By Mr. Wilson of Arizona: A bill (H. R. 10843) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the Territories, to limit Territorial indebtedness, and so forth" - to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Hale introduced a bill (S. 4290) to provide for the acquirement by the United States of lands and rights therein necessary to the establishment of a naval station in Pearl Harbor, island of Oahu, Hawaii, and for the dredging of approaches to said harbor; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

Mr. WARREN. I ask leave to call up Senate bill 2610.
The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The morning business is closed, and the Chair lays before the Senate the following resolution.
The Secretary reads the resolution reported by Mr. TURLEY from the Committee on Privileges and Elections January 23, 1890, as follows:

Resolved, That the Hon. Matthew S. Quay is not entitled to take his seat in this body as a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I made a conference report the day before yesterday, which was withdrawn. I now present it again, and ask for its immediate consideration.
The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Illinois presents a conference report on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 222) to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii, which has heretofore been read to the Senate. The question is on agreeing to the report.

Mr. PETTIGREW. Mr. President, it seems to me that this report ought to be rejected and sent back to the conference committee, and for this reason: On page 57 of the bill, paragraph 5, under "Qualifications of voters for representatives," occurs this provision:

Prior to such registration have paid, on or before the 31st day of March next preceding the date of registration, all taxes due by him to the government.

This provision practically disfranchises most of the people who are citizens of the United States and citizens of Hawaii, for the reason that the Hawaiian government imposes a poll tax of $3 upon every voter—that is, they impose a tax of $1, which they call a poll tax; $2 as a road tax; and $2 as a school tax; making a poll tax, in all, of $3. This provision is that every person must have paid this tax before the 31st day of March next preceding the date of registration.

There were only 2,600 voters in Hawaii according to the last election, and this provides that those who wish to vote at the next election for members of the legislature shall have paid their tax previous to the 31st day of last March. Of course, that is previous to the passage of this bill, and it therefore disfranchises everybody who has not paid this five-dollar tax.

The people of Hawaii—

Mr. SPOONER. Will the Senator be kind enough to read that again? I did not hear it.

Mr. PETTIGREW. I will complete my remarks, and in the meantime the Senator can look at the provision in the bill.

Mr. SPOONER. I want to understand what the Senator is stating; that is all.

Mr. PETTIGREW. The provision is that—

Prior to such registration have paid, on or before the 31st day of March next preceding the date of registration, all taxes due by him to the government.

He must have paid this poll tax of $3 before the 31st day of last March or he is disfranchised from voting for members of the next legislature. The next legislature will have the power to impose a tax of $15 if they choose, or a tax of any other sum, and thus forever exclude nearly all the voters of that country from participation in the government.

It is no defense to say that this was a provision in the bill as it passed the Senate; for the bill as it came from the Committee on Foreign Relations contained so many iniquities that the Senate overlooked this one, and it is not strange that they did overlook