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GOVERNMENT FOR THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

The committee resumed its session.

Mr. KNOX. Mr. Chairman, before yielding the rest of my time. I desire to state that, as has probably been observed by the committee, this bill simply strikes out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and substitutes the House bill. It is the House bill we have been considering and shall consider to-morrow for

I simply desire to avoid reading both bills, as we otherwise might have to do, and I therefore ask unanimous consent that in reading the bill we simply read the House bill. I have seen gentlemen upon both sides, and I understand there is no objection.

Mr. TALBERT. In the absence of the gentleman from Pennsvlvania [Mr. Mahon] and in the absence of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Cannon], I suggest that the House is rather thin. There is no quorum here.

Mr. KNOX. I hope the gentleman will not raise that question.

Mr. TALBERT. I withdraw the point.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. KNOX | requests unanimous consent that when the reading of the bill under the five-minute rule is begun, the House bill proposed as a substitute for the Senate bill be alone read. Is there objection?

Mr. HILL. Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to object to this, because I wish to hasten the reading of the bill; but the bill is a long one, and will undoubtedly provoke a good deal of discussion, and it is a good deal of a question whether the end of the bill will be reached before 4 o'clock. While not objecting to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts, I also request that two small amendments may be considered as pending.

Mr. KNOX. I will say that I will not object to that, but I would like to have this consent obtained first, so there will be no

question about it. I ask the Chair to put my request.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Knox]?