully and most earnestly request that he be reinstated and permitted to continue on duty here at the depot, thus doing justice to a meritorious officer, as well as contributing to the public interests.

And there is considerable more of the same sort.

Another paragraph of the Adjutant-General's letter is this:

Had the circumstances been known at the date of reported absence without authority, Major Sprague would undoubtedly have been called on for a report, and this officer would not have been dismissed.

Mr. Chairman, I move as a substitute for the motion of the gentleman from South Carolina that the bill be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

Mr. VANDIVER. Mr. Chairman, I desire to be heard on the bill. The statements made a moment ago in reference to the remarks of my friend from South Carolina [Mr. TALBERT] were based, I think, upon a better knowledge of the facts of the case than he possessed. I did not want it to appear in the RECORD that I was here championing the cause of deserters; but the case to which he referred was not a case of desertion at all. It was a case of setting aside the findings of a court-martial in the case of James W. Howard, a case I consider one of the most meritorious of any that has gone through the House. Mr. Howard was a faithful soldier, served something over three years in the civil war, was in many great battles of the war, and rendered efficient service. At the close of the term of enlisted men, but before his discharge had been issued, he was ordered to march in a procession with other members of the company to hear a Fourth of July oration, to be delivered by a man he had no respect for. Considering his term of enlistment had expired, the captain of the company had no right to order him to march in the procession, and, with a number of others in like condition, he refused to go.

For that offense he was jerked up before a court-martial and tried on a charge of mutiny, convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary, and put there with a ball and chain.

After having been in prison for some months he managed to get the case before the Secretary of War and the President of the United States, and the remainder of the sentence was commuted, and they were set at liberty. But the charge still remained against him, and the finding of the court-martial still remained against him. The Senate three different times passed the bill to correct that finding. The House Committee on Military Affairs has three times reported in favor of that bill. At last the Senate and House both passed the bill and sent it to the President of the United States. The President has returned it with his veto.

The general remarks made in his veto message I entirely approve, but I do not believe that either the gentleman from South Carolina or the President in writing his veto was fully acquainted with the facts of the case. I can not believe that even the President of the United States would have written such a veto message if he had been fully acquainted with the facts in the case. That is all I desire to say, and I do it in entire good humor with my friend from South Carolina. I feel sure that if he had fully investigated the case he would have been in favor of the bill itself.

Mr. TALBERT. Mr. Chairman, I want to say a word in reply to what my friend from Wyoming has said about not reading the report. The gentleman knows I have stood on the floor time after time and requested that the reports all be read in the hearing of the House, so that men could have intelligent appreciation of every bill that is brought in here from the Pension Committee and the Military Committee. But the House has run roughshod over my request in that line, and I have examined as far as I could the numerous bills and read most of the reports.

But the point I rose to make, Mr. Chairman, this morning was simply this: In view of the fact that the President of the United States has taken a decided stand against the passage of such bills,

it is a useless waste of time to pass them through the House, because he will send every one of them back with a veto message. In view of that fact, I want to call the attention of the House and the country to the utter uselessness of passing these bills. We might lay them aside and proceed with the consideration of other meritorious bills of old soldiers who were true, who stood by the flag as long as they could, and their widows after them. That is the point I want to make, and if this committee wants to overrule me, let them do it. I only want to clear my conscience and show the country that I for one stand here in opposition to such legislation. That is the point I wish to make, and my remarks have applied to no particular case, but broadcast against removing charges of desertion at this late day, and it ought to be stopped.

Mr. HAY. Does the gentleman from South Carolina think that because the President of the United States takes any position upon any subject of legislation that we should thereupon abrogate our powers to him?

Mr. TALBERT. I do not think any such thing, and the gentleman from Virginia knows that the gentleman from South Carolina does not think any such thing. He knows that because I said it was about the only thing that he has done that I agreed with him—that is, vetoing deserters' bills. When a man takes the proper position, if it is the devil, I will agree with him. [Laughter.]

Mr. HAY. If the gentleman agrees with the President, all right. I thought he said that because the President had taken that position it was no use for us to legislate any further.

Mr. TALBERT. I agree with the President in his vetoing the bills on charges of desertion; and he having taken that position, I say it is useless for us to take up the time that should be given to meritorious bills of soldiers in discussing and considering these bills. Since we have been discussing this measure we could have passed 40 deserving ones.

Mr. HAY. Has the gentleman any information that the President will veto all the bills for desertion?

Mr. TALBERT. Certainly. I read a piece from the Post of this morning, and from the statements in that article he has no consideration for a deserter, and will continue to veto the bills. This is his position, if I understand the English language.

Mr. HAY. Has the gentleman any information, or does he believe that the President would veto——

Mr. TALBERT. I have no information on that subject, because I never have been about the President and do not know that I shall be, because I do not like him and his ways. The gentleman may have been crawling around him a good deal, but I have not.

Mr. HAY. The gentleman is very much mistaken. His remark is uncalled for.

Mr. TALBERT. Well, I withdraw it if it does not fit the gentleman.

Mr. HAY. The gentleman knows that I do not "crawl around" anybody.

Mr. TALBERT. But let the gentleman not try to put me in a false position, for he ought to know that I am not fond of the White House at all.

Mr. HAY. I am not trying to do so.

Mr. TALBERT. It does seem to me that the gentleman is trying to do that, by his insinuations.

Mr. HAY. Not at all.

Mr. TALBERT. Of course I am not in harmony with everything that President Roosevelt has done, by a long sight. I have said that in this particular case he has done about the only thing in which I have ever agreed with him.

Mr. HAY. I was trying to ask the gentleman a question, but he would not let me finish it.

Mr. TALBERT. Well, go on.

Mr. HAY. My question was whether the gentleman believed, or had any information leading him to believe, that the President would veto a meritorious bill?

Mr. TALBERT. I do not believe that the President thinks there is any merit in desertion. [Laughter.] I certainly do not think so.

Mr. ESCH. The gentleman from South Carolina has stated, as I understand, that it would be useless for the House to pass these bills, because the President would veto every one of them. I wish to ask the gentleman whether he is acquainted with the fact that the President signed a desertion bill yesterday?

Mr. TALBERT. I would not be astonished at anything he might do, in view of some things he has done. The gentleman understands, of course, that Republicans are often very peculiar in their ways. I am not astonished at anything they do. I simply took the President at his word. If he has gone back on it already, I will part company with him again right away. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. MANN. Mr. Chairman, it seems to me it might be very well if this House or this Committee of the Whole should consider the attitude of the President in this matter. It will not do to say the President had his duty to perform, and Congress its duty to perform, and therefore we shall pass the bill in whatever form we please and run the risk of a veto. We must appreciate the fact that if we pass bills it is for the purpose of having them enacted into law.

Now, the President has not taken the position that he will veto all desertion bills that are passed by Congress. The position he has clearly indicated in the two veto messages he has sent to the Senate is that a desertion bill, or a bill to correct the record of an officer or private, should be a bill permitting the War Department to correct the record—not a bill requiring that to be done.

The form of the bill which has been adopted by the House in these cases is a bill directing the War Department to correct the record. Now, in these meritorious cases, like the one which is now before the House, the War Department is undoubtedly willing to correct the record. Would it not be the part of good legislation on our part to amend the bill in such a case so that it will simply permit the War Department to correct the error in the record—not direct it to do so. In some cases the President and the Department might not think the proposed correction a proper one. The position of the President is that the matter must be left in the discretion of the Department.

Now, we may say that we do not agree with that position; but if we take that position and refuse to modify the form of our bills, we might as well quit passing these bills, because the President has clearly indicated his intention to veto every bill which requires the Department, without any discretion on its part or on the part of the President, to change the record of the Department. I ask the gentleman in charge of this bill whether he is not willing to put this bill in such a form as will meet the approval of the President?

The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ESCH] has called attention to the fact that the President has signed a bill making a change in a military record. But, Mr. Chairman, that bill, after it had been vetoed, was put in the permissive form. We made the change in that case, and the bill has met the approval of the President. Why not make the change in all these cases, and not endeavor to run counter——

Mr. PARKER. Will the gentleman allow me a question?

Mr. MANN. Certainly.

Mr. PARKER. The suggestion of the gentlemen from Illinois [Mr. MANN] is new to me; and it strikes me very strongly. At the same time I see one very great difficulty in regard to following it. If bills introduced here for the purpose of correcting the military record of soldiers do not advise or request the change, but simply permitted it, may not that fact be made an excuse for urging upon the House that all these bills be passed without consideration? I see that some discretion should be left to the War Department; but at the same time it seems to me that we should never pass a bill of this kind through the House unless we are prepared to request, under the circumstances, that the action contemplated by us be taken by the Department, if it be right.

Mr. MANN. Well, Mr. Chairman, I am very much inclined to agree with my friend from New Jersey [Mr. PARKER], but here are two veto messages from the President of the United States, who, in the performance of his duty, has the right to say that he will not sign a bill in a particular form. Undoubtedly, as I suppose, he has taken that action upon the recommendation of the War Department. I do not assume that he vetoed a bill without the approbation of the Department concerning which the bill related to.

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. Mr. Chairman——

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. MANN. I do.

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. The gentleman seems to lose sight of the fact that this House is a coordinate branch of the Government. Now, if the War Department is directing the President, and if we are subjected to the will of the President, if we are subjected to the will of the Senate, if this body is subjected to the will of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, are we not therefore abdicating our powers as a legislative body if we conform to those views? [Applause.]

Mr. MANN. Well, it may be a very easy matter to say that we are abdicating our powers. I say no. We have the power to pass a bill. The President has the power to sign it or veto it, and you might as well say that he is abdicating his powers if he says he is to have no discretion as to the form of the bill. It is abdicating nobody's power. It is the action of two bodies who wish to agree on a result. If the gentleman prefers to pass bills for the mere amusement of passing them, well and good. If he wishes to legislate for the purpose of making laws, then he knows as well as I do that the House and Senate must first agree and then that the President must agree with the two Houses.

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. But let us act as an independent body representing our constituencies, and then if another

branch of the Government fails to agree with us, let the responsibility rest where it should. [Applause.]

Mr. MANN. If the gentleman prefers to pass a bill here and have it go to the Senate, and then have the Senate pass it and then go to the President of the United States, and then have him veto it and send it back and then take it up, rather than to in the first place do what the gentleman knows will be proper and pass muster, very well; but it seems to me very much like a waste of time. The point in controversy is not a point of materiality.

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. Does not the gentleman from Illinois feel that if we follow his course we will cease entirely to correct military records and fail in this body to remove any further charge of desertion?

Mr. MANN. Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PARKER] suggested that if the course suggested by the President be followed it would result in removing too many charges. The gentleman from Indiana suggests that if the same course is followed it would result in removing no charges. I do not know. I apprehend the House can take care of that matter upon each question that comes before it, but I see no objection to the passage of a bill which permits the War Department to remove an erroneous charge against an officer or private in the Army, instead of requiring them to do it.

Mr. COWHERD. Mr. Chairman——

Mr. WEEKS. Mr. Chairman——

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman yield to the gentleman from Michigan?

Mr. MANN. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. COWHERD. I want to ask the gentleman if it is not a fact that this form of bill was taken up and discussed in the House some two or three years ago, and the House then concluded not only to adopt this form, but after the discussion of the use of the word "directed," concluded that that was the proper word to use, that they did not wish to leave it in the discretion of that Department, and that they had a right to say to an executive officer that he must do a certain thing, as a matter of law.

Mr. MANN. Well, Mr. Chairman, the gentleman kindly puts his statement in the form of a question. I am not advised; but I have no doubt, if the gentleman says so, that that is the case.

Mr. COWHERD. That was my recollection, and I just wanted to know whether I was right.

Mr. SCOTT. I would like to ask the gentleman from Illinois a question, if he will yield.

Mr. MANN. Certainly.

Mr. SCOTT. Whether he understands it to be the position of the President of the United States that he will veto all bills of this character that are directory in their form, regardless of their merits?

Mr. MANN. Well, of course I do not know what the President will do, but I know that if the President is consistent he will veto every bill of this character which is directory in form, because the President gave no reason for vetoing the two bills which he has vetoed except the one that it made it directory upon the Department and left them no discretion, and the President did not consider the merits of either of those cases; and, on the contrary, the merit of at least one of the cases so strongly appeals to Congress and the President, so it has been stated here, that since the veto message was sent to Congress the bill has been repassed and has been signed by the President in a permissive form.

Mr. HAY. I would like to ask the gentleman a question.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman yield to the gentleman from Virginia?

Mr. MANN. Certainly.

Mr. HAY. I would like to ask what right the President of the United States has to direct us as to the form in which we shall draw our bills any more than we have the right to direct him what he shall do as to confirming or vetoing a bill? What right has he to tell us that we can not say that the Secretary of War, an executive officer, shall take from the record of A or B any dishonorable charge which this House or this Congress thinks ought to be taken?

Mr. MANN. The right of the President of the United States is derived from the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. HAY. To direct this House how to draw its bills?

Mr. MANN. To say that the House can not control an officer or cause to be removed a charge of desertion or correct the military record of one of its old soldiers. The only way that Congress can direct it is by the enactment of a law, and you can not enact a law without giving the President the right to sign the bill or to veto it, and the President's right is a coordinate right with that of Congress. He has the same right to veto that we have to propose, and when we know that he will reject a certain form it seems to me the policy of wisdom and proper legislation to propose a form which he will agree to, when there is, in my opinion, no great difference in the substance.

Mr. SHATTUC. I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. SHATTUC. My point of order is that it is not proper to refer to the probable action of the President with a view to influencing the action of this House. I raise that point of order, and I ask a decision on it.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair has not observed any breach of propriety in that direction. The gentleman will proceed in order.

Mr. SHATTUC. Does the Chair overrule the point of order?

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will state that the gentleman's point of order is not well taken.

Mr. SHATTUC. That is satisfactory.

Mr. MONDELL. Will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. MANN. Certainly.

Mr. MONDELL. Does the gentleman know, as a matter of fact, that there have been no bills for the correction of military records, in the form of the bill now before us, signed by the President?

Mr. MANN. I do not.

Mr. HAY. I can tell the gentleman of one such bill which has been signed by the President, and that is the bill to correct the military record of James L. Proctor.

Mr. MONDELL. I think, as a matter of fact, there have been several bills signed which were in the form of the bill now before the House. That is my impression. I may be mistaken.

Mr. HAY. Has the gentleman read the veto messages to which he refers?

Mr. MANN. I read what purported to be the veto messages, as published in the newspapers.

Mr. MONDELL. Does not the gentleman know that the President did not base his veto specifically upon the ground of the use of certain words in either the Howell or the Klauser cases, but, as he states in the Klauser case, "it appeared to imply the possession by Congress of the power of overruling and reversing by statute a valid judgment?" In this case there is nothing of the sort. The man was simply marked a deserter in error, and the record should be corrected.

Mr. MANN. My understanding of the message is that the President said it was not proper legislation, in his judgment, for Congress to direct the military branch of the Government to correct a record, but that it should be left so that they might do so if they thought the circumstances justified it.

Mr. HAY. In other words, then, the President says that we have no right to pass a law which will necessarily require or direct an executive officer, but that we must leave it in the discretion of the Secretary of War to correct this military record or not, as he sees fit, notwithstanding our action on the subject.

Mr. MANN. Well, the President, of course, did not say that we did not have the right to direct. The President, in the exercise of his constitutional authority, refused to approve a bill in a particular form, as the President, under his constitutional right, was justified in doing.

Mr. HAY. Does not the gentleman know that we now have a law under which the Secretary of War can remove these charges of desertion and correct military records, if he wants to do it?

Mr. MANN. I know quite the contrary. I know that we have no law granting to the military branch of the Government any authority of the sort. At least I know that I have been frequently told that by letter and in person by the War Department, and the report in this case states the same thing.

Mr. HAY. There is a law in certain special cases. Now, if the contention of the President is true, why do you not pass a general law giving the Secretary of war the discretion?

Mr. MANN. Of course, Mr. Chairman, I might agree with the gentleman from Virginia that that might properly de done, but that is not the question before the House.

Mr. HAY. I understand it is not. You want us to take away from this House the power to do what it has been doing for its old soldier constituents and place it in the hands of the Secretary of War, an executive officer.

Mr. MANN. Well, the gentleman states what he says I want to do in language which I did not use. I simply called the attention of the House to what seems to me to be a proper method of procedure in legislation. I called that to the attention of the House and of the friends of the bill, if they are friends of the bill and wish it to become a law.

Mr. HAY. Will the gentleman let me read to him a bill that has been approved by the President?

Mr. MANN. I should be glad to have him.

Mr. HAY. It is a very short bill:

[Private—No. 181.]

An act to correct the military record of James L. Proctor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to grant an honorable discharge in lieu of the dishonorable discharge heretofore granted to James L. Proctor, of the county of Kings, State of New York, late a private in Company F, Ninetieth Regiment of New York Veteran Volunteers: *Provided*, That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by virtue of the passage of this act.

Approved, March 20, 1902.

Now, here the President has signed a bill containing these very words. You say that he takes the other position, that as long as the word "directed" is in the bill he will not sign it.

Mr. MANN. I am frank to say it looks to me quite inconsistent with the President's approval of that bill.

Mr. HAY. Here it is.

Mr. ESCH. Will the gentleman allow me to interrupt him?

Mr. MANN. The gentleman can take his own time if he desires to speak. So far as I am concerned, I have already created much more talk than I had any idea of doing.

Mr. ESCH. I simply desire to ask the gentleman a question.

Mr. MANN. If the gentleman had just as leave that I retain the floor, I will yield to him.

Mr. ESCH. I wish simply to call your attention to the fact that the bill which the President signed yesterday, removing the charge of desertion against the military record of Stephens A. Toops, uses this language:

The Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed.

In line with the case which the gentleman from Virginia also cites.

Mr. MONDELL. Mr. Chairman——

Mr. WANGER. Will not the gentleman permit me to make a suggestion before he concludes?

Mr. MANN. I would be very glad to yield to the gentleman for a suggestion.

Mr. WANGER. I beg to suggest that there is no inconsistency meant on the part of the President when he declared that he would not approve a bill directing a department to take such action as that, the propriety of which he was not himself convinced of, and he was not convinced of the propriety of the action to be taken in this particular case.

Mr. JETT. Let me suggest. In writing each of these veto messages the President does not indicate his position on the merits or, so far as I have been able to see, discuss the facts of either of the particular cases that he has issued a veto message in.

Mr. WANGER. I beg to suggest that he does discuss the facts.

Mr. TALBERT. I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. TALBERT. A motion to lay upon the table is not debatable. My motion is to lay on the table, and the committee is wasting all this time when we might be considering bills for the old soldiers. My motion is to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. MANN. To the point of order made by the gentleman from South Carolina I make the point of order that a motion to lay a bill on the table in the Committee of the Whole House is out of order.

Mr. TALBERT. Now the gentleman is out of order. That is the only motion he can make. My motion is that the bill be reported to the House with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

Mr. MANN. That motion is debatable.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair desires to state——

Mr. TALBERT. Let me state the point of order. I moved that the bill be reported to the House with the recommendation that it lie upon the table.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman make that motion now?

Mr. TALBERT. I did make it before, but gentlemen were so much taken up with something else that it may not have been heard. I maintain that motion is not debatable.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will state that in the first of his remarks the gentleman from South Carolina did say that he made this motion—that the bill be reported to the House with the recommendation that it lie on the table—but before the Chair had an opportunity to put that question to the House and state that that was the motion before the House the gentleman from South Carolina, because of interruptions perhaps, went on with his remarks. Therefore, the motion of the gentleman not having been recognized by the Chair, the Chair does not recognize it as having been made, and the gentleman from Illinois has the floor. [Laughter.]

Mr. MANN. Mr. Chairman, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Wyoming.

Mr. MONDELL. Mr. Chairman, I made a motion, supposed to be an amendatory motion to that of the gentleman from South Carolina, to the effect that the bill be laid aside with a favorable recommendation. If the motion of the gentleman from South Carolina was not entertained, then I make my motion as the first and principal motion. I can not agree with the views of the gentleman from Illinois. In the first place, I do not believe it would be wise for the House to depart from the use of the language that has been used for many years in cases of this character.

The CHAIRMAN. Will the gentleman suspend for a moment until the Chair has an opportunity to state that the question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Wyoming, that the bill be laid aside with a favorable recommendation?

Mr. MONDELL. In the first place, Mr. Chairman, the Secretary of War, in my opinion, has authority at the present time to correct military records in some cases which are referred to Congress. I believe it is now within the power of the Secretary of War, part of his authority, to correct the military record of the man whose case is now before the House.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair desires to state that the motion of the gentleman will prevent further debate upon this question, debate having been exhausted on that motion.

Mr. MONDELL. I understood the gentleman from Illinois had the floor, and that he yielded to me the balance of his time.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair entertained the motion of the gentleman from Wyoming; therefore, as soon as the gentleman from Illinois had taken his seat, general debate was closed.

Mr. MONDELL. I ask unanimous consent, then, Mr. Chairman, that I be allowed to continue for five minutes.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Wyoming asks unanimous consent that he may be allowed to proceed for five minutes. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. Mr. Chairman——

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman from Wyoming yield to the gentleman from Indiana?

Mr. MONDELL. Yes.

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. I agree with the gentleman in this particular case; but why not pass a law giving the War Department the power to correct the records in these meritorious cases where the charge of desertion should be removed and the record corrected?

Mr. MONDELL. I believe the War Department already has the power to remove the charge of desertion. In most of the cases reported by the Committee on Military Affairs in this House we have cases where it has been clearly proven that men have died on the battlefield from wounds received in the service of their country, where comrades saw them die and saw them buried, and where a charge of desertion is clearly an error in the record, where there is no question as to the power of the War Department to remove that charge of desertion; and yet, for all these years charges of desertion have rested against the names of good men who gave up their lives to their country. And inasmuch as the War Department has not seen fit to correct the record in that class of cases and in this case, where I believe they have the right and authority to do it, this House should direct that justice be done.

Mr. BOREING. Does it not turn upon the fact as to what evidence the War Department will consider?

Mr. MONDELL. If the War Department says that the testimony in this case was not sufficient, I will say to the gentleman that in many of the cases the evidence is such as would decide a case in any court of justice in the country.

Mr. BOREING. But the gentleman does not quite understand me. As I understand, the War Department will only consider the record evidence—that they have declined to entertain parol evidence.

Mr. MONDELL. I will say to the gentleman that in a case that came before the committee a short time ago the records of the War Department indicated that the man had never deserted. It is a matter of fact that the records of the War Department indicate that the man was taken out of the service by a writ of habeas corpus, recognized by the law; and yet, because some clerk somewhere, at some time, had written opposite the name of that man a charge of desertion, the War Department refused to remove it, although the records themselves clearly proved that the charge was an unjust one.

Mr. BOREING. I want it understood that I quite agree with the gentleman from Wyoming.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Illinois. Will the gentleman yield to me for a suggestion?

Mr. MONDELL. Yes.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Illinois. My information from the War Department has been that it is not that they object to the words "direct" or "request," but the point they have objected to is that the particular form they have always used in the House is that we direct a change to be made in a record already made up years ago. My understanding was that if we would change the form of our bills so as to issue to the soldier a certificate of discharge now, or at the time of its passage, to have the effect as though it was an honorable discharge dating back to that time, there would be no objection to such a bill. I think, if the gentleman will permit me to say, that when the House has heard the evidence and passed upon it and says that the soldier is entitled to a discharge, we ought to have the bill in the proper form, and not only authorize it, but have the power to direct it, so that we will not have to follow it up afterwards with other facts.

Mr. MONDELL. Well, Mr. Chairman, I will say that I do

not believe that the form in which this bill is drawn, or the form in which most of them are drawn, is a happy one. I will say, also, that if the Committee on Military Affairs of the House, the subcommittee of which I am chairman, having charge of this matter, find any meritorious cases in the hundreds that we have before us in the future, we propose, as we did in the last case, to report a change in phraseology, and provide that the man shall receive an honorable discharge and that the record be corrected. I believe that is the better form.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Illinois. After a conversation with Colonel Ainsworth, who seems to know as much about this, and who was expecting this class of bills to be vetoed——

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Wyoming has expired.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Illinois. I ask that the gentleman's time be extended five minutes.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Illinois asks that the time of the gentleman from Wyoming be extended five minutes. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Illinois. The objection that Colonel Ainsworth made as to that part of the bill and the Secretary of War's objection was that it directed a change in a record made up years ago, and that the bill ought not to require that.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. Were not those cases referred to court-martial cases, so that it changed the judgment of the courts-martial?

Mr. KEHOE. That is the whole trouble.

Mr. MONDELL. I agree entirely with Colonel Ainsworth's view as to the form, but there is a considerable amount of misunderstanding and misapprehension as to the President's position in this matter. The bills which have been vetoed, including the veto message which I hold in my hand, were court-martial cases, and the President's objection was to a direction which would absolutely wipe out the judgment.

Mr. KEHOE. And set aside the finding of the court?

Mr. MONDELL. And set aside the findings of the court-martial. His words are:

It appears to imply the position of Congress the power of overruling and reversing by statute a valid judgment.

It is clearly proven by all the cases which have been reported by the committee where there was a charge of desertion that there was no valid judgment; that as a matter of fact the charge of desertion was an error, and the majority of the cases might have been removed by the War Department itself under the existing law.

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. Is not the removal of charges such as we are now discussing a legislative act?

Mr. MONDELL. I believe it is.

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. Then what power has Congress to delegate its legislative authority?

Mr. KEHOE. Let me ask the gentleman from Wyoming a question.

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. I would like to get an answer to my inquiry.

Mr. MONDELL. I have endeavored to make it clear to the House that I believe all these bills, no matter what their form, should contain the word "direct." Is that an answer to the gentleman's question?

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. Is not that a delegation of legislative power, which can not be done?

Mr. MONDELL. Well, I am not a lawyer and I can not undertake to go into questions of law. As a layman, I believe it is within the power of Congress to direct the removal of the charge of desertion. That is what we have done in these cases where we believed we were justified in doing so.

Mr. KEHOE. Now, will the gentleman allow me to ask him a question? Is it not a fact that most of the cases of desertion coming before the gentleman's committee are cases where the men were not tried and where there is no judgment of a court-martial against them?

Mr. MONDELL. That is true. There are very few court-martial cases before the committee.

Mr. KEHOE. Does not the gentleman understand the position of the President to have reference only to cases where there has been a judgment of a court-martial and where Congress has undertaken to set aside the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction? Is not that what the President objects to?

Mr. MONDELL. I think that is the President's position as indicated in his veto message.

Now, I simply want to say briefly to the House that the Committee on Military Affairs, having charge of these matters, has been exceedingly careful in the consideration of these cases; that of the hundreds of cases coming before the committee very few have been or will be considered favorably; that where there is one case favorably reported there are hundreds in which the committee recognizes no merit, and cases are adversely reported at every meeting of the committee. We have been exceedingly careful to bring nothing before this House which, as we thought, the House could not in justice support.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Montana [Mr. MONDELL] that the bill be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

The question having been taken,

The CHAIRMAN said: The ayes seem to have it.

Mr. TALBERT. I call for a division.

The question being again taken, there were—ayes 64, noes 2.

Mr. TALBERT. I make the point that there is no quorum present.

The CHAIRMAN (having counted the Committee of the Whole). There are 123 members present—more than a quorum. The motion of the gentleman from Montana [Mr. MONDELL] is agreed to, and the bill is laid aside to be reported favorably to the House.

ABRAM WILLIAMS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 2901) to remove the charge of desertion borne opposite the name of Abram Williams.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to remove the charge of desertion borne opposite the name of Abram Williams, formerly a private in Company B, Seventh Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, and to amend the said soldier's military record to show him honorably discharged December 15, 1865, the date of the muster out of the service of the organization in which his service was rendered.

The amendment reported by the committee was read, as follows:

At the end of the bill add these words: "*Provided*, That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by virtue of the passage of this act."

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. I would like to ask the gentlemen representing the committee why they propose to add that proviso by way of amendment?

Mr. MONDELL. That proviso is attached to all these bills. It does not prevent a man from drawing a pension if he should be found entitled to it.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. This man was shot down in battle; he will never draw any pension; and he has no widow. This soldier, as the proof conclusively shows, was found by neighbors, who were brought up with him, with a wound in his side. They saw him dying on board a boat. And yet the Secretary of War declined absolutely to find upon my request that this evidence was true—evidence upon which any court in the world would direct a jury to find in favor of this man.

Now, there is nothing in this case except sentiment. This man has left sons and daughters, who are living in my district. The widow is gone. The man himself is gone. There can be no pension. I submit that this amendment ought not to be made. Why should the Government say, "We will clear the record, which is wrong; we will wipe out this stain upon the memory of this dead soldier, provided no claim shall be made against the Government." I object to the amendment, and I hope it will be voted down.

Mr. MONDELL. Mr. Chairman, an amendment in this form is added to all these bills. All that the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. HENRY C. SMITH] has said in regard to this soldier is absolutely true. It is the fact that he died from wounds received in the service, and yet has been carried on the rolls all these years as a deserter. I do not believe there is any necessity for the amendment in this case. But the committee has made it a rule to attach an amendment in this form to all bills of this character, and I do not feel authorized to consent in this case to a departure from the ordinary rule.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. If the situation is as the gentleman explains it, I would not have the committee depart from the ordinary rule. I did not understand the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. MONDELL. The amendment has no special reference to this case; it is in accordance with the invariable custom of the committee.

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. The gentleman from Michigan seems to think that this amendment would prevent an application for pay, bounty, or other emoluments.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. No; there is no one living to claim any pay, bounty, or emoluments.

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. The amendment does not provide that no application of that kind shall be made. It simply provides that the passage of the bill shall not carry anything of that kind. It leaves every question of that sort open.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. There is no widow nor are there any children who, under the law, could draw.

Mr. COONEY. Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask this question with reference to the rule the committee has adopted in making this addition to these bills: What reason, if any, exists for the committee adopting such a rule and placing such a proviso in these bills?

Mr. PARKER. May I answer the gentleman?

Mr. MONDELL. Certainly.

Mr. PARKER. The reason the provision was put upon all of these bills is the danger that the endeavor to get little amounts of pay, bounty, etc., would result in the bringing of a great many bills before Congress which would not come merely upon their own merits, and the further reason that if there were really any claims for pay, bounty, etc., those claims ought to have been made within the ordinary time of limitation, and not forty years after.

Mr. COONEY. Does the gentleman hold that this provision prevents the person whose record is clear from obtaining a pension and his dues hereafter?

Mr. PARKER. It does not prevent a pension, because that——

Mr. COONEY. It is, then, simply a scarecrow that the committee has put up?

Mr. PARKER. Not at all. It prevents the creation of a claim for bounty which did not exist, but it does not destroy the right to a pension, because that comes from another statute and another state of circumstances.

Mr. MONDELL. I will say to the gentleman in this particular case that this amendment would probably prevent the payment of about three months' pay, which was due the soldier, as I recollect, at the time of his death.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. Then, Mr. Chairman, let me submit that since this record is wrongful against this man, who died from a wound received in battle, and his heirs can not get anything—there is no widow nor any children who can get anything out of this—it would be just a little something, and I ask that it be taken off this bill.

Mr. SHAFROTH. Why should he not be entitled to pay under these circumstances?

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. Yes. His heirs, I submit, are certainly entitled to this money.

Mr. MONDELL. The gentleman says this is entirely a matter of sentiment. I take it for granted it is. There is no thought of making any claim against the Government in this case, and therefore no harm is done by this amendment.

Mr. HAY. I hope the gentleman will not agree to this amendment.

Mr. MONDELL. This amendment has been insisted upon by this House in the past in cases where the amendment was not added in the committee, so that the committee has now adopted a rule to attach this amendment to every case regardless of the merits, because we find that the possibility of the presentation of a claim for $25 or $50 or $75 or $100 may jeopardize a case on the floor of the House, and the friends of this bill certainly would not want to have that done.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. Let me submit this, if I may be permitted just for a moment. As I said, this man's sons and daughters are honorable people. They do not want this record of desertion to rest against their father. It is largely a matter of sentiment. Now, I submit it is not fair that this Government should enter into this business of making a bargain with the soldier's children and say "We will clear the record if you will agree or on condition that you shall not present any claim for what this Government honestly owes your father." I ask for a vote on that amendment.

Mr. COONEY. Has this soldier a widow?

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. No; no heir that could be pensioned.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Chairman, I hope that this amendment will be voted down; that is, the amendment to strike out the amendment which is usually put in by the committee. I am opposed to the amendment of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. HENRY C. SMITH], which is to strike out the proviso. If we begin doing that in one case we will have to continue it in all cases. Now, it has been found wise for a large number of years in the interests of economy——

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. Will the gentleman permit a question?

Mr. HAY. Certainly.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. If Congress has done a wrong thing, the fact that it has been doing it for a long time does not correct it, does it?

Mr. HAY. I do not admit it is doing a wrong thing. I am trying to say that it is doing the right thing. It is doing the right thing because if this sort of legislation is indulged in, and the proviso which the committee has always put on these bills is taken off, you open the flood gates here to all sorts of claims for bounty, back pay, pay for a horse, and everything of that sort. This proviso is the result of long experience. It is the result of wisdom, and it is economy, and the honor of the gentleman's constituents will not be in any wise interfered with or hurt by having this amendment on this bill. It is the first time that I have heard the question that this proviso should be taken off and I hope, therefore, that the bill will stand as it was reported by the Committee on Military Affairs.

Several MEMBERS. Vote! Vote!

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment of the committee.

The question was taken.

The CHAIRMAN. The noes appear to have it.

Mr. PARKER. Mr. Chairman, I do not think that the committee here has understood the question put by the Chair. The amendment of the committee is to put on this proviso.

Mr. HAY. I understand that the question was on the amendment of the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. PARKER. Not at all.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will state that the question is on the adoption of the committee amendment.

Mr. PARKER. I think we ought to vote again on that, and I ask that the vote be taken again.

Mr. HENRY C. SMITH. Mr. Chairman, I rise to a parliamentary inquiry. After these gentlemen have voted right without intending to do so——

Mr. PARKER. Oh, I voted all right, and I now ask for a division on this matter. The question, as I understand it, is upon the adoption of the committee amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. A division is demanded.

The committee divided; and there were—ayes 65, noes 13.

Accordingly, the amendment was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the bill as amended will be ordered to be laid aside, to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

Mr. TALBERT. On that I demand a division.

The question was taken; and on a division there were—ayes 68, noes none.

Mr. TALBERT. Mr. Chairman, I raise the point that there is no quorum present.

Mr. SHATTUC. I make the point of order that that motion is dilatory.

Mr. TALBERT. I should like to know how the gentleman can arrive at that conclusion?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman is clearly within his right. No quorum has voted, and the Chair will count to ascertain whether a quorum is present.

After counting the House, the Chairman announced 112 members, a quorum, present.

Accordingly, the bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN O'BRIEN.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 3442) to correct the record of John O'Brien.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to remove the charge of desertion now standing on the records against John O'Brien, late private, Company I, Sixth Regiment United States Infantry: *Provided*, That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by virtue of the passage of this act.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

LEVI L. REED.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 10095) for the relief of Levi L. Reed.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue an honorable discharge to Levi L. Reed, late of Company H, Fifth Regiment United States Cavalry.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Military Affairs was read, as follows:

Provided, That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by virtue of the passage of this act.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

ALBERT BAKER.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 2316) to correct the military record of Albert Baker.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to correct the military record of Albert Baker, who enlisted as a private in Company H, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three years; detailed in Battery F, Second United States Artillery, and stands charged with deserting, and grant an honorable discharge to said soldier.

The committee amendments set forth in the report were read.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is upon the adoption of the committee amendments.

Mr. TALBERT. Mr. Chairman, I should like to have the report in that case read.

The CHAIRMAN. The report will be read in the time of the gentleman.

The Clerk began reading the report (by Mr. MONDELL), which is as follows:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2316) entitled "A bill to correct the military record of Albert Boker, late private Company H, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry," report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof insert:

"That Albert Boker shall be held not to have deserted from the military service of the United States as a private of Battery F, Second United States Artillery, but to have been honorably discharged from said service and battery August 7, 1865: *Provided*, That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by the passage of this bill."

The Committee on Military Affairs made a report in the Fifty-sixth Congress on this case, which report is as follows:

Case of Albert Boker, late of Company H, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, and Battery F, Second United States Artillery.

It is shown by the records that Albert Boker was enrolled July 20, 1861, at Sumner, Ill., and mustered into service August 6, 1861, at St. Louis Arsenal, Mo., as a private in Captain Oldham's company, First Missouri Rifles, to serve three years. The designation of this organization was changed to Company H, Eleventh Missouri Rifles, and again to Company H, Eleventh Missouri Infantry. He is reported present on the muster rolls of his company to May 10, 1862, on which date he was admitted to hospital steamer *D. A. January* with continued fever. He was admitted to general hospital at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Mo., May 14, 1862, with debility, and was furloughed May 22, 1862. He is reported on the muster roll of his company dated August 31, 1862, as absent on detached service in Company F, Second United States Artillery, since August 1, 1862, and is so borne on subsequent rolls of the company to October 31, 1863. He was discharged to date November 30, 1863, by reason of his reenlistment in Battery F, Second United States Artillery.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN TWEEDALE,
Acting Chief Record and Pension Office.

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,
War Department, February 10, 1900.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith H. R. 4021, Fifty-sixth Congress, first session, "To correct the military record of Albert Boker," and to invite attention to inclosed report from the Record and Pension Office, War Department, relative to the service of this man in Company H, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

The records of this office show that Private Albert Boker reenlisted December 1, 1863, in Battery F, Second Artillery; deserted August 7, 1865, at Louisville, Ky., while en route from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Baltimore, Md., and never returned to the service.

The Department has no power, under act of Congress of March 2, 1889 (copy inclosed)—the only law relating to the removal of a charge of desertion now in force—to take favorable action in this case.

No evidence has been presented to the Department that would warrant a favorable recommendation on the proposed legislation.

Very respectfully,

H. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant-General.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

From this record it is seen that the said soldier, Albert Boker, had a continuous service from August 6, 1861, to August 7, 1865, a period covering four years and one day; that he enlisted as a private in Company H, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and while performing faithful service as a soldier in said company he was detailed in Company F, Second United States Artillery, where he remained constantly up to August 7, 1865, the date upon which he is charged with deserting; that his only absence from service in line of duty from the first enlistment, in August, 1861, to August, 1865, was during his detention on hospital steamer *D. A. January* with continued fever, and the period he was detained in the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., with debility, and the term of his furlough on account of said illness, about three months, all told.

That he voluntarily returned to the service at the expiration of his furlough, evidencing his loyal intention.

The plain, frank statement of the soldier, corroborated by the War Department, shows how he happened to be marked as a deserter. He says that he, with his battery, was ordered from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Baltimore, Md., as the soldier understood, to be mustered out; that, the war being over, army discipline was somewhat lax, and while at Louisville, Ky., en route to Baltimore, he found congenial associates in the person of many comrades already mustered out.

That he failed to receive notice of the hour of the departure from Louisville of the battery to which he belonged, and hence was left behind. So soon as he learned that the battery had left he took passage on the first boat, following them to Cincinnati, Ohio, hoping to intercept them there. Failing in this, and not having the money with which to pay his transportation to Baltimore, the war being over, and feeling that his services were no longer needed, he remained with his brother, who was married and living there, that being the nearest a home he then possessed.

The following are affidavits of comrades attesting to his worth as a soldier and of citizens speaking of his high standing as a citizen before and since the war:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Crawford County, ss:*

William W. Boatwright, being duly sworn, on his oath states that he is a resident of the city of Sullivan, Ind.; that he was a lieutenant and captain in Company H, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry, from the 20th day of July, 1861, to the 20th day of March, A. D. 1864; that he was personally acquainted with Albert Boker, a private of said Company H, Eleventh Missouri, and knew him well as a member of said company; that in 1862, as affiant remembers, in July or August, affiant was ordered by his regimental commander to detail three men to go to the First United States Artillery, and that he detailed said Albert Boker as one of these three men; that said Boker was an exceptionally good soldier and that on account of this fact he was selected on this detail; that affiant saw said Boker frequently after he was placed on this detail, during the war, up to about 1864, when affiant last remembers having seen him in line of service; that affiant has known said Boker personally ever since the war, and knows him to be a good citizen, as he was a good soldier. Affiant further states that he was personally acquainted with said Albert Boker before the war, as well as since, and that said Boker has ever demeaned himself, to the knowledge of affiant, as a worthy citizen.

WILLIAM W. BOATWRIGHT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of October, A. D. 1899.

[SEAL.] GEORGE N. PARKER, *Notary Public.*

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Richland County, ss:*

Joseph Fahrenbaker, a resident of Junction, Gallatin County, Ill., aged 58 years, being duly sworn, on oath says that he was a private of Battery F, Second United States Artillery, from about June, 1862, up to 1st day of December, 1868; discharged at Vancouver, Washington State. Affiant was first a private in Company E, Eleventh Missouri, and was detached for service in the battery as aforesaid. Albert Boker was also a private in Company H, Eleventh Missouri, and was detached for service in the said battery at the same time that affiant was, and the said Albert Boker served in the said battery with affiant up to about August, 1865, when affiant did not see him afterwards. The command was going from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Maryland, and the last affiant saw of him was at Louisville, Ky. At Louisville a number of the company got left behind and did not again catch up with the command until it had got to Parkersburg, W. Va., but the said Albert Boker, who was also left behind, did not rejoin his command.

The battery saw no more active service after Boker left, and was soon transferred from Baltimore to California. Affiant is free to say that during the entire time that said Boker was in the said service he was one of the best members of the battery—always ready for duty, never sick, and one of the most loyal men to the United States Government that affiant ever became acquainted with. Affiant is satisfied that said Boker had no intention of deserting his command at Louisville, but in all probability drank a little too much, and, when he came to, his command had departed and he could not follow.

Affiant has no interest in this case and is not related in any way to said Albert Boker.

JOSEPH FAHRENBAKER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, A. D. 1899, and I certify that the above affidavit was read over to affiant before he signed the same, and that he was made acquainted with its contents, and that I am not interested in the claim.

[SEAL.] H. G. MORRIS, *Notary Public.*

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Crawford County, ss:*

Samuel P. Mann, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is 72 years of age; that he was a member of Company H, Eleventh Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, war of 1861, and that Albert Boker was also a member of said company for about a year while this affiant was a member thereof; that this affiant knew the said Albert Boker from about 1859 to the present time; that the said Albert Boker before said war was an industrious farmer boy engaged in farming where this affiant resided; that the said Boker served with this affiant in said company for about one year; that the said Boker was a good and brave soldier and performed his duty as such soldier; that the said Boker was detailed and served with Battery F, Second United States Artillery, and that while said Boker was serving in said artillery this affiant saw him quite often, and that he knows that said Boker was a faithful, honorable, and true soldier; that affiant saw the said Boker in the battle of Nashville and knows he was performing his duty as a soldier, and that this affiant saw the said Boker soon after he returned from the war and has been intimately acquainted with him ever since, and knows that he has been an industrious, honorable citizen.

That he has married in this county and raised a family, and is now engaged in an honorable occupation; that from what this affiant knows of the service of the said Boker during the war he is confident that he never intended to desert the Army; that he was ever ready to do his duty. This affiant makes this affidavit that he may aid the said Albert Boker to secure an honorable discharge from military service of the United States, which he, the said Boker, in the opinion of this affiant, is justly entitled to. That this affiant now resides in the city of Robinson, county of Crawford, and State of Illinois, and has been resident of said city since about the year of 1845.

SAMUEL P. MANN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of January, 1900.

[SEAL.] GEORGE N. PARKER,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Crawford County, ss:*

Jefferson Daugherty, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is 58 years of age; that he was a member of Company H, Eleventh Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, war of 1861, and that Albert Boker was also a member of said company for about a year while this affiant was a member thereof. This affiant knew the said Al Boker from 1859 to the present time; that the said Al Boker, before the war, was an industrious farmer boy, engaged in farming near where this affiant resided; that said Boker served with this affiant in said company for about one year, and that he (said Boker) was a good and brave soldier and performed his duty as such soldier; that the said Boker was detailed to serve in Battery F, Second United States Artillery, and that while said Boker was serving in said artillery this affiant saw him quite often, and that he knows that he was a faithful, honorable soldier; that when the said Boker came home from Cincinnati, Ohio, at the close of the war, on his way home he stopped and took dinner with this affiant, and then informed him that his battery had gone and left him.

That he was left at Louisville, Ky., and followed on to Cincinnati, and ran out of money and came back home, the war then having closed; that this affiant is satisfied and from the conduct of said Boker knows that he never had any intention of failing to do his duty as a soldier; that the said Boker since his return home has married and raised a family and has been a good citizen in this county since his return from the Army, and that the said Boker is entitled to an honorable discharge from the United States service; that affiant makes this affidavit free and voluntarily to aid a worthy comrade in procuring an honorable discharge; that affiant resides in the city of Robinson, county of Crawford and State of Illinois; that this affiant has resided in Crawford County, Ill., since his discharge from the United States service.

JEFFERSON (his x mark) DAUGHERTY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of January, 1900.

[SEAL.] GEORGE N. PARKER, *Notary Public.*

ROBINSON, ILL., *December 29, 1899.*

To whom it may concern:

I, Charles H. Steel, certify that I have been a resident of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., for forty-two years; that I am at present cashier of the

First National Bank of Robinson, Ill. I further certify that I have known Albert Boker since boyhood; that he is a good citizen, a kind and considerate husband and father; that there has been no stain upon his character while a citizen of our county; that his life has been such that he is entitled to and should receive all the credibility that can be given to any man; that I am in no way related to him.

CHARLES H. STEEL.

This is to certify that I, Abner P. Woodworth, have been a resident of the city of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., over forty years; that I am president of the First National Bank of Robinson, Ill. I further certify that I have been a neighbor of and intimately acquainted with the character and habits of Albert Boker for over thirty years, and fully concur in the above statement of Mr. Steel on this sheet.

ABNER P. WOODWORTH.

During the reading,

Mr. MONDELL said: Mr. Chairman, I think I can make a statement which will make the facts in this case clearly understood.

Mr. TALBERT. Mr. Chairman, I have asked for the reading of the report in my time. I want to hear the report read. The gentleman accused me of not reading the report and I want to hear it.

The Clerk having proceeded for some time further in the reading of the report,

Mr. TALBERT said: Mr. Chairman, I ask that the further reading of the report be dispensed with.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

ASA TARBOX.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 1423) granting an increase of pension to Asa T. Tarbox.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, subject to the rules and limitations of the pension laws, to place upon the pension roll the name of Asa T. Tarbox, late a private in Company F, Eleventh Massachusetts Infantry, and pay him a pension of $24, the same to be in lieu of the pension he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Asa Tarbox, late of Company F, Eleventh Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Asa Tarbox."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN M'DONALD.

The next business was the bill (S. 4214) granting an increase of pension to John McDonald.

The bill was read as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John McDonald, late of Company E, Ninety-seventh Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

ISRAEL HALLER.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 3733) granting an increase of pension to Israel Haller.

The bill was read as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Israel Haller, late of Company H, Ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The following amendment recommended by the committee was read:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventeen."

Mr. SIMS. Mr. Chairman, I desire to make a few remarks, but inasmuch as the hour is far advanced, I ask permission to extend my remarks in the RECORD.

Mr. Chairman, a few weeks ago I had occasion to make some remarks upon the subject of private pension legislation. I showed by the report of the Commissioner of Pensions that during the months of January and February, 1901, there was passed by the House in the four days in which such bills were considered 707 private pension bills; that 465 of these were for increases. Four hundred and sixty-five of these bills were to increase pensions for soldiers whose claims had all been considered by the Pension Bureau, and had received the highest pension given them by the general law.

I further showed that there was no uniformity in the amount of increases carried by the several bills; that in those four days there had been passed on an average 177 private pension bills each day; that in passing so many bills in so short a time it was was impossible to give them proper consideration; that, in fact, no consideration was given those bills in the House. I complained against such hasty action by the House in passing private pension bills.

On the 15th day of this month (March) I read to the House in my time as part of my remarks the following letter from an ex-Union soldier of long service:

CAMDEN, N. J., *March 8, 1902.*

Hon. T. W. SIMS.

MY DEAR SIR: As a long-term soldier of the civil war, and as a member of the pension committee of the Union Veteran Legion, I desire to thank you on behalf of my comrades on the manly, patriotic stand you have taken against political favoritism in the granting of pensions.

It is time somebody had told the truth about the pension question. Favoritism prevails to such an extent that the veteran has come to regard his pension more as a political perquisite than as a Government reward. I can not think it was ever the intent of the people of this country, in their desire to assist the veterans, that it should become part of the "spoils" system of party machinery.

I have recently made a pretty thorough analysis of the last report of the Commissioner of Pensions and am amazed at the inequality and injustice that is apparent. The most vicious feature, of course, is the special-act pensions, by which men with no service record and no pensionable status receive larger pensions through political influence than the deserving veteran who has to depend on the merits of his case alone. To the faithful soldier of the civil war the present system of granting pensions is a humiliation and an insult. In the first place, he is regarded as an imposter and perjurer and the burden of proof to the contrary is placed on him. He is subjected to expenses and tedious delay and examinations by boards whose reports are discredited by the Commissioner of Pensions, as per page 67 of his report. The pension system could be simplified and millions of expense saved by a law granting a specified amount and simply requiring the applicant to prove his identity with the name on the original enrollment on file in the War Department. The time has come when this could be done without regard to disability of claimant, as any man 60 or more years of age is physically incapacitated from hard manual labor.

One great evil of the favoritism shown is the fact that those who receive pensions in that way no longer have any interest in the thousands of their deserving comrades. They have got their pull, and every vestige of fraternal interest and comradeship is lost sight of in their selfish success, and they do not want the pension question discussed for fear it may imperil their political perquisite. On behalf of my comrades I protest against paying the widow of any President $5,000 per year without regard to her income, while the widows of the common soldiers, faithful, loyal, devoted wives and mothers as the Lord ever permitted to live, are paid $8 per month after declaring an income of less than $250 per year.

And I am speaking on behalf of tens of thousands of my comrades when I say that we would rather see the entire pension system abolished than see it abused by and through political favoritism.

My great interest in this question is my apology for trespassing on your valuable time.

With kind regards, yours, truly, H. M. AVIS,
941 Cooper Street, Camden, N. J.

(Late Company F, Twelfth New Jersey Volunteers, civil war.)

Immediately the gentleman from KANSAS [Mr. CALDERHEAD] arose and as part of his remarks made use of the following language:

Mr. CALDERHEAD. Mr. Chairman, I want to say a word upon the letter that has just been read at the suggestion of the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. SIMS]. The sentiments expressed in the letter are the legitimate fruit of the speech that was made which called it forth. At the time that speech was made a large part of the remarks were addressed to the criticism of the work of the Invalid Pensions Committee. As a member of that committee during the last Congress and during this Congress, I have never known any bill to pass the committee by reason of political favoritism, and if the gentleman himself adopts the language of the letter and makes that accusation against the committee he does injustice to himself and also does injustice to the committee. Bills that are passed by the Invalid Pensions Committee receive as fair consideration at the hands of as honorable men as any other bills that are passed by any committee in this House, and I think no gentleman is better aware of that fact than the gentleman from Tennessee.

The gentleman seemed to think that the writer of the letter was unduly criticising the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Chairman, I can not see that this letter or that my speech makes any reflection on that committee. I have no idea that the committee knows the politics of the soldiers whose pensions are increased by these bills, but that does not prevent political favoritism being practiced. The committee, in reporting bills, act on such bills as are pointed out by the members of the House who introduce them.

When a Republican member of this House has introduced as many as 50 bills and he can only get four or five reported and passed, does anyone suppose he will not single out bills for Republicans? I have not a doubt of it. Then, on the other hand, a Democrat will do exactly the same thing. In this way political favoritism is shown, but not by the committee as such. This can not be prevented, however unjust it may be.

In the speech I made criticising the hasty action of the House in passing 177 bills at one session I believed the high-water mark had been reached, but, Mr. Chairman, on the day the above letter was read as part of my remarks the House was called to order at the usual time—12 o'clock—and adjourned at 3.31 p. m., making the session only three and one-half hours in length, with prayer, the reading of the Journal, and some other business transacted, there was considered in the Committee of the Whole and passed in the House 229 bills. The House was in session two hundred and eleven minutes and passed 229 bills, being one bill for every minute of its entire session and 18 over. So it might be argued that

my speech and the letter I had read had fallen on dull ears. No one will be so rash as to contend that bills passed in that way receive the slighest possible consideration by the House.

Mr. Chairman, I have received too many letters like the one above read, regarding that speech, to take the time of the House to read them. I must admit that I had but little hope that what I then said would have any effect on this House, but I did hope that the people would have their eyes opened to what their representatives were doing. Mr. Chairman, I now read an extract from a newspaper—the Placer County Leader—published at Auburn, Placer County, Cal., as follows:

PRIVATE PENSION BILLS.

Representative SIMS, of Tennessee, is claiming and rightfully urging that this business of passing private pension bills by Congress should be stopped. If a case occurs where the Pension Bureau finds the law will not warrant a just plea for grant or for increase, let the Bureau report the case to Congress for a remedy, general or special; but stop this indiscriminate passage of private pensions by Congress. There were on the rolls on the 1st of July, 1901, 997,735 pensioners, or 4,206 increase (notwithstanding the decrease by death of civil-war veterans). In the past three months Congress has introduced 5,672 private pension bills. Some members have introduced as high as 200, and increases have been granted out of all apparent proportion to the disability sustained. (From CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.)

We believe Mr. SIMS is clearly right. It is true that many a man who went in to fight rather than to make a big hospital record has been unable to secure the necessary evidence "at time of injury" through scattering or death of comrades or officers.

That was the experience of one we knew, who having laid claim for a specific injury at a specified time and place must prove that in each point. Had he procured a nice hospital record then and there, and claimed on that, he might perhaps have fared better than the $1 a month for the first seventeen years and $2 for two years. After nineteen years futile search for proof his Congressman went to the Pension Commissioner with "I want to know where the 'stick' is!" The Bureau sent the man "information which may enable you to perfect your claim." That only living "information" was but 40 miles away, and he got it within twenty-four hours. Now, we honestly believe that such result would occur from conference of Congressmen with the Pension Bureau, and claimants would get what the law allows, neither more nor less, and that is all anyone should ask.

This newspaper is Republican in politics. I do not know the owner or editor. This paper can not have any personal or political interest in me, and certainly no motive in saying what it has other than an honest expression of its views.

Mr. Chairman, I now read an editorial from the Washington Post of to-day, March 28, 1902, as follows:

SPECIAL PENSION LEGISLATION.

Would it be impossible for Congress to frame and enact a general military pension law under which all applications for such pensions could be finally and fairly disposed of by the Pension Bureau? That Bureau is provided with all the agencies that would appear to be requisite for such service. Medical science and the legal profession have been drawn upon for a large and costly equipment of examiners and reviewers and re-reviewers.

The great machine is running under various acts of Congress, presumably intended to cover all cases, and nevertheless Congress continues to be the arbiter upon a large and ever-increasing number of applications. This fact evidences defects in the laws which call loudly for remedial action. If a similar situation existed in any other branch of the service—a palpable failure to come anywhere near filling its intended purpose—it is morally certain that a legislative remedy would be devised and applied. But Congress seems more than willing to be a supplemental pension bureau.

The Boston Herald notes that a correspondent of the New York Evening Post raises the question as to whether President Roosevelt can conscientiously permit the 229 pension bills that were passed in the National House of Representatives in one hundred and ten minutes on the 15th instant to become enacted into law. The Herald says the Constitution directs that as regards each one of these bills, "if he approve he shall sign it; but if not he shall return it with his objections." And our Boston contemporary adds:

"The President may say that he approves these bills because Congress has approved them. Of course, he can approve them on no other grounds, for he has simply not the the time to investigate them on their merits. The President does not differ from the body that passed them in taking this stand. These bills are generally passed by a bare quorum, if, indeed, there is a quorum in the case. The members allowing them to pass know nothing about them; they manifestly could know nothing when the bills go through at the rate of more than two per minute. The members shelter themselves behind the committee that reports the bills, and the President shelters himself behind the members. Is it edifying enactment of laws?"

It is simply impossible for the President to investigate and pass upon the merits of the claims in response to which those bills are passed. Had he nothing else to do the task would be impossible. Nor can Senators or Representatives, except those on the Pension Committees of the two Houses, perform that labor. Thus it necessarily happens that a favorable report from a committee carries a bill through. Naturally members decline to vote against a bill of whose merits they have no personal knowledge. The Post has no doubt that the Pension Committees intend to deal justly, but so many grists come to their mills that mistakes are unavoidable.

But we do not believe it is necessary to supplement the Pension Bureau—the elaborate and costly mechanism provided for the carrying out of the pension laws—with those pension mills in the Capitol. Either those laws are defective or Congress is doing what it has no occasion to do. In either case the responsibility rests on Congress.

These letters and newspaper editorials show that my humble efforts in opposition to this wholesale passage of private pension bills are not passing unnoticed by the press and people of the country, and when the people are fully informed as to the great discrimination practiced by the House in these private pension bills, and that they pass by the hundred without the least bit of consideration, Representatives will be sent here that will demand that an end be put to this farce of private pension bill day, and that every bill be properly considered, and that bills for pensions be passed only in such cases as have no remedy under the general law and are meritorious and for such amounts as would be given the pensioner under the general law was his title good at the Bureau, and before any bill for a pension should pass it should be submitted to the Pension Bureau and receive its favorable recommendation.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the gentleman will be permitted to extend his remarks in the RECORD. The Chair hears no objection.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

SARAH A. CARTER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3650) granting a pension to Sarah A. Carter.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Sarah A. Carter, dependent mother of Joseph S. Carter, late of Captain Cobb's company, Maine State Militia, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HENRY M. TAYLOR.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3216) granting an increase of pension to Henry M. Taylor.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Henry M. Taylor, late of Company H, Sixteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARTHA A. HOLLINGSEAD.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5883) granting a pension to Martha A. Hollingseed.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That a pension of $20 per month be granted to Mrs. Martha A. Hollingseed, of Elkhart, Tex.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Martha A. Hollingsead, widow of Joseph Hollingsead, late of Company A, Fifteenth Regiment United States Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Martha A. Hollingsead."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANDREW B. SPURLING.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11916) granting an increase of pension to Andrew B. Spurling.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Andrew B. Spurling, late lieutenant-colonel Second Regiment Maine Volunteer Cavalry and brevet brigadier-general of volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $100 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the words "one hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

Mr. BOUTELL. Mr. Chairman, the committee amendment to this bill fixes the amount at $30 a month. I would like to move an amendment to the committee amendment, by substituting the word "fifty" for the word "thirty," and in offering that amendment I should, perhaps, say a few words to the committee. Although the beneficiary of this bill, General Spurling, lives in my district, I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with this distinguished officer. The facts in this case were sent to me by some of his friends, and upon their statement of facts I introduced the bill as requested by them. The report in this case states that he enlisted in the volunteer service from the State of Maine, and that he served from 1861 to December, 1865, in the First and Second Maine Cavalry, being honorably discharged with the brevet rank of brigadier-general.

He was four times wounded—twice in 1863, by a gunshot wound, a pistol shot; in 1864 by a saber cut, and the same year being thrown from Escambia bridge—and, furthermore, that he contracted acute rheumatism. The pension he is now receiving is $22.50 a month. He is now 70 years of age. I have received from some of his friends in Chicago this morning an affidavit, sworn to on the 26th day of this month, in which it is stated that within the past eighteen months General Spurling has been twice paralyzed; that he is entirely helpless, and that in 1894 he lost all the

property that he had, and he is now entirely destitute. Considering these facts as submitted to me by men in whom I have the highest confidence, considering the honorable and distinguished service of this man, considering his destitution and paralysis, it seems to me we could, not only in generosity, but in strict justice, make this $50 a month; and I therefore offer that amendment in place of the committee amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Illinois proposes to amend the committee amendment by inserting the word "fifty" in place of the word "thirty." The question is on the amendment to the amendment.

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. Mr. Chairman, if the statement of the gentleman from Illinois is true, I have no objection to the amendment. I would have been glad if that information had been known to the committee. There was nothing as to his present condition, there was nothing as to his financial condition. There was nothing except the fact that he was a lieutenant-colonel, and the committee's report of $30 was the full amount. Ordinarily I think the facts stated by the gentleman ought to have come to the committee, so that they could have been considered; but in this instance I shall make no further objection.

Mr. BOUTELL. Mr. Chairman, I ask leave to incorporate in my remarks the affidavit I have just received.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection the gentleman will be allowed to extend his remarks in the way indicated.

There was no objection.

The affidavit is as follows:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *County of Cook, ss:*

Andrew B. Spurling, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is upward of 69 years of age, and that in the month of October, A. D. 1900, he was stricken with paralysis, whereby his right side was completely paralyzed, and whereby he was confined in a hospital for a period of about five weeks, and thereafter recovered sufficiently therefrom to be able to walk with difficulty, and that since said time he has not been able to perform any labor or transact any business whatever, and that in the year 1901 he suffered from another stroke of paralysis, which again paralyzed his right side temporarily, and since said time he has been able to walk only with difficulty, and has been ever since and now is wholly and entirely unable to perform any labor or transact any business; and affiant further says that he is entirely without property or means of support, except the amount being received by him as a pension from the Government of the United States.

Affiant further says that immediately prior to the financial panic of 1893 he was well situated financially, but invested all of his means in the purchase of property and construction of buildings thereon in the city of Elgin, in the State of Illinois, and that about the year 1894, by reason of said financial panic and depression in real-estate values caused thereby, affiant lost all of said property and means by the foreclosure of mortgages upon said property, and that said property was lost through the failure of other parties, who were indebted to affiant in a large amount and became unable to pay affiant the amount of such indebtedness.

ANDREW B. SPURLING.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of March, A. D. 1902.
[SEAL.] HALLIE C. ELLIS,
Notary Public.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on agreeing to the amendment to the amendment.

The question was taken, and the amendment to the committee amendment was agreed to.

The committee amendment as amended was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ELLA R. GRAHAM.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1630) granting an increase of pension to Ella R. Graham.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ella R. Graham, widow of James Duncan Graham, late commander, United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES E. DEXTER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3481) granting an increase of pension to James E. Dexter.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James E. Dexter, late surgeon Fortieth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN G. HUTCHINSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2768) granting an increase of pension to John G. Hutchinson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John G. Hutchinson, late of Company E, Fourth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHESTER E. WADSWORTH.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12115) granting a pension to Chester E. Wadsworth.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Chester E. Wadsworth, late of Captain Barker's Dragoons, Illinois State Militia, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Dragoons" and insert in lieu thereof the word "company." In line 7 strike out the words "State Militia" and insert "Volunteer Cavalry." In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert the word "twelve."

Mr. JONES of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer an amendment to strike out the word "twelve" and insert the word "seventeen." I think the facts in the case are shown by the report of the committee; but, simply for the sake of comparison, I secured the report of the committee on the bill just passed preceding this, and I find in that case the pensioner was receiving $6 a month and it was increased to $20 a month. I think a comparison of that report with this one will show that the facts in that case are no stronger than in this case. This man is not receiving a pension at all. He was in what was known as Barker's Illinois Cavalry, which was held not to have been mustered into the service of the United States. He was drawing a pension under the construction of the Department that held that this cavalry was mustered into the service of the United States; he was drawing a pension of $8 a month; but subsequently they held that it was not in the service of the United States, and the pension was dropped.

Now, I desire to call the attention of the chairman of the committee to the statement of the report by the committee itself. From the showing made in the Department this man was receiving a pension of $8 per month for hemorrhoids and disease of the rectum. It shows, too, that he lives on a little piece of land worth $200 or $300, that he has been poor, and has asked the county for aid three or four times. The testimony was filed showing that he was incapacitated in consequence of injury to the left foot, and that he had no means of support, although he was temperate, industrious, and of good moral character.

This man applied for an increase of pension in 1889, and the report of the last examination shows this:

Prior to the dropping of the soldier's name from the roll the beneficiary filed, in 1889, another claim for pension on account of rupture, injury to foot, catarrh, and stricture, but this claim was also rejected in 1895 upon the ground that title to pension could not obtain for the reason that the soldier's organization had not been in the United States service.

When last examined, in 1892, the board of surgeons found him to be suffering from a rupture, stricture, injury to the left foot, catarrh, and pleurisy.

Now, it seems to me that a man in this condition should be entitled to receive more than $12 a month. The Pension Office found that the disabilities for which he was receiving a pension was of service origin. They did not give him an opportunity to show under the second application that the disabilities were incurred in the service.

I think in the affidavit he alleges that they did occur in the service, and he sets out in detail how the disabilities were incurred. I believe it would be just for this pensioner to be given at least $17 a month. I think it is a modest request, and that the amendment should be adopted.

Mr. SULLOWAY. Mr. Chairman, the committee recommended what they thought under the circumstances this man ought to have. His service was very short, only from April 19, 1861, to August 18, 1861. The gentleman reads from the last examination of the report of the board of surgeons of the difficulties which they found were contracted in the service. We have given him $12, a pension which, under the act of 1890, would be for total disability. I hardly think we should be justified in adopting the amendment.

The question was taken, and the amendment was lost.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE FARNE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2262) granting an increase of pension to George Farne.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George Farne, late second lieutenant Company G, Forty-eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

Mr. PATTERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, I move to amend by striking out the word "twelve" and inserting "twenty."

This applicant had a bill reported by the Senate committee in the last Congress, and I find upon examination that this report is a copy of that report. I know the man to be in a very feeble state of health, and I ask the committee to accept this amendment.

Mr. SULLOWAY. Mr. Chairman, this is a Senate bill, and I do not think we should be justified in adopting such an amendment. Nothing has been stated that will warrant us in accepting it.

The question was taken, and the amendment was lost.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

CALEB W. STORY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12145) granting an increase of pension to Caleb W. Story.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Caleb W. Story, late of Company G, Tenth Regiment New York Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The following amendment was recommended by the committee:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE W. MYERS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2398) granting an increase of pension to George W. Myers.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George W. Myers, late of Company F, Ninth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

DANIEL J. MAHONEY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8106) granting a pension to Daniel J. Mahoney.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Daniel J. Mahoney, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

With the following amendments reported by the committee:

Strike out all of lines 6 and 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Daniel J. Mahoney, late of the U. S. S. *Vandalia*, United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Daniel J. Mahoney."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES C. DUDLEY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4095) granting an increase of pension to Charles C. Dudley.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws the name of Charles C. Dudley, late of Company D, Sixth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM KASTE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6021) granting a pension to William Kaste.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place upon the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the general pension laws, the name of William Kaste, late a musician in the band of the Fifty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 a month.

With the following amendments, recommended by the committee:

In line 4 strike out the word "upon" and insert in lieu thereof the word "on."

In line 5 strike out the word "general."

In line 6 strike out the word "a."

In line 7 strike out the word "Volunteers" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Volunteer Infantry."

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve."

In same line strike out the word "a" and insert in lieu thereof the word "per."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

ELIZA J. WEST.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 4542) granting a pension to Eliza J. West.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Eliza J. West, formerly the wife of Elisha B. West, late a private in Companies B and D of the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 a month.

With the following amendments reported by the committee:

Strike out all after the word "West," in line 6, and all of lines 7, 8, and 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "widow of Elisha B. West, late of Companies B and D, Seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month, and $2 per month additional for each of the minor children of the soldier until such children shall have arrived at the age of 16 years.

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

CARLIN HAMLIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2625) granting an increase of pension to Carlin Hamlin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Carlin Hamlin, late of Company I, Sixty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

PAULINE M. ROBERTS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10951) granting a pension to Pauline M. Roberts.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Pauline M. Roberts, widow of Samuel Roberts, late major, Seventy-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The following amendments were reported by the committee:

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-five."

In the same line, after the word "month," insert the following: "and $2 per month additional on account of the minor child of the officer until such child shall have arrived at the age of 16 years, in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Pauline M. Roberts."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

MARGARET DUNN.

The next business was the bill (S. 2938) granting an increase of pension to Margaret Dunn.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Margaret Dunn, widow of Joseph Dunn, late of Battery E, Third Regiment United States Artillery, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM T. HAMILTON.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 11117) to pension William T. Hamilton, of Wheeling, Ohio County, W. Va.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of William T. Hamilton, late a member of Company E, of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers, upon the pension roll at the rate of $40 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William T. Hamilton, late of Company E, Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to William T. Hamilton."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

TORGUS HARALDSON.

The next business was the bill (S. 1264) granting an increase of pension to Torgus Haraldson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Torgus Haraldson, late of Company E, Second Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CARL JORDAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6412) for the relief of Carl Jordan and restoration to pension roll.

The bill was read, as follows:

Whereas Carl Jordan enlisted in Company B, First United States Volunteer Infantry, in the Army of the United States, on January ——, 1864, and served faithfully until the —— day of November, 1865, when he was honorably discharged, and subsequently received under the act of Congress passed June 27, 1890, a pension of $12 a month until March ——, 1895, when he was dropped from the pension roll for the alleged reason of disloyalty in having been a soldier in the Confederate service; and

Whereas it appears that at the breaking out of the war of the rebellion the said Carl Jordan was living in Richmond, Va., and was forcibly drafted into the Confederate service, but at the first opportunity abandoned that service and entered bona fide into that of the Army of the United States, and faithfully discharged his duty therein as hereinbefore set forth: Therefore,

Be it enacted, etc., That the said Carl Jordan be, and he is hereby, restored to the pension roll of the United States, and that the Commissioner of Pensions be, and he is hereby, instructed to enter the name of Carl Jordan on said roll at the same rate originally granted, and also to pay him all arrearages of pension accrued since the —— day of ——, 18—, to the present time.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out the preamble, the enacting clause, and all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Carl Jordan, late of Company B, First Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Carl Jordan."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EMORY S. FOSTER.

The next business was the bill (S. 880) granting an increase of pension to Emory S. Foster.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Emory S. Foster, late major, Seventh Regiment Missouri State Militia Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $72 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

RICHMOND M. CURTIS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6205) to increase the pension of Richmond M. Curtis from $12 to $30 per month.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the pension of Richmond M. Curtis be, and the same is hereby, increased from $12 per month to $30 per month, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to enter said Richmond M. Curtis on the roll at $30 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Richmond M. Curtis, late of Company A, Eighth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Richmond M. Curtis."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SAMUEL M. HOWARD.

The next business was the bill (S. 1979) granting an increase of pension to Samuel M. Howard.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Samuel M. Howard, late of Companies A and H, Twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN G. SANDERS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 5600) granting an increase of pension to John G. Sanders.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John G. Sanders, of Jackson County, Ala., late of Company G, Eighteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the words "of Jackson County, Ala."

In line 7 strike out the letter "G" and insert in lieu thereof the letter "B."

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventeen."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN BARNARD.

The next business was the bill (S. 2505) granting an increase of pension to John Barnard.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Barnard, late of Company B, Brackett's battalion Minnesota Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN S. JAMES.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 9654) granting a pension to John S. James.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John S. James, late of Company D, Third Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6, before the word "Company," strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the word "captain."

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SARAH FRANCES TAFT.

The next business was the bill (S. 4021) granting a pension to Sarah Frances Taft.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Sarah Frances Taft, widow of Charles Sabin Taft, late acting assistant surgeon, United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of $17 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THOMAS B. WILSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 3899) granting an increase of pension to Thomas B. Wilson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas B. Wilson, late of Company H, Twenty-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infanty, and D. Varner's battalion Ohio and Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES W. FOSTER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4086) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. Foster.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles W. Foster, late of Company A, First Regiment Maine Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JONATHAN H. SLOCUM.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10494) granting an increase of pension to Jonathan H. Slocum.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Jonathan H. Slocum, late of Seventh Company, First Battalion, New York State Sharpshooters, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

In line 7 strike out the word "State" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Volunteer."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

AUGUSTA TURNER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4346) granting a pension to Augusta Turner.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Augusta Turner, widow of John E. Turner, late of Company C, Fourth Battalion, District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $8 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN HUFFMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7766) granting an increase of pension to John Huffman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of John Huffman, of Cornishville, Ky., late of Company F, Nineteenth Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that which he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Huffman, late of Company F, Nineteenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LEANDER PARMELEE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3514) granting an increase of pension to Leander Parmelee.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Leander Parmelee, late of Company G, Seventh Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES R. BROCKETT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5711), to increase the pension to James R. Brockett.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to increase the pension of James R. Brockett, late a member of Company H, Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, from $12 to $30 per month, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James R. Brockett, late of Company H, Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 a month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to James R. Brockett."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ABBIE GEORGE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1872) granting an increase of pension to Abbie George.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Abbie George, widow of Rufus L. George, late of Company F, Twenty-sixth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $16 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CLARA C. HAWKS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7986) granting a pension to Clara C. Hawks.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Clara C. Hawks, widow of William M. Ball, late of Company H, Second Regiment Missouri Volunteer Cavalry (Merrill's Horse), and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

In line 8, after the word "Cavalry," strike out the words "Merrill's Horse."

In line 6, after the word "Hawks," insert the words "the former."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LOUISA GREGG.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11271) granting a pension to Louisa Gregg.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Louisa Gregg, late nurse and member of Ladies' Union Aid Society from 1861 to 1865, United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the words "of Louisa Gregg, late a nurse in the medical department, United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY MORGAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1095) granting an increase of pension to Mary Morgan.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary Morgan, mother of Algernon Morgan, late of Company C, First Regiment Maine Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and pay her a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EDWIN J. GODFREY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1709) granting an increase of pension to Edwin J. Godfrey.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Edwin J. Godfrey, late of Company B, Second Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

NATHANIEL C. GOODWIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1039) granting an increase of pension to Nathaniel C. Goodwin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Nathaniel C. Goodwin, late of Company F, Seventh Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of —— dollars per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8, before the word "dollars," insert the word "thirty."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THOMAS KIRWAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1453) granting a pension to Thomas Kirwan.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas Kirwan, late of Company K, Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of —— dollars a month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6, after the word "Seventeenth," insert the word "Regiment."

In line 8, before the word "dollars," insert the word "twenty-four."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY ETNA POOLE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 2286) granting a pension to Mary E. Poole.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary E. Poole, widow of Capt. David Poole, late of Company F, Eleventh Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the letter "E" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Etna."

In the same line strike out the word "Captain."

In the same line strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the word "captain."

After the word "month," in line 9, insert the words "in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Mary Etna Poole."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE DANIELS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 13) granting an increase of pension to George Daniels.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George Daniels, late of Company A, Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM C. HICKOX.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 4103) granting a pension to William C. Hickox.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William C. Hickox, late of Company G, One hundred and fifty-second Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES H. STONE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 6) granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Stone.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles H. Stone, late of Company H, Fifteenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE W. BUTLER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7560) granting a pension to George W. Butler.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George W. Butler, late of Company B, First Regiment Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month from and after the date of the passage of this act.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the letter "B" and insert in lieu thereof the letter "G."

In line 8 strike out all after the word "month" and all of line 9 and insert in lieu thereof the words "in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to George W. Butler."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES W. POOR.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 3653) granting a pension to James W. Poor.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place upon the pension roll the name of James W. Poor, of Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Ky., who was a private in Company B, Third Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, during the war of the rebellion, and to pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of the pension he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James W. Poor, late of Company B, Third Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to James W. Poor."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ELBRIDGE FRANKLIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6686) granting an increase of pension to Elbridge Franklin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Elbridge Franklin, late of Company C, Fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of the pension he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Elbridge Franklin, late of Company C, Fifth Regiment, and Company B, Eighth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $17 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

STANTON L. BRABHAM.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7109) granting an increase of pension to Stanton L. Brabham.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to grant an increase of pension to Stanton L. Brabham, late of Companies H and D, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of the pension which he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Stanton L. Brabham, late of Companies H and D, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES MATTHEWS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9415) granting an increase of pension to James Matthews.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James Matthews, late of Company M, Ninth Regiment New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGIE JOSEPHINE WALCOTT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2287) granting an increase of pension to Georgie Josephine Walcott.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Georgie Josephine Walcott, widow of William H. Walcott, late captain, Seventeenth Regiment United States Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving: *Provided*, That in the event of the death of the invalid and dependent son of said Georgie Josephine Walcott the pension of the beneficiary under this bill shall be reduced to the rate of $30 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ALLEN W. MERRILL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6823) granting a pension to Allen W. Merrill.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Allen W. Merrill, late of Company C, Sixty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that which he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "which."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY V. WALKER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3577) granting an increase of pension to Mary V. Walker.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary V. Walker, widow of William H. Walker, late captain Company H, Twentieth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SARAH B. CLINGERMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8009) granting a pension to Sarah B. Clingerman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Sarah B. Clingerman, widow of Joseph Clingerman, late of the United States Navy, at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 insert the words "the former," and in lines 7 and 8 strike out the words "the United States Navy, at the rate of $12 per month," and insert "the U. S. S. *Amanda*, United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES H. DUNN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8134) granting a pension to James H. Dunn.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of James H. Dunn, late captain of Company I, One hundred and sixty-ninth Regiment New York State Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James H. Dunn, late captain of Company I, One hundred and sixty-ninth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LEROY S. SMITH.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3187) granting an increase of pension to Leroy S. Smith.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Leroy S. Smith, late of Company A, Sixth Regiment New York Volunteer Cavalry, and first lieutenant Company G, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY ANN E. SPERRY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9140) granting an increase of pension to Mary Ann E. Sperry.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to increase the pension of Mary Ann E. Sperry, widow of John J. Sperry, late lieutenant-colonel One hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to $30 per month in lieu of the pension which she now receives.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary Ann E. Sperry, widow of John J. Sperry, late lieutenant-colonel One hundred and sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LUNSFORD Y. BAILEY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9656) granting a pension to Lunsford Y. Bailey, of Monmouth, Oreg.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Lunsford Y. Bailey, late sergeant, Company I, Twenty-third Indiana Infantry Volunteers, and also of the United States Signal Corps, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "sergeant" and insert the word "of;" in line 7 insert the word "Regiment" and also the word "Volunteer;" in same line, after the word "Infantry," strike out the word "Volunteer," and in line 8 strike out the words "also of the United States;" in same line, after the word "Corps," insert the words "United States Army."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ISAAC M. PAUGLE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9717) granting a pension to Isaac M. Paugle.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Isaac M. Paugle, late of Company A, One hundred and ninety-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the words "twenty-four" and insert the word "seventeen."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY SWEENEY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3660) granting a pension to Mary Sweeney.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary Sweeney, widow of Christopher Sweeney, late of Company G, Twentieth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $8 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN S. BURKET.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10122) granting a pension to John S. Burkett, of Blakeman, Kans.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John S. Burket, late of Company K, Twenty-ninth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to John S. Burket."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES H. FERGUSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10114) to increase the pension of Charles H. Ferguson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Charles H. Furgerson, late of Company I, First Regiment Maine Cavalry Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles H. Ferguson, late of Company I, First Maine Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Ferguson."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THERON R. MACK.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10179) granting an increase of pension to Theron R. Mack.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions

and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Theron R. Mack, late of Company A, Eighteenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ROBERT S. WOODBURY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3910) granting an increase of pension to Robert S. Woodbury.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Robert S. Woodbury, late of Company L, First Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HARRISON C. VORE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10230) granting an increase of pension to H. C. Vore.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of H. C. Vore, late of Company E, Eleventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the letter "H." and insert in lieu thereof the word "Harrison."

In same line strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the words "first lieutenant."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Harrison C. Vore."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARGARET TISDALE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10255) granting a pension to Margaret Bartlett Tisdale.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Margaret Bartlett Tisdale, former widow of Moses C. Bartlett, late sergeant, Company B, Thirty-fifth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Bartlett."

In same line, after the word "Tisdale," insert the word "the."

In line 7 strike out the word "sergeant" and insert in lieu thereof the word "of."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Margaret Tisdale."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE H. EVANS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2379) granting an increase of pension to George H. Evans.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George H. Evans late of Company B, Eighty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM PAUL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10925) granting an increase of pension to William Paul.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William Paul, late of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Twenty-second" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Twenty-seventh."

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ALBERT J. HART.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11075) granting an increase of pension to A. J. Hart.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of A. J. Hart, late musician, Company B, Seventeenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 a month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Albert J. Hart, late of Company B, Seventh Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Albert J. Hart."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY A. LIPPS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 11493) granting a pension to Mary A. Lipps.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary A. Lipps, widow of George W. Lipps, late of Company K, Fortieth and Fifty-first Regiments Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of twelve dollar per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 strike out the words "and Fifty-first Regiments" and insert "Regiment."

In line 9 strike out "dollar" and insert "dollars."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANDREW J. FELT.

The next business was the bill (S. 2371) granting a pension to Andrew J. Felt.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Andrew J. Felt, late of Company B, Seventh Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month.

Mr. CALDERHEAD. I move to amend this bill by striking out "$24" and inserting "$30." Mr. Chairman, I know this soldier very well. I have known him for twenty-five years. For more than twenty years I have been proud to call him my personal friend. I know his history and his condition. He is the personal friend of a number of eminent members of this House and of the Senate. He served the State of Kansas as her lieutenant-governor four years. He was one of the prominent newspaper editors in that State. Every soldier in the State knows him by sight and knows the sound of his voice. All the members of this House from Kansas know him personally. He was and is as true a patriot as ever served this country.

In the war he served eleven months of bitter imprisonment. He came home a wreck. He has never seen a well day from that time to this. A man 5 feet 6½ inches in height, he weighed only 115 pounds. For the last twenty years he has not been able to do any more manual labor than a child 10 years old. He is wholly disabled and has been for years for the performance of any kind of labor. If he does not now require the daily attention of another person, it is certainly but a short time when he will. He is a man of unusual intellectual character, and, like many other good soldiers, he never applied for a pension as long as his brain and hand could labor. He should have been pensioned from the day of his discharge. He needs it now and I know he is worthy of it.

I am satisfied that if the Senate had had before it the testimony that I am now reciting that body would have passed the bill at $30 a month. I hope that such an amendment may be made here, and I offer the amendment as a committee amendment.

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. Does the gentleman offer that as an amendment of the committee?

Mr. CALDERHEAD. I do.

The question being taken on the amendment of Mr. CALDERHEAD to strike out "$24" and insert "$30," it was agreed to.

The bill as amended was laid aside to be reported favorably to the House.

LUCY M. FERMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11976) granting a pension to Lucy M. Ferman, who served as a matron and nurse in military hospitals during the civil war.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Commissioner of Pensions be, and he is hereby, authorized to place on the pension roll the name of Lucy M. Ferman, on

account of services in the civil war, 1861-1865, in the One hundred and eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, also as matron and nurse in the military hospital at Harper's Ferry, in 1862, and in military hospital at Sandy Hook, Md., 1863 and 1864, and that she be pensioned at the rate fixed by law for nurses during the war.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Lucy M. Ferman, late a nurse in the Medical Department, United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Lucy M. Ferman."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

W. A. HOPPER, ALIAS CUFF WATSON.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 12116) granting a pension to W. A. Hopper.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of W. A. Hopper, of Rockingham County, N. C. (post-office, Madison, N. C.), late of Company M, Eleventh Regiment Michigan Volunteers, who enlisted and served in said company under the name of Cuff Watson in the war between the States, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month.

The amendments recommened by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of William A. Hopper, alias Cuff Watson, late of Company M, Eleventh Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to William A. Hopper, alias Cuff Watson."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM H. WOOD.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 6441) granting an increase of pension to William H. Wood.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William H. Wood, late of the United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 6, before the word "United," insert the words "United States steamships *Santee* and *Marion*."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GOTTLIEB KAFER.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 4183) granting a pension to Gottlieb Kafer.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Gottlieb Kafer, late of Company M, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventeen."

In same line, after the word "month," insert the words "in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Gottlieb Kafer."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THOMAS FENERAN.

The next business was the bill (S. 1924) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Feneran.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas Feneran, late of United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

AMELIA A. RUSSELL.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 12275) granting a pension to Amelia A. Russell.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Amelia A. Russell, widow of Michael Russell, and pay her a pension of $17 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6 and 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Amelia A. Russell, widow of Michael Russell, late first lieutenant Company I, One hundred and sixty-ninth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $17 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SAMUEL BORTLE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5228) granting a pension to S. Bortle.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of S. Bortle, late of Company —, Twenty-eighth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the letter "S." and insert in lieu thereof the word "Samuel."

In the same line, after the word "Company," insert the letter "E."

In line 7 strike out the word "Volunteers" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Volunteer Infantry."

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "forty."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Samuel Bortle."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE W. SHAW.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 12284) granting a pension to George W. Shaw.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George W. Shaw, late of Company C, Eleventh Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty-six."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THOMAS E. SAULS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2046) granting an increase of pension to Thomas E. Sauls.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas E. Sauls, late of Company H, Sixth Regiment Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES E. HORTON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12550) granting an increase of pension to James E. Horton.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of James E. Horton, late of Company A. Sixteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, on the pension roll at the rate of $36 per month in lieu of the amount he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James E. Horton, late of Company A, Sixteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EUGENE J. OULMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1982) granting an increase of pension to Eugene J. Oulman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Eugene J. Oulman, late of

Company B, Thirty-second Regimant Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EDWARD H. ARMSTRONG.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3696) granting an increase of pension to Edward H. Armstrong.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Edward H. Armstrong, late of Company I, One hundred and eighteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARIA LOUISA MICHIE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1681) granting an increase of pension to Maria Louisa Michie.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Maria Louisa Michie, widow of Peter S. Michie, late professor at Military Academy, assimilated to rank of colonel, United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

GEORGE C. TILLMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4071) granting an increase of pension to George C. Tillman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of George C. Tillman, late of Company C, First Regiment Alabama Volunteer Infantry, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Amended, however, by fixing the rate of pension to be allowed at $16 per month, that being the allowance recommended by your committee in all cases of this character where the pension allowed is purely a service one and the conditions shown are not extreme.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EDWARD THOMPSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2976) granting an increase of pension to Edward Thompson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Edward Thompson, late of Company B, Sixth Regiment United States Infantry, and ordnance sergeant, United States Army, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 9, after the word "of," strike out the word "twenty-four" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

OLIVER GISBORNE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3072) granting a pension to Oliver Gisborne.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Oliver Gisborne, late of Company H, First Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, war with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CATHARINE F. EDMUNDS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1172) granting an increase of pension to Catharine F. Edmunds.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Catharine F. Edmunds, widow of Frank H. Edmunds, late major, First Regiment United States Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $35 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving, and $2 per month additional on account of the minor child of said Frank H. Edmunds until she reaches the age of 16 years.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out "thirty-five," in line 8, and substitute therefor "thirty."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN HALL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 2599) granting an increase of pension to John Hall.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Hall, late a sergeant of Company H, Fourth Tennessee Volunteers, Mexican war, at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving, the same to be paid to him under the rules of the Pension Bureau as to mode and times of payment.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out of the title the words "of Bradley County, Tenn." Strike out all in the bill after the words "John Hall," in line 6, and substitute therefor the following: "late of Company H, Fourth Regiment Tennessee Volunteers, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $16 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES T. STEELE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10496) granting a pension to James T. Steele.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to place upon the pension roll, subject otherwise to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James T. Steele, late a member of the Hospital Corps, United States Army, during the Spanish-American war, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute therefor the following: "That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James T. Steele, late of the Hospital Corps, United States Army, war with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of $8 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EDWIN P. JOHNSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9308) granting an increase of pension to Edwin P. Johnson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Edwin P. Johnson, a member of Company E, Thirteenth Regiment United States Infantry, in the Mexican war, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out "a member" and insert "late."

In line 7 strike out "in the Mexican war" and substitute therefor "war with Mexico."

In line 8 strike out "twenty-five" and insert "twelve."

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Chairman, I offer the amendment which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Florida offers an amendment which the Clerk will report.

Mr. DAVIS. I ask that the committee be liberal enough with me in this case to give the applicant at least $15 a month instead of $8.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike out "eight" and insert "fifteen."

Mr. DAVIS. The report of the committee in this case gives $8 a month. Mr. Johnson, the beneficiary of the bill, was really a captain in the Florida Seminole Indian war, but the records were so incomplete that that fact is not made to appear of record here. He appeared only as a private, and upon that idea was given only $8 a month by the amendment of the committee. Captain Johnson was in point of fact a captain in this war and did valiant and splendid service. I ask the committee, therefore, to give him $15 a month instead of the $8 reported by the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair desires to state to the gentleman that the amendment recommended by the committee gives twelve dollars a month instead of eight. Does the gentleman desire to correct his amendment, so as to make it read to insert "fifteen" instead of "twelve?"

Mr. DAVIS. The bill I have before me gives him a pension at the rate of $8 a month; but in any event I move to strike out "twelve" and insert "fifteen."

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Florida moves to amend the committee amendment by inserting the word "fifteen" in place of the word "twelve."

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER. Mr. Chairman, I trust the committee will not adopt this amendment. The gentleman evidently was in

error in regard to the amount carried in the bill as reported from the committee. As amended by the committee, the bill proposes to pay this soldier $12 a month. That is the rate that the general law gives to soldiers of the Mexican war when they are dependent, but this beneficiary is not dependent. The testimony shows that he is possessed of property; that he applied under the law for an increase to $12 and was denied. This gives him the $12 a month.

Mr. DAVIS. If the gentleman will permit me, I have a print of the bill before me which purports to be amended so as to allow $8 a month. If the statement of the gentleman is correct, I will withdraw the amendment.

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER. It is reported at $12 a month.

Mr. DAVIS. Then I withdraw my amendment.

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN GASTON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11578) granting an increase of pension to John Gaston.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Gaston, late of Company G, Second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $16 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANNIE L. EVENS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5560) granting a pension to Annie L. Evens.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Annie L. Evens, widow of John H. Evens, late first lieutenant, Forty-third Infantry United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension of $50 per month from the date of the death of the said John H. Evens, May 11, 1900.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7, after the word "lieutenant," insert "Company K," and in the same line strike out "Infantry United States Volunteers," and insert in lieu thereof "Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, war with Spain."

In line 8, after the word "pension," insert "at the rate," and in the same line strike out "fifty" and substitute therefor "twenty-five."

Strike out all in the bill after the words "per month," in line 8, and insert in lieu thereof "in lieu of that she is now receiving, and $2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said John H. Evens, until they reach the age of 16 years."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Annie L. Evens."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

FRANK W. LYNN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 4622) granting a pension to Frank W. Lynn.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Frank W. Lynn, late of Company C, First Regiment Colorado Volunteer Infantry, war with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN J. MARTIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1046) granting an increase of pension to John J. Martin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John J. Martin, late a captain, Twelfth Regiment United States Infantry, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $16 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES A. PERKINS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1486) granting an increase of pension to Charles A. Perkins.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles A. Perkins, late of Company K, Second Regiment Missouri Mounted Volunteers, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert "sixteen."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EMILY BRIGGS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9592) granting a pension to Emily Briggs.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Emily Briggs, mother of James Briggs, late of Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, Spanish war, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 insert the word "dependent" before the word "mother;" in line 8 strike out the words "Spanish war" and insert in lieu thereof the words "war with Spain."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MINA WEIRAUCH.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10010) granting a pension to Mina Weirauch.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mina Weirauch, widow of Heinrich Weirauch, late of Company L, Fourth Regiment United States Cavalry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $8 per month, and in addition thereto $2 per month for her minor child under 16 years of age.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In lines 8, 9, and 10 strike out the following words: "and in addition thereto $2 per month for her minor child under 16 years of age."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CAROLINE A. HAMMOND.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9187) granting an increase of pension to Caroline A. Hammond.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Caroline A. Hammond, widow of William P. Hammond, ensign in Captain Goodwyn's company of Alabama Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 strike out the words "ensign in" and insert the words "late of;" in line 8 insert the words "Creek Indian war;" in line 9 strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve;" add to the bill the following words: "the same to be paid to her under the rules of the Pension Bureau as to mode and times of payment, without any deduction or rebate on account of any former erroneous payments of pension."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

IRENIA C. HILL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11737) granting a pension to Irene Hill.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Irene Hill, dependent mother of James T. Hill, late of Company M, Forty-fifth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Irene" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Irenia C.;" in line 8 insert the words "war with Spain;" in line 9 strike out the word "twenty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LEWIS H. DELONY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11924) granting an increase of pension to Lewis H. Delong.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Lewis H. Delong, late a private in Capt. G. K. Lewis's company, Lane's battalion, of Texas Mounted Volunteers, war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Delong" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Delony;" in lines 6, 7, and 8 strike out the words "a private in Capt. G. K. Lewis's company, Lane's battalion, of Texas Mounted Volunteers" and insert

in lieu thereof the words "of Company A, Battalion Texas Volunteer Cavalry."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WASHINGTON OJERS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12356) granting a pension to Washington Ojers.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Private Washington Ojers, late of Company G, Second Regiment United States Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Private;" in the same line strike out "G." and insert the letter "D."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MATILDA E. CLARKE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12418) granting a pension to Matilda E. Clarke.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Matilda E. Clarke, the former widow of Alphonse Bietry, late of Company —, Seventh Regiment United States Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the words "the former" and insert "formerly;" in line 7 strike out the words "of Company" and insert the words "unassigned recruit."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ZACHARIAH R. SANDERS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9847) granting an increase of pension to Zachariah R. Sanders.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name Zachariah R. Sanders, late of Ohio Mexican Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Sanders" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Saunders;" in same line strike out the words "Ohio Mexican Volunteers;" in line 7 insert the words "Company C, Second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, war with Mexico;" in line 9 strike out the word "fifty" and insert the word "twenty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES F. P. JOHNSTON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10090) granting an increase of pension to James F. P. Johnston.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of James F. P. Johnston, of Florida, late a captain in Capt. James F. P. Johnston's independent company of volunteers in the Florida Indian war of 1858, and pay him a pension of $30 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "roll," in line 4, and insert ", subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James F. P. Johnston, late captain Independent Florida Mounted Volunteers, Florida Indian war, and pay him a pension at the rate of $8 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

RICHARD TRIST.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10173) to grant an increase of pension to Richard Trist, late of Company A, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Richard Trist, late of Company A, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "name," in line 5, and insert the following: "of Richard Trist, late of Company B, First Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SAMUEL HYMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11638) granting an increase of pension to Samuel Hyman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Samuel Hyman, late Baltimore Battery Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6, before the word "Baltimore," insert the words "of the."

In same line, after the word "Battery," insert the words "Maryland Volunteer."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HANNAH A. TIMMONS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11894) granting a pension to Hannah A. Timmons.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Hannah A. Timmons, widow of William R. Timmons, late captain of Company D, Thirty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and to pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 strike out the word "of."

In line 8 strike out the word "to."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

OLE OLESON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11798) granting an increase of pension to Ole Oleson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ole Oleson, late of Company D, Fifteenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANN E. AUSTIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6645) granting an increase of pension to Ann E. Austin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ann E. Austin, widow of Joseph O. Austin, late of Company F, Twelfth Regiment Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendmant recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MINNIE M. RICE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12129) granting a pension to Minnie M. Rice.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, the name of Minnie M. Rice, daughter of Robert H. Rice, late a member of Company I, Eighty-seventh Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension of $12 per month, subject to the conditions and limitations of the pension laws.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Minnie M. Rice, the helpless and dependent daughter of Robert H. Rice, late of Company I, Eighty-seventh Regiment

Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

FRANCES J. HAUGHTON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 2857) to increase the pension of Frances J. Haughton.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to place the name of Frances J. Haughton, widow of Nathaniel Haughton, late colonel of the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, upon the pension roll of the United States, and pay her a pension of $30 per month from and after the passage of act.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Frances J. Haughton, widow of Nathaniel Haughton, late lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $17 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Frances J. Haughton."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOSEPH WESTBROOK.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8721) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Westbrook.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Joseph Westbrook, late of Company I, Forty-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ALEXANDER F. M'CONNELL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7116) granting an increase of pension to Alexander F. McConnell.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Alexander F. McConnell, late of Company K, One hundred and twenty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $45 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN J. WOLFE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9970) granting a pension to John J. Wolfe.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John J. Wolfe, late of Company A, First Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the words "first lieutenant."

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventeen."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to John J. Wolfe."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

FREDERICK WRIGHT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5170) granting a pension to Frederick Wright.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place upon the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Frederick Wright, of North Platte, in the State of Nebraska, late seamen, U. S. S. *Minnesota*, United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of the pension he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Frederick Wright, late of the U. S. S. *Minnesota*, United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Frederick Wright."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The committee informally rose, and a message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House of Representatives, by Mr. PRUDEN, one of his secretaries.

The committee resumed its session.

ADOLPH BECKER.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 9458) granting an increase of pension to Adolph Becker.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Adolph Becker, late lieutenant-colonel Forty-sixth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Adolph Becker, late captain Company G, Twentieth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CLARA B. TOWNSEND.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 9378) granting a pension to Clara B. Townsend.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Clara B. Townsend, widow of Justus Townsend, late acting assistant surgeon, United States Army, and pay her a pension of $12 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Clara B. Townsend, widow of Justus Townsend, late acting assistant surgeon, United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of $8 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

OLE STEENSLAND.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 10782) granting a pension to Ole Steensland.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ole Steensland, late of Company E, Fifteenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HENRY S. FOSTER.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 11496) granting a pension to Henry S. Foster.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Henry S. Foster, the permanently helpless son of William R. Foster, late unassigned drafted man, Indiana Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Henry S. Foster, the helpless and dependent son of William Foster, late an unassigned private, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ALONZO LEWIS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 1742) granting an increase of pension to Alonzo Lewis.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions

and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Alonzo Lewis, late of Company B, Fourth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ALBION P. STILES.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 11662) granting an increase of pension to Albion P. Stiles.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Albion P. Stiles, late of Company H, Seventeenth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

AARON S. GATLIFF.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1455) granting an increase of pension to Aaron S. Gatliff.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Aaron S. Gatliff, late of Company G, Fourth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Mounted Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of what he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 strike out the word "Volunteer."

In same line, after the word "Mounted," insert the word "Volunteer."

In line 8 strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

In same line strike out the word "what" and insert in lieu thereof the word "that."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES G. BOWLAND.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 5111) granting a pension to James G. Bowland.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of James G. Bowland, late private, Company G, First United States Marine Artillery, and acting ensign of the United States Navy, and pay him a pension of $24 a month, to date from and after the passage of this act, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James G. Bowland, late of Company G, First Regiment New York Volunteer Marine Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to James G. Bowland."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ROBERT C. BALLARD.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 8355) granting a pension to Robert C. Ballard.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Robert C. Ballard, late of Company D, Second Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $18 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "eighteen" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM T. PETERSON.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 7982) granting an increase of pension to William T. Peterson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William T. Peterson, late of Company F, One hundred and ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7, before the word "Pennsylvania," insert the word "Regiment."

In line 8 strike out the words "thirty-six" and insert in lieu thereof the words "twenty-four."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

S. AGNES YOUNG.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 11112) granting a pension to S. Agnes Young.

The bill was read as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of S. Agnes Young, widow of Thomas L. Young, late lieutenant-colonel of the One hundred and eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension of $40 a month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of S. Agnes Young, widow of Thomas L. Young, late lieutenant-colonel, One hundred and eighteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension of $30 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to S. Agnes Young."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ROBERT STEWART.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 9658) granting an increase of pension to Robert Stewart.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Robert Stewart, late of Company C, Forty-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is new receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

In line 9 strike out the word "new" and insert in lieu thereof the word "now."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM KELLEY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9883) granting an increase of pension to William Kelley.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William Kelley, late of Company B, Seventeenth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventeen."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLOTTE E. BAIRD.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10679) granting an increase of pension to Charlotte E. Baird.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Charlotte E. Baird, widow of George Baird, late first lieutenant Company K, Fourth Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, and to pay her a pension at the rate of $17 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charlotte E. Baird, widow of George Baird, late first lieutenant Company K, Fourth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $17 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOSEPH P. O'BRIEN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1292) for the relief of J. P. O'Brien.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of J. P. O'Brien, late private, Battery F, First United States Artillery, 1878, and hospital steward in 1865, and landsman on board U. S. S. *Kansas*, 1872, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Joseph P. O'Brien, late hospital steward, United States Army, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Joseph P. O'Brien."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES BROWN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11890) granting an increase of pension to James Brown.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James Brown, late of Company —, Eleventh Regiment New York Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

In line 6, after the word "Company," insert the letter "D."

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

EMSLEY KINSAULS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 4238) granting a pension to Emsley Kinsauls.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Emsley Kinsauls, late a private of Company E, Fourth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 a month.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the words "a private."

In line 8 strike out the letter "a" and insert in lieu thereof the word "per."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ELIZABETH A. BURRILL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12054) granting a pension to Elizabeth A. Burrill.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Elizabeth a Burrill, widow of Orrin A. Burrill, late of Company A, Fiftieth Regiment New York Volunteer Engineers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LOUISA M. MACFARLANE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8003) granting an increase of pension to Louisa M. MacFarlane.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Louisa M. MacFarlane, widow of Michael B. MacFarlane, late of Battery B, Fifth Regiment United States Artillery, and pay her a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "MacFarlane" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Macfarlane."

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twelve."

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Louisa M. Macfarlane."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WALTER C. TUTTLE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12012) granting an increase of pension to Walter C. Tuttle.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Walter C. Tuttle, late first sergeant of Company F, Fourth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, and to pay him a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the words "first sergeant."

In same line, after the word "Fourth," insert the word "Regiment."

In line 7 strike out the word "to."

In line 8 strike out the word "forty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

M. C. ROGERS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12697) granting a pension to M. C. Rogers.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place upon the pension roll the name of M. C. Rogers, and grant him a pension at the rate of —— dollars per month for services rendered to the Federal Army and for wounds received in said service during the civil war.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of M. C. Rogers, late a guide, United States Volunteers, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

RUTH BARTLETT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12395) granting a pension to Ruth Bartlett.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Ruth Bartlett, daughter of Sylvanus Bartlett, late of Company B, Eighteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $25 a month

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ruth Bartlett, the dependent and helpless daughter of Sylvanus Bartlett, late first lieutenant Company H, Eighteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN M. BROWN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12774) granting an increase of pension to John M. Brown.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John M. Brown, late of Company E, Thirty-eighth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and Company C, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 8, before the word "Massachusetts," insert the word "Regiment."

In same line, after the word "Massachusetts," insert the word "Volunteer."

In line 9 strike out the word "fifty" and insert the word "forty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HANNAH C. CHASE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8341) granting a pension to Hannah C. Chase.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Hannah C. Chase, widow of the late Rev. William T. Chase, late chaplain Eighty-first Colored Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, and 8 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Hannah C. Chase, widow of William T. Chase, late chaplain Eighty-first Regiment United States Colored Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN M. SEYDEL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5695) granting an increase of pension to John M. Seydel.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to place on the pension roll the name of John M. Seydel, late a private in Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment of Iowa Infantry, at the rate of $30 per month, said pension to be in lieu of the one he now receives.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John M. Seydel, late of Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANDREW RAY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6721) granting an increase of pension to Andrew Ray.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Andrew Ray, late of Company F, Twenty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $60 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the word "captain."

In same line strike out the word "Twenty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Ninety."

In line 8 strike out the word "sixty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

FRANCES L. ACKLEY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9290) granting a pension to Francis L. Ackley.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Francis L. Ackley, widow of Charles Ackley, late acting master in the United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $30 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, and 8 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Frances L. Ackley, late a nurse in the Medical Department, United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Frances L. Ackley."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HENRY I. SMITH.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8794) granting a pension to Henry I. Smith.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Capt. Henry I. Smith, late of Company B, Seventh Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $72 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Captain."

In line 8 strike out the word "seventy-two" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sixty."

In same line, after the word "month," insert the words "in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Henry I. Smith."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN S. NELSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4304) granting a pension to John S. Nelson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John S. Nelson, late wagon master, Second Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and Hooker's Division, United States Army, and pay him a pension at the rate of $15 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARTHA A. GREENLEAF.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4413) granting an increase of pension to Martha A. Greenleaf.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Martha A. Greenleaf, widow of Richard O. Greenleaf, late captain Company E, First Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and Company B, Fourth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES LEHEW.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 2006) granting an increase of pension to James Lehew.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James Lehew, late of Company A, Twenty-eighth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JULIUS W. CLARK.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1289) granting an increase of pension to Julius W. Clark.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Julius W. Clark, late captain of Company F, Twenty-fourth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

NADINE A. TURCHIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3518) granting a pension to Nadine A. Turchin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Nadine A. Turchin, widow of John B. Turchin, late colonel Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry and brigadier-general United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $30 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MYRA W. ROBINSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 4486) granting an increase of pension to Myra W. Robinson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Myra W. Robinson, widow of Samuel C. Robinson, late of Company C, Twelfth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

AUGUSTUS E. HODGES.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1685) granting an increase of pension to Augustus E. Hodges.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Augustus E. Hodges, late of Company F, Fourth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES EDWARD PRICE LANCE, ALIAS EDWARD PRICE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5551) granting an increase of pension to Charles Edward Price Lance.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles Edward Price Lance, alias Edward Price, late of Company E, Sixteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Charles Edward Price Lance, alias Edward Price."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ROBERT G. SCROGGS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6890) granting an increase of pension to Robert G. Scroggs.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Robert G. Scroggs, late assistant surgeon of the One hundred and thirty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of the $12 per month he is now drawing.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Robert G. Scroggs, late assistant surgeon, One hundred and thirty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARGARET M. GRANT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7994) granting an increase of pension to Margaret M. Grant.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Margaret M. Grant, widow of Marcus Grant, late major First Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 before the word "Michigan" insert the word "Regiment."

In the same line strike out the word "Infantry" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Engineers and Mechanics."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HENRY W. GASKILL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11180) granting an increase of pension to Henry W. Gaskill.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Henry W. Gaskill, late lieutenant, Company K, Twelfth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension of $50 per month from any date after the passage of this act. He is now on pension roll at $8 per month, invalid certificate No. 209449, act June 27, 1890.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Henry W. Gaskill, late first lieutenant Company K, Twelfth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SOLOMON P. BROCKWAY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10545) granting an increase of pension to Solomon P. Brockway.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, the name of Solomon P. Brockway, late major Ninth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of the pension he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Solomon P. Brockway, late major Ninth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN MARBLE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 3519) granting an increase of pension to John Marble.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Marble, United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $72 per month in lieu of the pension he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, and 8 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of John Marble, late of the U. S. S. *Ohio*, *Cohassett*, and *Ceres*, United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANDREW J. FREEMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1967) granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Freeman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Andrew J. Freeman, late of Company F, Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

MARY E. PETTIT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11314) granting an increase of pension to Mary E. Pettit.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary E. Pettit, widow of Capt. Gilbert B. Pettit, late of Company F, One hundred and twentieth New York Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The following amendment was recommended by the committee:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Mary E. Pettit, widow of Gilbert B. Pettit, late first lieutenant Company F, One hundred and twentieth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $17 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

THOMAS WILKINSON.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5453) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Wilkinson.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Thomas Wilkinson, late of Company G, First Regiment Massachusetts Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The following amendment was recommended by the committee:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the penson roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas Wilkinson, late of Company G, First Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

OSCAR W. LOWERY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5870) granting an increase of pension to Oscar W. Lowrey.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Oscar W. Lowrey, late of Company I, Sixth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

With the following committee amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lief thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Oscar W. Lowery, late of Company D, Sixth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Oscar W. Lowery."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

NEIL GILLESPY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7512) granting an increase of pension to Neil Gillespy.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions

and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Neil Gillespy, late of Company I, Forty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

With the following committee amendment:

In line 6, before the word "Wisconsin," insert the word "Regiment."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN GLENN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 4184) to increase the pension of John Glenn.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, directed and authorized to increase the pension of John Glenn, late corporal, Company C, One hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and pay him a pension of $50 per month in lieu of the pension he now receives.

With the following committee amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John Glenn, late of Company C, One hundredth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to John Glenn."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

MARY HOLMES.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 7678) granting a pension to Mary Holmes.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary Holmes, widow of John O. Holmes, late of Company F, Forty-seventh Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

HARMAN SCRAMLIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6871) granting an increase of pension to Harman Scramlin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Harman Scramlin, late of Company D, Forty-second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

With the following committee amendment:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

Mr. MIERS of Indiana. Mr. Chairman, the committee desires that the committee amendment be voted down. This was an old soldier, and he was fourteen months in the Andersonville prison. He ought to have $30 instead of $24.

The question was taken; and the amendment was disagreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

ELIZA B. GAMBLE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 965) granting a pension to Eliza B. Gamble.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Eliza B. Gamble, widow of David C. Gamble, late captain Company E, Sixty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

With the following amendment recommended by the committee:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Eliza B. Gamble, widow of David C. Gamble, late captain Company E, Sixty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

MARY C. TRASK.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 5150) granting a pension to Mary C. Trask.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mary C. Trask, widow of Amos B. Trask, late of Company G, Twenty-third Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The following amendment was recommended by the committee:

In line 8 strike out the word "twelve" and insert in lieu thereof the word "eight."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

SANDERS R. SEAMONDS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 4261) granting an increase of pension to Sanders R. Seamonds.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Sanders R. Seamonds, late of Company M, Second Regiment Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $60 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

With the following committee amendment:

In line 8 strike out the word "sixty" and insert in lieu thereof the words "thirty-six."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation.

DANIEL SIMS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 4426) granting a pension to Daniel Sims.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Daniel Sims, of California, Washington County, Pa., late a member of Independent Battery E, Pennsylvania Volunteer Heavy Artillery, war of the rebellion, from and after the passage of this act, at the rate of $30 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Daniel Sims, late of Independent Battery E, Pennsylvania Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Daniel Sims."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

CHARLES F. COLES.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 5961) granting a pension to Charles F. Coles.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles F. Coles, late of Company H, Tenth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

PETER T. NORRIS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 9366) granting a pension to Peter T. Norris.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the rolls of the Pension Office the name of Peter T. Norris, late of Company C, Fortieth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the pension laws, and pay him a pension of $24 per month from and after the date of the passage of this act.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Peter T. Norris, late of Company C, Fortieth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Peter T. Norris."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

RACHEL BROWN.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 954) granting an increase of pension to Rachel Brown.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions of the pension laws, the name of Rachel Brown, widow of James Brown, late

a major of the Seventieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Rachel Brown, widow of James Brown, late major Seventieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $15 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JUSTUS CANFIELD.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 636) granting a pension to Justus Canfield.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Justus Canfield, late of Company B, Second Regiment Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 a month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "a" and insert in lieu thereof the word "per."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SARAH E. MERRITT.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 1422) granting a pension to Mrs. C. M. Merritt.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Mrs. C. M. Merritt, widow of C. M. Merritt, late a captain in Company A, Eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $—— per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Sarah E. Merritt, widow of Charles M. Merritt, late captain and assistant quartermaster, United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $15 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Sarah E. Merritt."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES S. PERRY.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 3486) to grant a pension to James S. Peery.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of James S. Peery, of Aspinwall, Lewis County, W. Va., late a sergeant of Company C, Third West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, at the rate of $25 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of James S. Perry, late of Company C, Third Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $17 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to James S. Perry."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THOMAS MILSTED.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 1811) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Milsted.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Thomas Milsted, late of Company F, Sixteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ANNA J. THOMAS.

The next business was the bill (S. 3213) granting a pension to Anna J. Thomas.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Anna J. Thomas, widow of Zachariah E. Thomas, late of Company A, First Regiment Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and second lieutenant Company E, Eleventh Regiment Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $15 per month.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

LAWSON WILLIAMS.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 3755) granting a pension to Lawson Williams.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Lawson Williams, late of Company A, Seventh Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, and 8 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of Lawson Williams, late of Company B, Twenty-second Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Lawson Williams."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ELIZA J. NOBLE.

The next business was the bill (H. R. 2994) granting a pension to Eliza J. Noble.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Eliza J. Noble, widow of James D. Noble, late surgeon of the Fifty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and assistant surgeon, United States Navy, on the pension roll of the United States of America, at the rate of $17 per month, subject to the rules and limitations of the pension laws.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Eliza J. Noble, widow of James D. Noble, late assistant surgeon, Fifty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and acting assistant surgeon, United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Eliza J. Noble."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ISADORA F. MAXFIELD.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 3868) granting an increase of pension to Isadora F. Maxfield.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Isadora F. Maxfield, widow of Wesley Maxfield, late of Company E, Ninth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JAMES B. HASHBARGAR.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12504) granting a pension to J. B. Hashbarger.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of J. B. Hashbarger, totally helpless son of Zachary Hashbarger, late private, Company K, First Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of James B. Hashbargar, the dependent and helpless son of Zachariah S. Hashbargar, late of Company K, First Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to James B. Hashbargar."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JESSE M. PECK.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12409) granting an increase of pension to J. M. Peck.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of J. M. Peck, late of Company E, Fifty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that which he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the letter "J" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Jesse."

In line 8 strike out the word "which."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Jesse M. Peck.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOHN A. EVELAND.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12408) granting an increase of pension to John A. Eveland.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John A. Eveland, late of Company G, Ninetieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

SUSAN WALKER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12312) granting a pension to Susan Walker.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Susan Walker, widow of the late James H. Crysler, who was a member of Company B, Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $24 per month.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Susan Walker, the former widow of James H. Crysler, late of Company B, Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

RANSOM SIMMONS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12549) granting an increase of pension to Ransom Simmons.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Ransom Simmons, late of Company K, First Michigan Light Artillery, on the pension roll at the rate of $30 per month in lieu of the amount he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ransom Simmons, late of Company K, First Regiment Michigan Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HUGH M'GUCKIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11534) for the relief of Hugh McGuckin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, the name of Hugh McGuckin, formerly of Company G, Ninety-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, att he rate of $8 per month, the same to be paid to him under the rules of the Pension Bureau as to mode and time of payment.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Huch McGuckin, late of Company G, Ninety-fourth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $8 per month and such increase of pension as he may hereafter show himself to be entitled to under the present pension laws, notwithstanding the provisions of section 4716, Revised Statutes."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Hugh McGuckin."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

KATE H. CLEMENTS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 1942) granting an increase of pension to Kate H. Clements.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Kate H. Clements, widow of Alexander H Clements, late captain and commissary of subsistence, United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The bill was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ARTHUR H. PERKINS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 3292) granting an increase of pension to Arthur H. Perkins.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Arthur H. Perkins, late of Company I, Fifth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "of" and insert the words "second lieutenant."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

COLMORE L. NEWMAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9219) granting an increase of pension to C. L. Newman.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Colmose L. Newman, late of Company G, First Regiment United States Voltigeur Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Invalid Pensions were read, as follows.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Colmore L. Newman."

In line 6 change "Colmose" to "Colmore;" and in line 7 change "Voltigeur Infantry" to "Voltigeurs, war with Mexico."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

FRANCES E. SCOTT.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 10710) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Frances E. Scott.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to place the name of Frances E. Scott, widow of Charles H. Scott, deceased, late a private of Company H, Thirteenth Regiment United States Volunteers, in the Mexican war, upon the pension roll, and pay her a pension of $18 per month in lieu of any pension that may now be paid her.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Change the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Frances E. Scott."

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Frances E. Scott, widow of Charles H. Scott, late of Company H, Thirteenth Regiment United States Infantry, war with Mexico, and pay her a pension at the rate of $16 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM P. FEATHERSTONE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9952) granting a pension to William P. Featherstone, of Owen County, Ky.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William P. Featherstone, late of Company F, First United States Mounted Rifles.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out of the title the words "of Owen County, Ky."

In line 6, after the word "First," insert "Regiment," and add to the end of the bill the words "and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HELEN F. LASHER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9777) for the relief of Helen F. Lasher.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll of the United States the name of Helen F. Lasher, widow of O. E. Lasher, late senior lieutenant of U. S. S. *Bennington* during the civil war, and pay her a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Helen F. Lasher, widow of Orin E. Lasher, late lieutenant, United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $25 per month, and $2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Orin E. Lasher, until they reach the age of 16 years."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Helen F. Lasher."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ESTHER A. C. HARDEE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 6699) granting an increase of pension to Esther A. C. Hardee.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to increase the pension of Esther A. C. Hardee, widow of Lucius A. Hardee, late a colonel in the Florida Seminole Indian war of 1857 and 1858, to the sum of $30 per month, so that her entire pension aforesaid may be rated at $30 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Strike out all in the bill after the word "directed," in line 4, and substitute therefor the following: "To place upon the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Esther A. C. Hardee, widow of Lucius A. Hardee, late captain, First Regiment Florida Volunteer Mounted Infantry, Seminole Indian war, and pay her a pension at the rate of $20 per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Esther A. C. Hardee."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ISAAC PHIPPS.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11168) granting an increase of pension to Isaac Phipps.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Isaac Phipps, late of Gregg's Tennessee Volunteers, Indian war, and pay him a pension at the rate of $12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 6 strike out "late of Gregg's Tennessee Volunteers, Indian war," and insert "late of Captain Gregg's company, Tennessee Volunteers, Cherokee Indian disturbances."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

IDA D. GREENE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 9018) granting a pension to Ida M. Green.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ida M. Green, widow of Frederick E. Green, late lieutenant-commander, United States Navy, and pay her a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 6 change "Ida M. Green" to "Ida D. Greene;" and in the same line change "Frederick E. Green" to "Francis E. Greene."

In line 8 strike out "fifty" and insert "thirty."

Add to the end of the bill the words "and $2 per month additional on account of each of the minor children of said Francis E. Greene until they reach the age of 16 years."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Ida D. Greene."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

KATHARINE RAINS PAUL.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11249) granting a pension to Katharine Rains Paul.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Katharine Rains Paul, widow of Charles Rodman Paul, colonel Thirtieth Infantry, United States Army, and to pay her a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Change the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Katharine Rains Paul."

Strike out all in the bill after the sixth line and substitute therefor the following: "late lieutenant-colonel, United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

PATRICK MORAN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 1012) granting an increase of pension to Patrick Moran.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Patrick Moran, late of Company M, Third Regiment United States Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

Change the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Patrick Moran."

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert "sixteen."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ERWIN A. BURKE, ALIAS BURT A. ERWIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12552) granting a pension to Erwin A. Burke, alias B. A. Erwin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Erwin A. Burke, who enlisted under the name of B. A. Erwin, late of the United States Navy, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all in the bill after the words "Erwin A. Burke," in line 6, and substitute therefor the following: "alias Burt A. Erwin, late ordinary seaman, United States Navy, war with Spain."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

JOSEPH CULBREATH.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12490) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Culbreath, late second lieutenant Company L, Palmetto Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, in war with Mexico.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Joseph Culbreath, late second lieutenant Company L, Palmetto Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, in war with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of $20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 strike out the word "in."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Joseph Culbreath."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

HENRY C. HELPHINSTINE.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12028) granting an increase of pension to Henry C. Helphinstine, a veteran of the Mexican war.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Henry C. Helphinstine, late of Company B, Third Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of $50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, as follows:

In line 7 insert the words "war with Mexico;" and in line 8 strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM E. GRAY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 12101) granting a pension to William E. Gray.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William E. Gray, late of Company M, First Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "Infantry," in line 7.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

WILLIAM G. GRAY.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11550) granting an increase of pension to William G. Gray, of Burnsville, Miss., a veteran of the Indian war.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William G. Gray, of Burnsville, Miss., a veteran of the Indian war, and now receiving a pension of $8 per month under certificate No. 1500, dated July 27, 1892, and pay him $20 per month in lieu of the said sum which he is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Strike out after the word "Gray," in line 6, and insert: "late of Captain Daniels's company, Georgia Volunteers, Cherokee Indian disturbances, and pay him a pension at the rate of $16 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

FRANCES GURLEY ELDERKIN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (S. 3743) granting an increase of pension to Frances Gurley Elderkin.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Frances Gurley Elderkin, widow of William Anthony Elderkin, late colonel and assistant commissary-general of subsistence United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of $40 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

In line 9 strike out the word "forty" and insert "thirty-five."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

ISAAC M. PANGLE.

Mr. SULLOWAY. Mr. Chairman, I desire to return to Calendar No. 824, page 23 of the Calendar. It is the bill (H. R. 9717) granting a pension to Isaac M. Pangle. The spelling should be "Pangle." I desire to amend the body of the bill and the title.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the correction of the spelling of the name will be made. [After a pause.] The Chair hears no objection.

Mr. SULLOWAY. I now move that the committee rise and report the bills to the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The committee accordingly rose; and the Speaker having resumed the chair, Mr. CAPRON, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported that that committee had had under consideration sundry bills on the Private Calendar, and had reported the same back, some with amendment and some without amendment, with the recommendation that the bills without amendment, and those with amendment as amended, do pass.

SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Appropriations, I report the bill (H. R. 13123) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, and for other purposes. And I desire to give notice that I will call it up for consideration on Monday next.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and by direction of the committee, reports the sundry civil appropriation bill, and at the same time gives notice that he will call the same up for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, I want to reserve all points of order upon the bill.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Missouri reserves all points of order on the bill. The bill will be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

PENSION BILLS PASSED.

The following House bills, reported from the Committee of the Whole without amendments, were severally considered, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, read the third time, and passed:

H. R. 3379. A bill to correct the military record of Calvin A. Rice;

H. R. 3442. A bill to correct the record of John O'Brien;

H. R. 9415. A bill granting an increase of pension to James Matthews:

H. R. 11578. A bill granting an increase of pension to John Gaston;

H. R. 4622. A bill granting a pension to Frank W. Lynn;

H. R. 1046. A bill granting an increase of pension to John J. Martin;

H. R. 7116. A bill granting an increase of pension to Alexander F. McConnell;

H. R. 7142. A bill granting an increase of pension to Alonzo Lewis;

H. R. 12054. A bill granting a pension to Elizabeth A. Burrill;

H. R. 7678. A bill granting a pension to Mary Holmes;

H. R. 6871. A bill granting an increase of pension to Harman Scramlin;

H. R. 1811. A bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas Milsted; and

H. R. 3868. A bill granting an increase of pension to Isadora F. Maxfield.

The following House bills with amendments favorably reported from the Committee of the Whole were severally considered, the amendments agreed to, the bills as amended ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and they were accordingly read the third time, and passed:

H. R. 2901. A bill to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Abram Williams;

H. R. 10095. A bill for the relief of Levi L. Reed;

H. R. 1423. A bill granting an increase of pension to Asa T. Tarbox;

H. R. 3733. A bill granting an increase of pension to Israel Haller;

H. R. 5883. A bill granting a pension to Martha A. Hollingsead (title amended);

H. R. 11782. A bill granting an increase of pension to Allen Hockenberry (title amended);

H. R. 11916. A bill granting an increase of pension to Andrew B. Spurling;

H. R. 12115. A bill granting a pension to Chester E. Wadsworth;

H. R. 12145. A bill granting an increase of pension to Caleb W. Story;

H. R. 8106. A bill granting a pension to Daniel J. Mahoney (title amended);

H. R. 6021. A bill granting a pension to William Kaste;

H. R. 4542. A bill granting a pension to Eliza J. West;

H. R. 10951. A bill granting a pension to Pauline M. Roberts (title amended);

H. R. 11117. A bill granting a pension to William T. Hamilton, of Wheeling, Ohio County, W. Va. (title amended);

H. R. 6412. A bill for the relief of Carl Jordan and restoration to pension roll;

H. R. 6205. A bill granting an increase of pension to Richmond M. Curtis from $12 to $30 per month (title amended);

H. R. 5600. A bill granting an increase of pension to John G. Sanders;

H. R. 9654. A bill granting a pension to John S. James;

H. R. 3899. A bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas B. Wilson;

H. R. 10494. A bill granting an increase of pension to Jonathan H. Slocum;

H. R. 7766. A bill granting an increase of pension to John Huffman;

H. R. 5711. A bill granting an increase of pension to James R. Brockett (title amended);

H. R. 7986. A bill granting a pension to Clara C. Hawks;

H. R. 11271. A bill granting a pension to Louisa Gregg;

H. R. 1709. A bill granting an increase of pension to Edwin J. Godfrey;

H. R. 2316. A bill to correct the military record of Albert Baker;

H. R. 1453. A bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas Kirwan;

H. R. 2286. A bill granting a pension to Mary E. Poole (title amended);

H. R. 4103. A bill granting a pension to William C. Hickox;

H. R. 7560. A bill granting a pension to George W. Butler (title amended);

H. R. 3653. A bill granting a pension to James W. Poor (title amended);

H. R. 6686. A bill granting an increase of pension to Elbridge Franklin;

H. R. 7109. A bill granting an increase of pension to Stanton L. Brabham;

H. R. 6823. A bill granting a pension to Allen W. Merrill (title amended);

H. R. 8009. A bill granting a pension to Sarah B. Clingerman;

H. R. 8134. A bill granting a pension to James H. Dunn (title amended);

H. R. 9140. A bill granting an increase of pension to Mary Ann E. Sperry;

H. R. 9656. A bill granting a pension to Lunsford Y. Bailey, of Monmouth, Oreg. (title amended);
H. R. 9717. A bill granting a pension to Isaac M. Pangle (title amended);
H. R. 10122. A bill granting a pension to John S. Burket, of Blakeman, Kans. (title amended);
H. R. 10114. A bill granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Furgerson (title amended);
H. R. 10179. A bill granting an increase of pension to Theron R. Mack;
H. R. 10230. A bill granting an increase of pension to H. C. Vore (title amended);
H. R. 10255. A bill granting a pension to Margaret Bartlett Tisdale (title amended);
H. R. 10925. A bill granting an increase of pension to William Paul;
H. R. 11075. A bill granting an increase of pension to A. J. Hart (title amended);
H. R. 11493. A bill granting a pension to Mary A. Lipps;
H. R. 11976. A bill granting a pension to Lucy M. Ferman, who served as a matron and nurse in military hospitals during civil war (title amended);
H. R. 12116. A bill granting a pension to W. A. Hopper (title amended);
H. R. 6441. A bill granting an increase of pension to William H. Wood;
H. R. 4183. A bill granting a pension to Gottlieb Kafer (title amended);
H. R. 12275. A bill granting a pension to Amelia A. Russell;
H. R. 5328. A bill granting an increase of pension to S. Bortle (title amended);
H. R. 12284. A bill granting an increase of pension to George W. Shaw;
H. R. 12550. A bill granting an increase of pension to James E. Horton;
H. R. 2599. A bill granting an increase of pension to John Hall, of Bradley County, Tenn. (title amended);
H. R. 10496. A bill granting a pension to James T. Steele:
H. R. 9308. A bill granting an increase of pension to Edwin P. Johnson;
H. R. 5560. A bill granting a pension to Annie L. Evens (title amended);
H. R. 1486. A bill granting an increase of pension to Charles A. Perkins;
H. R. 9592. A bill granting a pension to Emily Briggs;
H. R. 10010. A bill granting a pension to Mina Weirauch;
H. R. 9187. A bill granting an increase of pension to Caroline A. Hammond (title amended);
H. R. 11737. A bill granting a pension to Irena Hill (title amended);
H. R. 11924. A bill granting an increase of pension to Lewis H. Delong (title amended);
H. R. 12356. A bill granting a pension to Washington Ojers;
H. R. 12418. A bill granting a pension to Matilda E. Clarke;
H. R. 9847. A bill granting an increase of pension to Zachariah R. Sanders (title amended);
H. R. 10090. A bill granting an increase of pension to James F. P. Johnson (title amended);
H. R. 10173. A bill granting an increase of pension to Richard Trist, late of Company A, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (title amended);
H. R. 11638. A bill granting an increase of pension to Samuel Hyman;
H. R. 11894. A bill granting a pension to Hannah A. Timmons;
H. R. 11798. A bill granting an increase of pension to Ole Oleson;
H. R. 6645. A bill granting an increase of pension to Ann E. Austin;
H. R. 12129. A bill granting a pension to Minnie M. Rice;
H. R. 2857. A bill granting an increase of pension to Frances J. Haughton (title amended);
H. R. 8721. A bill granting an increase of pension to Joseph Westbrook;
H. R. 9370. A bill granting a pension to John J. Wolfe (title amended);
H. R. 5170. A bill granting a pension to Frederick Wright (title amended);
H. R. 9458. A bill granting an increase of pension to Adolph Becker;
H. R. 9378. A bill granting a pension to Clara B. Townsend;
H. R. 10782. A bill granting a pension to Ole Steensland;
H. R. 11496. A bill granting a pension to Henry S. Foster;
H. R. 11662. A bill granting an increase of pension to Albion P. Stiles;
H. R. 1455. A bill granting an increase of pension to Aaron S. Gatliff;
H. R. 5111. A bill granting a pension to James G. Bowland (title amended);
H. R. 8355. A bill granting a pension to Robert C. Ballard;
H. R. 7982. A bill granting an increase of pension to William T. Peterson;
H. R. 11112. A bill granting a pension to S. Agnes Young (title amended);
H. R. 9658. A bill granting an increase of pension to Robert Stewart;
H. R. 9883. A bill granting an increase of pension to William Kelley;
H. R. 10679. A bill granting an increase of pension to Charlotte E. Baird;
H. R. 1292. A bill for the relief of J. P. O'Brien (title amended);
H. R. 11890. A bill granting an increase of pension to James Brown;
H. R. 4238. A bill granting a pension to Emsley Kinsauls;
H. R. 8003. A bill granting an increase of pension to Louisa M. McFarlane (title amended);
H. R. 12012. A bill granting an increase of pension to Walter C. Tuttle;
H. R. 12697. A bill granting a pension to M. C. Rogers;
H. R. 12395. A bill granting a pension to Ruth Bartlett;
H. R. 12774. A bill granting an increase of pension to John M. Brown;
H. R. 8341. A bill granting a pension to Hannah C. Chase;
H. R. 5695. A bill granting an increase of pension to John M. Seydel;
H. R. 6721. A bill granting an increase of pension to Andrew Ray;
H. R. 9290. A bill granting a pension to Francis L. Ackley (title amended);
H. R. 8794. A bill granting a pension to Henry I. Smith (title amended);
H. R. 1685. A bill granting an increase of pension to Augustus E. Hodges;
H. R. 5551. A bill granting an increase of pension to Charles Edward Price Lance (title amended);
H. R. 6890. A bill granting an increase of pension to Robert G. Scroggs;
H. R. 7994. A bill granting an increase of pension to Margaret M. Grant;
H. R. 11180. A bill granting an increase of pension to Henry W. Gaskill;
H. R. 10545. A bill granting an increase of pension to Solomon P. Brockway;
H. R. 3519. A bill granting an increase of pension to John Marble;
H. R. 11314. A bill granting an increase of pension to Mary E. Pettit;
H. R. 5453. A bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas Wilkinson;
H. R. 5870. A bill granting an increase of pension to Oscar W. Lowrey (title amended);
H. R. 7512. A bill granting an increase of pension to Neil Gillespy;
H. R. 4184. A bill granting an increase of pension to John Glenn (title amended);
H. R. 5150. A bill granting a pension to Mary C. Trask;
H. R. 4261. A bill granting an increase of pension to Sanders R. Seamonds;
H. R. 4426. A bill granting a pension to Daniel Sims (title amended);
H. R. 5961. A bill granting an increase of pension to Charles F. Coles;
H. R. 9366. A bill for the relief of Peter T. Norris (title amended);
H. R. 954. A bill granting an increase of pension to Rachel Brown;
H. R. 639. A bill granting an increase of pension to Justus Canfield;
H. R. 1422. A bill granting a pension to Mrs. C. M. Merritt (title amended);
H. R. 3486. A bill granting a pension to James S. Peery (title amended);
H. R. 3755. A bill granting a pension to Lawson Williams (title amended);
H. R. 2994. A bill granting a pension to Eliza J. Noble (title amended);
H. R. 12504. A bill granting a pension to J. B. Hashbarger (title amended);
H. R. 12409. A bill granting an increase of pension to J. M. Peck (title amended);
H. R. 12408. A bill granting an increase of pension to John A. Eveland;
H. R. 12312. A bill granting a pension to Susan Walker;

H. R. 12549. A bill granting an increase of pension to Ransom Simmons;
H. R. 11534. A bill for the relief of Hugh McGuckin (title amended);
H. R. 3292. A bill granting an increase of pension to Arthur H. Perkins;
H. R. 9219. A bill granting an increase of pension to C. L. Newman (title amended);
H. R. 10710. A bill granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Frances E. Scott, Jemison, Ala. (title amended);
H. R. 9952. A bill granting a pension to William P. Featherstone, of Owen County, Ky. (title amended);
H. R. 9777. A bill for the relief of Helen F. Lasher (title amended);
H. R. 6699. A bill granting an increase of pension to Esther A. C. Hardee (title amended);
H. R. 11168. A bill granting an increase of pension to Isaac Phipps;
H. R. 9018. A bill granting a pension to Ida M. Green (title amended);
H. R. 11249. A bill granting a pension to Katharine Rains Paul (title amended);
H. R. 1012. A bill granting an increase of pension to Patrick Moran (title amended);
H. R. 12552. A bill granting a pension to Erwin A. Burke, alias B. A. Erwin;
H. R. 12490. A bill granting an increase of pension to Joseph Culbreath, late second lieutenant Company L, Palmetto Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, in war with Mexico (title amended);
H. R. 12028. A bill granting an increaase of pension to Henry C. Helphinstine, a veteran of the Mexican war (title amended);
H. R. 12101. A bill granting a pension to William E. Gray; and
H. R. 11550. A bill granting an increase of pension to William G. Gray, of Burnsville, Miss., a veteran of the Indian war (title amended).

The following Senate bills without amendment, favorably reported from the Committee of the Whole, were severally considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed:
S. 4214. An act granting an increase of pension to John McDonald;
S. 3650. An act granting a pension to Sarah A. Carter;
S. 3216. An act granting an increase of pension to Henry M. Taylor;
S. 1630. An act granting an increase of pension to Ella R. Graham;
S. 3481. An act granting an increase of pension to James E. Dexter;
S. 2768. An act granting an increase of pension to John G. Hutchinson;
S. 2262. An act granting an increase of pension to George Farne;
S. 2398. An act granting an increase of pension to George W. Myers;
S. 3299. An act granting an increase of pension to Isaiah Tufford;
S. 4095. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles C. Dudley;
S. 2625. An act granting an increase of pension to Carlin Hamlin;
S. 2938. An act granting an increase of pension to Margaret Dunn;
S. 1264. An act granting an increase of pension to Torgus Haraldson;
S. 880. An act granting an increase of pension to Emory S. Foster;
S. 1979. An act granting an increase of pension to Samuel M. Howard;
S. 2505. An act granting an increase of pension to John Barnard;
S. 4021. An act granting a pension to Sarah Frances Taft;
S. 4086. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles W. Foster;
S. 4346. An act granting a pension to Augusta Turner;
S. 3514. An act granting an increase of pension to Leander Parmelee;
S. 1872. An act granting an increase of pension to Abbie George;
S. 1095. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary Morgan;
S. 1039. An act granting an increase of pension to Nathaniel C. Goodwin;
S. 13. An act granting an increase of pension to George Daniels;
S. 6. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Stone;
S. 2287. An act granting an increase of pension to Georgie Josephine Walcott;
S. 3577. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary V. Walker;
S. 3187. An act granting an increase of pension to Leroy S. Smith;
S. 3660. An act granting a pension to Mary Sweeney;
S. 3910. An act granting an increase of pension to Robert S. Woodbury;
S. 2379. An act granting an increase of pension to George H. Evans;
S. 1924. An act granting an increase of pension to Thomas Feneran;
S. 2046. An act granting an increase of pension to Thomas E. Sauls;
S. 1982. An act granting an increase of pension to Eugene J. Oulman;
S. 3696. An act granting an increase of pension to Edward H. Armstrong;
S. 1681. An act granting an increase of pension to Maria Louisa Michie;
S. 3072. An act granting a pension to Oliver Gisborne;
S. 4304. An act granting a pension to John S. Nelson;
S. 4413. An act granting an increase of pension to Martha A. Greenleaf;
S. 2006. An act granting an increase of pension to James Lehew;
S. 1289. An act granting an increase of pension to Julius W. Clark;
S. 3518. An act granting a pension to Nadine A. Turchin;
S. 4486. An act granting an increase of pension to Myra W. Robinson;
S. 1967. An act granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Freeman;
S. 965. An act granting a pension to Eliza B. Gamble;
S. 3213. An act granting a pension to Anna J. Thomas; and
S. 1942. An act granting an increase of pension to Kate H. Clements.

The following Senate bills with amendments reported favorably from the Committee of the Whole were severally considered, the amendments recommended by the Committee of the Whole agreed to, the bills ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.
S. 2371. An act granting a pension to Andrew J. Felt;
S. 4071. An act granting an increase of pension to George C. Tillman;
S. 2976. An act granting an increase of pension to Edward Thompson;
S. 1172. An act granting an increase of pension to Catharine F. Edmunds; and
S. 3743. An act granting an increase of pension to Frances Gurley Elderkin.

On motion of Mr. SULLOWAY, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the several bills were passed was, upon his motion, laid upon the table.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. WACHTER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had presented this day to the President of the United States for his approval bills of the following titles:
H. R. 10411. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary E. Singley;
H. R. 11619. An act granting an increase of pension to David A. Frier;
H. R. 8269. An act granting an increase of pension to James R. McClellan;
H. R. 7683. An act granting an increase of pension to Almond Delamater;
H. R. 669. An act granting an increase of pension to Richard C. Smith;
H. R. 366. An act granting an increase of pension to Edward M. Kanouse;
H. R. 2240. An act granting an increase of pension to Aquilla Wiley;
H. R. 1378. An act granting an increase of pension to Bessie H. Lester;
H. R. 2093. An act granting an increase of pension to Anna B. McCurley;
H. R. 2781. An act granting an increase of pension to Patrick Lee;
H. R. 7998. An act granting an increase of pension to William H. Allen;
H. R. 6873. An act granting an increase of pension to Sarah Maley;
H. R. 5862. An act granting an increase of pension to Rollin Tyler;

H. R. 1694. An act granting an increase of pension to Henry Ball;

H. R. 9178. An act granting an increase of pension to John W. Howe;

H. R. 5714. An act granting an increase of pension to Lucy B. Bevis;

H. R. 11011. An act granting an increase of pension to Emily J. Tallman;

H. R. 5261. An act granting an increase of pension to John H. Coates;

H. R. 10924. An act granting an increase of pension to Elias M. Haight;

H. R. 7755. An act granting a pension to Laura G. Weisenburger;

H. R. 2417. An act granting an increase of pension to James B. Harris;

H. R. 8212. An act granting an increase of pension to Alice Angel;

H. R. 9659. An act granting an increase of pension to Laura A. Van Wye;

H. R. 10906. An act granting an increase of pension to John W. Meade;

H. R. 7341. An act granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth W. Simmons;

H. R. 10404. An act granting an increase of pension to John Y. Corey;

H. R. 3136. An act for a public building for a marine hospital at Pittsburg, Pa.; and

H. J. Res. 171. Joint resolution for appointment of members of Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. SALMON for four days, on account of important business.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. SULLOWAY (at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, bills and resolutions of the following titles were severally reported from committees, delivered to the Clerk, and referred to the several Calendars therein named, as follows:

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 12868) authorizing the Postmaster-General to provide for the transportation of the mails by pneumatic tubes, or other similar devices, reported the same with amendments, accompanied by a report (No. 1256); which said bill and report were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the joint resolution of the House (H. J. Res. 113) authorizing the use and improvement of Governors Island, Boston Harbor, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1258); which said joint resolution and report were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ESCH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the Senate (S. 3129) for the authorization of the erection of buildings by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations on military reservations of the United States, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1259); which said bill and report were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were severally reported from committees, delivered to the Clerk, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House, as follows:

Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 10819) for the relief of George T. Winston, president of North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and W. S. Primrose, chairman board of trustees, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1257); which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

Mr. BUTLER of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 11522) for the relief of Eliza Ellen Ehle, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1261); which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

ADVERSE REPORTS.

Under clause 2, Rule XIII, Mr. RAY of New York, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution of the House (H. Res. 177) directing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against the Commercial Cable Company for violation of the act of July 2, 1895, known as the "anti-trust law," reported the same adversely, accompanied by a report (No. 1255); which said resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, committees were discharged from the consideration of the following bills; which were thereupon referred as follows:

A bill (H. R. 6059) granting a pension to Frank Klein—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 12883) granting a pension to William Edington—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 12644) to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish an artificial leg to Allan P. Dace—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 12952) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patent to the Rockford Cemetery Association to certain lands for cemetery purposes—Committee on Patents discharged, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CASSEL: A bill (H. R. 13113) to authorize the Secretary of War to loan tents for the use of the Spanish war veterans' encampment at Indianapolis—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 13114) to increase the number of Congressional Records to be furnished to Senators and Representatives—to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. GARDNER of New Jersey: A bill (H. R. 13115) providing for the appointment of chaplains and a superintendent of chaplains in the Life-Saving Service of the United States—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BABCOCK: A bill (H. R. 13116) to amend an act entitled "An act to create revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes," approved June 19, 1878—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 13117) prescribing the size of the field and for rearrangement of the stars in the field of the flag of the United States of America—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BABCOCK: A bill (H. R. 13118) relating to the office of secretary of the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 13119) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Emory River, in the State of Tennessee, by the Tennessee Central Railway or its successors—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. GAINES of Tennessee: A bill (H. R. 13120) to authorize the Nashville Terminal Company to construct a bridge across the Cumberland River in Davidson County, Tenn.—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. CUMMINGS: A bill (H. R. 13121) for the purchase of a portrait of the late President William McKinley—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. STEELE: A bill (H. R. 13122) to purchase the manuscript of a book entitled Congressional Biographies—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Appropriations: A bill (H. R. 13123) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, and for other purposes—to the Union Calendar.

By Mr. THOMPSON: A bill (H. R. 13163) for the erection of a public building at Tallassee, Ala.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Nebraska: A bill (H. R. 13164) providing for the payment of $100,000 to the Omaha tribe of Indians of Nebraska—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. RYAN: A resolution (H. Res. 181) to ascertain salaries paid by the municipal government of the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. GOLDFOGLE: A resolution (H. Res. 183) requesting the Secretary of State to furnish information to this House whether the Government of Russia has excluded or discriminated

against American citizens of Jewish religious denominations entering Russia or restricting their entrance into Russian territory, although provided with American passports—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BISHOP: A bill (H. R. 13124) to correct the military record of John P. Weber—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BOREING: A bill (H. R. 13125) granting a pension to Angeline Harlan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: A bill (H. R. 13126) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Ellmaker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CANNON: A bill (H. R. 13127) granting a pension to Nancy Works—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. COONEY: A bill (H. R. 13128) granting a pension to Martha J. Derrington—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13129) granting a pension to August Poister—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CUMMINGS: A bill (H. R. 13130) for the relief of Phillip Hague, administrator of the estate of Joseph Hague, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: A bill (H. R. 13131) to remove the charge of desertion standing against the name of Henry B. Mackey—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13132) granting an increase of pension to Annie Cotter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13133) for the relief of Frank P. Hayes—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 13134) granting an increase of pension to John George—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts: A bill (H. R. 13135) granting an increase of pension to Francis C. St. John—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HAMILTON: A bill (H. R. 13136) granting an increase of pension to William P. Richardson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: A bill (H. R. 13137) granting a pension to Rebecca J. Hall—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HULL: A bill (H. R. 13138) granting an increase of pension to William D. Christy—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13139) granting an increase of pension to Simon N. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13140) granting an increase of pension to Lewis Kimer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13141) granting an increase of pension to M. C. Staves—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13142) granting an increase of pension to Jonathan H. Mohler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JENKINS: A bill (H. R. 13143) granting a pension to Susan Parker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KEHOE: A bill (H. R. 13144) for the relief of T. B. Bratton—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. KLEBERG (by request): A bill (H. R. 13145) for the relief of Frank H. Church, administrator of the estate of Cornelius Clay Cox—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13146) granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Helmcamp—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MIERS of Indiana: A bill (H. R. 13147) to correct the military record of Phillip Bauman—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. MUTCHLER: A bill (H. R. 13148) for the relief of the personal representatives of John McCabe and Patrick McCabe, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13149) for the relief of James Heiney, Company G, Two hundred and fourteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. REID: A bill (H. R. 13150) granting a pension to J. B. Mahan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13151) for the relief of William H. Roach—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13152) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of George W. Hodges—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee: A bill (H. R. 13153) to restore to the active list of the Navy the name of Andrew M. Moore—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. RIXEY: A bill (H. R. 13154) for the relief of the trustees of Union Church, of Falmouth, Stafford County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. RUMPLE: A bill (H. R. 13155) granting an increase of pension to George F. White—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13156) granting an increase of pension to John Monahan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SCARBOROUGH: A bill (H. R. 13157) granting an increase of pension to Martha S. Harllee, widow of W. W. Harllee, a soldier in the Florida war—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HENRY C. SMITH: A bill (H. R. 13158) granting an increase of pension to Nathan C. Aldrich—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 13159) granting an increase of pension to Angeline E. Wright—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHATTUC: A bill (H. R. 13160) granting an increase of pension to Esley Patch—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SPARKMAN: A bill (H. R. 13161) releasing unto W. J. Cosgrove, Mary Cosgrove, Mary Ellen Aylward (born Cosgrove), and others any rights the United States may have in certain lands in Pensacola, Fla.—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. McLACHLAN: A bill (H. R. 13162) granting an increase of pension to Augustin M. Adams—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BISHOP: A resolution (H. Res. 182) concerning the pay of Mabel Crump Curtiss out of the contingent fund of the House for services rendered as clerk to her father, the late Hon. Rousseau O. Crump, of Michigan—to the Committee on Accounts.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. ACHESON: Petition of Typographical Union No. 321 and Cambria Lodge, No. 17, of Connellsville, Pa., favoring a further restriction of Chinese immigration—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolutions of National Guard Association of Philadelphia, indorsing House bill 11654—to the Committee on the Militia.

By Mr. BABCOCK: Resolution of Wisconsin Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, favoring House bill 8337 and Senate bill 3575, amending the interstate-commerce act—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BELMONT: Resolutions of Bricklayers' Union No. 4, of New York, favoring an educational restriction on immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, resolution of Western New York Horticultural Society, protesting against the irrigation of the arid lands at public expense—to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands.

Also, resolutions of the Manufacturers' Association of New York, against the passage of Senate bill 1118—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, resolution of the same, favoring the building of war vessels in the navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, resolution of same body, favoring House bill 9056, known as the Babcock bill—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolution of Bricklayers' Union No. 4, of New York, favoring an extension of the Chinese-exclusion law—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolutions of Shoe Manufacturers' Association of the United States, for removal of the tariff on hides—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolution of Theatrical Protective Union No. 1, of New York, favoring the exclusion of Chinese laborers—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolution of the Merchants' Exchange of San Francisco, Cal., favoring the admission of Chinese merchants and the exclusion of laborers from China—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BURLESON: Resolutions of Bricklayers and Masons' Union No. 8, of Austin, Tex., in favor of excluding Chinese laborers from the United States and their insular possessions—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CANNON: Petition to accompany House bill 13127, granting a pension to Nancy Works—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CASSEL: Resolutions of Carpenters' Union No. 208, Brewers' Union No. 206, Cigar Makers' Union No. 388, Steel Metal Workers' Union No. 153, Iron Molders' Union No. 287, all of Lancaster, Pa., and Locomotive Engineers No. 104, of Columbia, Pa., favoring exclusion of undesirable immigrants—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, petition of Columbia Lodge No. 107, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in favor of Senate bill 11060, to limit the meaning of the word "conspiracy," etc., in certain cases—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petition of Reamstown Circle No. 27, of Reamstown, Pa.,

asking for the passage of bill to purchase Valley Forge encampment ground—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, resolution of Susquehanna Division No. 331, Order of Railway Conductors, Adamstown Council No. 60, Order United American Mechanics, and citizens of Columbia, Pa., favoring the exclusion of Chinese laborers—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COOPER of Wisconsin: Petition of citizens of the First Congressional district of Wisconsin, for an amendment to the Constitution providing for woman suffrage—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, resolutions of Typographical Union No. 6, of New York, favoring the passage of House bill to increase the pay of letter carriers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, resolutions of Carpenters' Union No. 836 and Woodworkers' Union No. 175, of Janesville, Wis., favoring an educational qualification for immigrants—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, resolutions of Bricklayers and Plasterers' Union No. 6, of Racine, Wis., favoring legislation to exclude Chinese laborers from the United States and insular possessions—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolution of the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce and Wisconsin Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, favoring House bill 8337 and Senate bill 3575, amending the interstate-commerce act—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. CROMER: Petition of the Knights of Fidelity, urging the enactment of House bills 178 and 179, known as the Joy bills, for reduction of the tax on whisky—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DALZELL: Resolutions of Order of Railway Conductors of Reading, Scranton, and Philadelphia, and Railroad Trainmen of McKeesport, Pa., in regard to the Hoar-Grosvenor anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DINSMORE: Petition to accompany House bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas J. Daniels, of Newton County, Ark.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DOUGLAS: Petition of the board of aldermen of New York, favoring an increase of pay for letter carriers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. DRAPER: Petition of the Board of Trade of Kalispell, Mont., in opposition to the repeal of the present timber laws—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. ELLIOTT: Petition of H. T. Morrison and others of Santee, S. C., for an appropriation for digging a canal between North and South Santee rivers, South Carolina—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: Petition of the Lightning Fixture Association, opposing a certain treaty of reciprocity with France now pending in the Senate—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOERDERER: Petition of Polish National Alliance, Branch No. 1, Society of Philadelphia, Pa., and Group No. 421 of Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., urging the passage of House bill No. 16, providing for the erection of a statue to the memory of Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, petition of officers of the National Guard Association of Philadelphia, Pa., favoring House bill 11654, increasing the efficiency of the militia—to the Committee on the Militia.

Also, resolutions of a meeting of Utah Volunteers for the Spanish-American war, relating to allowance for travel pay from Manila, P. I., to San Francisco, Cal.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, petition of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union, of Philadelphia, Pa., in support of a national eight-hour day—to the Committee on Labor.

Also, resolution of the New Century Club, Philadelphia, Pa., in favor of the Appalachian national park and forest reservation—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, petition of the National Live Stock Association, for a modification of section 4386 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association, Boston, Mass., for removal of the tariff on hides—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOWLER: Petition of citizens of Orange, N. J., in relation to reciprocity affecting American industries—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolution of Typographical Union No. 235, of Rahway, N. J., in opposition to House bill 5777, amending the copyright law—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, resolutions of Bricklayers and Masons' unions No. 14, of Plainfield, and No. 34, of Westfield, N. J., favoring an extension of the Chinese-exclusion law—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolution of Painters' Union No. 242, of Orange, N. J., favoring an educational qualification for immigrants—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, resolutions of Polish National Society of Elizabethport, N. J., favoring the erection of a statue to the late Brigadier-General Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. GIBSON: Petition of John George, of Knoxville, Tenn., a soldier of the Mexican war, for a pension—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Papers to accompany House bill 8453, granting an increase of pension to Thomas H. Ballard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JACK: Petition of members of Polish National Alliance of Mount Pleasant, Pa., urging the passage of House bill No. 16, providing for the erection of a statue to the memory of Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. JACKSON of Kansas: Papers to accompany House bill granting a pension to Mrs. A. C. Constant—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON: Papers to accompany House bill 7792, for the relief of John L. Young—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. KETCHAM: Petition of Garrison Branch, Granite Cutters' National Union, Garrison, N. Y., in favor of the extension of the Chinese-exclusion law—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolutions of the same, favoring the building of war ships in the navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. LACEY: Petition of Coopers' Union of Ottumwa, Iowa, favoring the passage of the Hoar-Grosvenor anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAMB: Petition of Journeymen Bakers of Richmond, Va., favoring restrictive immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. LINDSAY: Resolutions of Lighting Fixture Association of New York, urging the defeat of the French reciprocity treaty—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolution of Iroquois Club, of San Francisco, Cal., favoring the construction of war vessels in the Government navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Resolution of Penobscot Lodge, No. 514, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Bangor, Me., in favor of the passage of Senate bill 1118—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIVINGSTON (by request): Petition of Division No. 368, Atlanta, Ga., Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, favoring the passage of the Hoar-Grosvenor anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCLELLAN: Petition of 57 citizens of the Twelfth Congressional district of New York, in favor of the passage of House bills 178 and 179, relating to the whisky tax—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McDERMOTT: Resolution of Iron Molders' Union of Hudson County, N. J., favoring an educational restriction on immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. MERCER: Resolution of Retail Clerks' Union No. 492, of Omaha, Nebr., favoring the construction of war vessels at the Government navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. MIERS of Indiana: Paper to accompany House bill to amend the military record of Philipp Schmit, alias Bauman—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RIXEY: Paper to accompany House bill 12996, for the relief of the trustees of Union Church, of Falmouth, Stafford County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. RYAN: Resolution of Buffalo Division, No. 8, Railroad Telegraphers, on the subject of immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. SCHIRM: Resolutions of Bricklayers' Union No. 1 and Stereotypers' Union No. 10, of Baltimore, Md., favoring an extension of the Chinese-exclusion law—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, resolution of Stereotypers' Union No. 10, Baltimore, Md., favoring the building of war ships in the navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. SHACKLEFORD: Petition of Carpenters' Union No. 945, of Jefferson City, Mo., favoring restriction of immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. SPERRY: Resolutions of White Eagle Polish Society, of Meriden, Conn., favoring the erection of a statue to the late Brigadier-General Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. STEELE: Petition of Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, Wabash, Ind., praying for the further restriction of immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, petition of Stone Masons' Union No. 26, Marion, Ind.,

favoring an extension of the Chinese-exclusion law—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota: Petition of Polish National Association of St. Paul, Minn., favoring House bill 16, for the erection of an equestrian statue of the late General Pulaski at Washington, D. C.—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, resolution of Olmsted (Minn.) Good Roads Association, in favor of liberal appropriations for the Good Roads Bureau—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SULZER: Petition of the Iroquois Club, of San Francisco, Cal., favoring the construction of war vessels in the United States navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLER of Ohio: Sundry petitions of American Federation of Labor in the State of Ohio, favoring the construction of war vessels at the Government navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, sundry petitions of citizens of the State of Ohio, favoring an amendment to the Constitution making polygamy a crime—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, remonstrance of the Burford Brothers' Pottery Company, East Liverpool, Ohio, against any change in the present tariff law—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolutions of the Commercial Club of Omaha, Nebr., in relation to the irrigation of arid lands—to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands.

Also, petition of Ohio State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, favoring the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people—to the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress.

Also, petition of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, Richmond, Ind., and J. F. Hill, Hot Springs, Ark., favoring the passage of Gillett-Lodge bill—to the Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic.

Also, petition of Canton Lodge, No. 407, Association of Machinists, asking that the desert-land laws be repealed—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, petition of Typographical Union No. 6, of New York, favoring increase of compensation to letter carriers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petitions of sundry citizens of the State of Ohio, for the reclassification of railway clerks—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petitions of sundry labor organizations in the State of Ohio, for the exclusion of Chinese laborers—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, petitions of various labor societies in the State of Ohio, favoring an educational qualification for immigrants—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, petitions of citizens of the Eighteenth Congressional district of Ohio, favoring a bill to increase the compensation of rural-mail service—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, letter of Charles S. Howe, Cleveland, Ohio, favoring the reorganization of the Naval Observatory—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, remonstrance of citizens of Ohio, against changing the present law respecting second-class mail matter—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petition of John A. Bliss, Canton, Ohio, in favor of the suppression of anarchy—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, resolution of East Liverpool Retail Grocers' Association, in favor of the pure-food bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of the National Guard Association of Ohio, for the passage of House bill 11654—to the Committee on Militia.

By Mr. TOMPKINS of New York: Petition of citizens of Orange County, N. Y., for increase of pay of letter carriers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. WADSWORTH: Resolution of Polish-American citizens of Niagara Falls, N. Y., favoring the erection of a statue to the late Brigadier-General Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, petition of the Union-Sun Company, of Lockport, N. Y., favoring passage of bill placing wood pulp on the free list—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of J. B. Gilmore and 28 other citizens of New York and vicinity, asking amendments or radical modification of the Chinese-exclusion law—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WANGER: Petition of General S. K. Zook Circle, No. 143, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic, Norristown, Pa., favoring House bill No. 3067, relating to pensions—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petitions of Branch No. 543, Pottstown, Pa., Polish National Alliance, favoring the erection of a statue to the late Brigadier-General Count Pulaski at Washington—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, resolutions of Hagersville (Pa.) Circle, No. 37, Brotherhood of the Union, in favor of a National park at Valley Forge—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. WARNOCK: Petition of Union No. 43, of Urbana, Ohio, against reduction of duty on cigars—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of Amos Wilson for increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WOODS: Report to accompany House bill 13026—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WRIGHT: Petition of Swats Post, No. 72, Grand Army of the Republic, of New Albany, Pa., favoring an investigation of the administration of the Commissioner of Pensions—to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. YOUNG: Petition of W. Polhlmann, in relation to the pure-food bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, *March 29, 1902.*

The House met at 12 o'clock m. Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. PRUDEN, one of his secretaries.

CHINESE-EXCLUSION BILL.

Mr. HITT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that House bill 13031, known as the Chinese-exclusion bill, be taken up as a continuing order at the conclusion of the consideration of the bill that is by order now pending in the House—the Revenue-Cutter Service bill—this not to interfere with appropriation bills or conference reports.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HITT] asks unanimous consent that House bill 13031, being the Chinese-exclusion bill, be made the continuing order after the disposition of the Revenue-Cutter Service bill until disposed of, not to interfere with bills affecting the revenue and appropriation bills.

Mr. SHERMAN. Under the same provisions as now apply to the Revenue-Cutter Service bill?

The SPEAKER. Under the same conditions exactly as apply to the present continuing order. Is there objection to the request?

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. I should like to know whether this comes as a unanimous request from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. HITT. The bill itself is one to which we have all substantially agreed, and perhaps the gentleman from Tennessee is aware that this is a measure of peculiar urgency, as it is to take the place of legislation speedily to expire. We have all agreed to have the measure taken up as soon as possible, and we think it will take only a brief time.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennesseee. I understand that all the members of the committee may be in favor of the measure; but whether the minority members would favor making it a special order or not is another question.

Mr. CLARK. Mr. Speaker, I do not know that I can speak for all the members of the minority; but it is absolutely necessary that this bill be taken up and disposed of at an early date, because, as the chairman has stated, the old law will expire by limitation on the 5th of May next. I am going to file a minority report, with the consent of the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none; and it is so ordered.

GEN. NELSON A. MILES.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Insular Affairs, and ordered to be printed:

To the House of Representatives:

In response to the following resolution of the House of Representatives of March 26, 1902, "*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the House copies of all correspondence relating to, and papers bearing on, the matter of the reported request of Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, United States Army, to be assigned to duty in the Philippine Archipelago and to be allowed to put into effect there a plan outlined by him to bring about a cessation of hostilities," I transmit herewith copies of all the papers upon which final action in the matter was taken.

Since such final action and since the introduction of said resolution, a further memorandum has been added to the papers by Lieutenant-General Miles, and I transmit also a copy thereof, together with the action thereon.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, *March 29, 1902.*

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

By unanimous consent, the Committee on War Claims was discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 475) to