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By Mr. PAYNE: A bill (H. R. 4599) to extend the laws relating to customs and internal revenue over the Hawaiian Islands ceded to the United States—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair presents resolutions adopted at a public meeting in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. CHANDLER. I ask that they be read.

Mr. HALE rose.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolutions are very short.

Mr. HALE. How do the resolutions come before the Senate? Are they in the form of a memorial?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. They are directed to the President pro tempore of the Senate as a memorial to the Senate.

Mr. HALE. It is in the nature of a memorial?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Yes.

Mr. CHANDLER. It is in the nature of a petition, I understand. As it is brief, I ask that it be read to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Secretary will read the resolutions.

The resolutions were read, and referred to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico, as follows:

To the President of the United States Senate:

At a public meeting of the citizens of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, held on July 4, 1899, to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of the declaration of American independence, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Whereas under and by virtue of the joint resolution of annexation the Hawaiian Islands have been annexed as a part of the territory of the United States and are now subject to the sovereign dominion thereof; and

Whereas the said resolution further provides that the municipal legislation of the Hawaiian Islands not inconsistent therewith nor contrary to the Constitution of the United States shall remain in force until the Congress of the United States shall otherwise determine; and

Whereas by the failure of the last Congress of the United States to enact necessary legislation at its late session much uncertainty exists as to the present status of the Hawaiian Islands in their relation to the Government, Constitution, and laws of the United States; and

Whereas this is deemed a fitting occasion for a public expression of opinion on the matter: Now, therefore, it is

Resolved, That this assemblage earnestly and respectfully asks of President McKinley and his advisers and the Congress of the United States to take such action as will cause the speedy extension of American Territorial laws to Hawaii.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Signed on behalf of citizens as above.

GEORGE W. SMITH,
Chairman of Public Meeting.
B. HAYWOOD WRIGHT,
Secretary.

HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, November 23, A. D. 1899.

POLICY REGARDING NEW POSSESSIONS.

Mr. MORGAN. I submit an amendment to Senate joint resolution No. 45, and ask that it be read and printed and laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Secretary will read the amendment.

The SECRETARY. Strike out all after the resolving clause in the joint resolution (S. R. 45) declaring the purpose of the United States with reference to the Philippine Islands, introduced by Mr. BACON on the 18th instant, and insert:

That in pursuance of section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution, the United States will guarantee to the people of Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and all other States and peoples within its sovereign jurisdiction and control, a republican form of government, and will protect them against invasion.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alabama asks that the amendment may be printed and lie on the table subject to his call. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.