Mr. Clark of Wyoming introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 76) withdrawing certain lands on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, from the public domain; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

**AMENDMENTS TO BILLS.**

Mr. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 329) to provide government for the Territory of Hawaii; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

**LANDS ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU, HAWAII.**

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming. I am directed by the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 76) withdrawing certain lands on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, from the public domain, to report it favorably, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution will be read for information.

The Secretary read the joint resolution.

Mr. FORAKER. I understand that a joint resolution in regard to certain lands on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, has been reported from the Committee on Public Lands. I was not aware there was any such resolution pending before the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It is a report from the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. FORAKER. When was that joint resolution introduced?

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming. It was introduced something like a week ago, when it was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and it has been unanimously reported from that committee. It is with reference to the withdrawal from the public lands of the royal mausoleum, containing something like 120,000 square feet in the outskirts of Honolulu.

Mr. FORAKER. I must certainly have been absent from the Senate when that joint resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. As chairman of the Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico, I shall insist that all matters affecting those islands shall be referred to the committee having control of that subject.

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming. Certainly the Senator from Ohio will see the justice of having referred this matter to the Committee on Public Lands, when by resolution and a proclamation of the President the public lands of Hawaii have been taken over to the United States. It seems to me that there is but one committee to which that joint resolution and that subject should have gone. It certainly was not such a reference of the joint resolution as could properly have been objected to. I think.

Mr. FORAKER. It may be as the Senator from Wyoming says; I have no doubt it is; but I did not happen to be present when the joint resolution was introduced and was not aware that any such resolution had been introduced or any such reference had been made.

I only want to say, as chairman of that committee, that everything affecting those islands the Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico will feel inclined to claim should be referred to it. If everything affecting the public lands in those islands is to go to the Committee on Public Lands, if everything referring to finance is to go to the Finance Committee, and everything referring to navigation is to go to the Committee on Commerce, we might as well dispense with the Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico. We shall claim the reference of everything of this character, in the first instance, to that committee.

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming. I had no thought of discourtesy to the Senator or to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico.

Mr. FORAKER. I am sure of that. I am not disposed to make any question on this joint resolution; but, as I have already said,

I want to serve notice that our committee will make claim to everything connected with those islands in the way of legislation that may be brought before the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the joint resolution?

Mr. ALLEN. I object. I think morning business ought to be transacted before anything else is taken up.