thing done, because I want to give the people of Hawaii all the liberties, rights, privileges, and opportunities that it is possible for them to enjoy. But a bill, I have been informed, is coming in here from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, bringing in a provision for a general system of postal savings banks for the United States. Of course that will include Hawaii, and in order to pass that bill we would have to get rid of the postal system in Hawaii. That bill would repeal the postal system as we found it in Hawaii and as it exists to-day. It is going on to-day, but I do not think actively.

In order to get this matter into a correct legislative attitude, so that we can vote upon it intelligently, I propose to add these two sections to the bill as additional sections, amending the sections by striking out “1899” where it occurs and inserting “1900,” so that it will read:

Such money 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.

Striking out “1899” wherever it occurs in this amendment and inserting “1900.” Then we would have something, Mr. President, which would perfect the bill, and it is necessary to perfect it, for it was really a part of it when it was offered here, although it was sent to separate committees for the reason that the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads and the Committee on Finance are more properly the committees to deal with those particular features of the report of the commission than the Committee on Foreign Relations. That is why the provisions were separated and put in separate bills. I am not so sure but that we ought also to add the coinage bill, but then that is a matter about which no question has been raised. We have had enough questions here now to turn a man crazy over this bill, most of them growing out of the fact that Senators have not understood it.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I think it is about the time when we should cease the consideration of this bill for to-night, as it is evident we can not finish it.

Mr. MORGAN. I will offer the amendment now.

Mr. CULLOM. The amendment of the Senator from North Carolina excites first.

Mr. MORGAN. I beg your pardon.

Mr. CULLOM. I should like to say that I will be exceedingly gratified if we can fix a time to-morrow for the final disposition of this bill. I am exceedingly anxious to get the bill through the Senate, and it may be finally sent to the other House. I ask the Senate whether we can not have unanimous consent to dispose of the bill by a final vote upon it to-morrow at 4 o’clock.

Mr. MORGAN. And the amendments?

Mr. CULLOM. The bill and amendments.

Mr. HALE. I hope the Senator will not ask that that be done. I hope the Senate will not ask us to do that now. There are several matters that are of importance to be discussed hereafter which have not yet been reached, and it is uncertain how much of the time to-morrow may be taken up in the consideration of the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. I think the Senator in charge of the bill—while I appreciate his anxiety to close it up—had better not now endeavor to fix a time for taking a vote on it.

Mr. CULLOM. Will the Senator consent, then, that the bill shall be finished to-morrow before adjournment?

Mr. HALE. That is to be in the morning hour.

Mr. PENROSE. Yes; but it will necessarily take some time which would otherwise undoubtedly be consumed by the Pennsylvania Senatorial case.

Mr. HALE. The Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Turley] when he suspended his remarks to-day gave notice that he desired to to-morrow to continue.

Mr. PENROSE. I understand the Senator from Tennessee expects to occupy at least an hour to-morrow, and if he is then interrupted as much as he has been to-day, he may occupy a longer time.

Mr. HALE. I think the Senator from Illinois had better not ask for an agreement this evening.

Mr. FORAKER. There is such an extreme necessity, as it seems to me, for legislation for Puerto Rico that I want to suggest the propriety of our having night sessions. I do not know what the sense of the Senate may be with respect to such a proposition.

Mr. HALE. There are but few Senators now here.

Mr. CULLOM. I sincerely hope that the Senate will allow the Hawaiian bill to be considered until it is disposed of, and at as early a date as is reasonable. There are considerations, which I do not care to speak of here, which render it important that the bill should be promptly acted upon. I should be very glad indeed to get it through the Senate and into the other House.

Mr. FORAKER. My great anxiety about it is that I may secure the consideration of the Puerto Rican bill as early as possible.

Mr. PETTUS. If the Senator from Illinois will allow me, if in order, I want to inquire of him whether it would not be best now to order the printing of the bill with the amendments to it so far as they have been agree to.

Mr. CULLOM. I secured an order for its reprinting on Saturday night.

Mr. PETTUS. There have been so many amendments since that it is impossible to carry them in one’s head. It is a mere suggestion on my part; I do not want to make any motion.

Mr. CULLOM. I think the Senator will find, on an examination of the last print of the bill, that there are not very many amendments which have been adopted to-day. I will drop the subject for the present, in the hope that I may get the bill through to-morrow; and I will now move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Senator from Illinois withdraw the motion for a moment that the Chair may present some matters to the Senator?

Mr. CULLOM. I withdraw the motion temporarily.