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TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

The Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 222) to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii.

Mr. CULLOM. The Senator from Alabama [Mr. MORGAN] has, I think, an amendment which has been substantially agreed upon as to the subject immediately under consideration before we adjourned yesterday.

Mr. MORGAN. Some objection was made yesterday to section 75 of the bill, and there was controversy, it appears, between the Agricultural and the Interior Departments about it, at least among the friends of those Departments. I have agreed to offer the following substitute, which I believe represents the views of all concerned.

Mr. CULLOM. I think it is right.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be read.

The SECRETARY. Strike out section 75 and insert:

That the sum of $15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to examine the laws of Hawaii relating to public lands, the proceedings thereunder, and all matters relating to public lands, and to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to examine into all matters concerning agriculture and forestry and public roads in said Territory, which duty shall be performed with all convenient speed; and each of said officers shall report to the President of the United States with recommendations upon the matters concerning which they are herein charged. The appropriation herein provided for shall be divided equally between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior as the necessities of the investigations of each shall demand.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SPOONER. Is there a committee amendment pending?

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. Yes; there is a committee amendment pending, one that was passed over.