By Mr. Graham: A bill (H. R. 6870) to extend laws enacted by Congress for the Territories to our new islands - to the Committee on Insular Affairs.

Executive Communications, etc. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, recommending the transfer of the appropriation for the improvement of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to the jurisdiction of the Navy Department - to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting information relative to the appropriation of $100,000 for improving Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in accordance with the report submitted by Rear-Admiral Walker, United States Navy, June 11, 1894, and suggesting the desirability of transferring that appropriation to the jurisdiction of the Navy Department; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Knox: A bill (H. R. 7091) relating to Hawaiian silver coinage and silver certificates - to the Committee on the Territories.

GOVERNMENT OF HAWAII.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. I give notice of an amendment which I propose to offer to the bill (S. 225) to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii. I ask that it may be read, printed, and, as the bill has been reported, lie on the table.

The amendment was read, and ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed, as follows:

Strike out section 28 and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

"That until further legislation by Congress the existing customs relations of the Hawaiian Islands with the United States shall remain unchanged."

"Also strike out the following:

"§ 28. That a delegate to the House of Representatives of the United States, to serve during each Congress, shall be elected by the voters qualified to vote for members of the house of representatives of the legislature. The person having the greatest number of votes shall be declared by the governor duly elected, and a certificate shall be given accordingly."

Mr. Frye (Mr. Keau in the chair), from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 2707) to amend an act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1899; which was read twice by its title.