Mr. FORAKER. I am directed by the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4950) to provide for officers in the customs district of Hawaii, to report it with an amendment, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The Secretary read the bill; and, by unanimous consent, the Senate, as in Committees of the Whole, proceeded to its consideration.

The amendment of the committee was, in line 5, after the word "thousand," to strike out the words "five hundred;" so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That there shall be in the customs district of Hawaii one collector, who shall reside at Honolulu, and who shall receive a salary of $4,000 per annum, and such deputy collectors and other customs officers as the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem necessary.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was reported to the Senate as amended, and the amendment was concurred in.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

HAWAIIAN POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

Mr. DANIEL. I am instructed by the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4950) to amend and reenact an act entitled "An act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii," approved April 30, 1896, to report it without amendment and to submit a report thereon. I ask for the present consideration of the bill. It is recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be read in full to the Senate.

The Secretary read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That sections 102 and 108 of the act entitled "An act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii," approved April 30, 1896, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 102. That the laws of Hawaii relating to the establishment and conduct of any postal savings bank or institution are hereby abolished. And the Secretary of the Treasury, in the execution of the agreement or agreements between the United States as expressed in an act entitled 'Joint resolution to provide for annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States,' approved July 7, 1898, shall pay the amounts on deposit in the Hawaiian Postal Savings Bank, payable to the persons entitled thereto, according to their respective rights, and he shall make all needed orders, rules, and regulations for paying such amounts, notifying such persons to present their demands for payment. So much money as is necessary to pay said demands is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available on and after the 1st day of July, 1900, when such payments shall begin, and none of said demands shall bear interest after said date, and no interest shall be made in said bank after said date. Said demands of such person shall be certified to by the chief executive of Hawaii as being genuine and due to the persons presenting the same, and his certificate shall be sealed with the official seal of the Territory and countersigned by its secretary, and when the same are paid in the manner respecting payment from the Treasury of the United States as expressed in the act entitled 'An act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii,' approved April 30, 1896, the Treasurer of the United States shall deliver to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States.

And it is further provided, That the Secretary of the Treasury, in the execution of the agreement of the United States expressed in a Joint resolution to provide for annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States,' approved July 7, 1898, at the earliest practicable period after the admission of Hawaii as a State, shall, as the public interest may require, appoint such agents as may be necessary to pay any accruing interest on said public debt for which the United States may be liable under joint resolution of Congress July 7, 1898, entitled 'Joint resolution to provide for annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States,' and in addition thereto an amount not exceeding $50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expenses of executing this resolution.'"

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

Mr. HALE. I am afraid that bill will give rise to controversy and debate. If the Senate will withdraw it if it will give rise to debate, I shall not object to its consideration.

Mr. DANIEL. I can state the gist of the bill.

Mr. HALE. I do not want the Senator to do that. If the Senator does that, it will certainly give rise to controversy; but if the bill can be passed without any debate, I am willing that it shall be done, but not otherwise.

Mr. SPOONER. What committee does the bill come from?

Mr. DANIEL. The bill has been carefully gone over by the Committee on Foreign Relations, and I have been instructed to report it. It is recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury. It is simply for the immediate execution of our assumption of the Hawaiian debt to the extent of $4,000,000, and it provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall take charge of the Hawaiian Postal Savings Bank in Hawaii, reduce the assets into possession,