Mr. CULLOM. I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the unfinished business.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate the unfinished business.

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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment before the Senate is the one offered by the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BUTLER], touching postal savings banks. Is the Senate ready for the question?

Mr. PETTIGREW. It seems to me the Senator from North Carolina ought to be present before it is disposed of. I think probably he will be here very soon. I should not like to have a vote taken upon it in his absence.

Mr. CULLOM. I have no disposition to take snap judgment on the Senator from North Carolina.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from South Dakota asks unanimous consent that the amendment may be laid aside for the present.

Mr. PETTIGREW. I make that request.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. CULLOM. I have no objection. I believe the Senator from Alabama [Mr. MORGAN] offered an amendment which he desires to have considered. It may be connected with the one that was laid aside.

Mr. BUTLER entered the Chamber.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, the Senator from North Carolina has just come in.

Mr. BUTLER. The Hawaiian bill is now before the Senate?

Mr. CULLOM. Yes, and we are waiting for the Senator from North Carolina.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment pending is that offered by the Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. BUTLER. I beg leave to offer in lieu of the amendment offered yesterday the one I send to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Carolina withdraws the amendment offered yesterday and substitutes for it an amendment which will be read for information.

Mr. BUTLER. Before the amendment is read, I will state that it is the law of Hawaii modified to suit, to fit into the pending bill. As it is read those who are familiar with the law of Hawaii will see that I have changed the words "minister of finance" to "treasurer" and where there was any duty devolved upon the president of the Hawaiian republic it is devolved upon the governor, etc. It is the present law modified, which I offer as an amendment to the bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Where does the Senator propose that the amendment shall come in?

Mr. BUTLER. At the end of section 84.

The SECRETARY. It is proposed to insert at the end of section 84 the following as new sections:

Sec. — That the laws of Hawaii relative to postal savings banks be modified and continued in force, as follows:

Sec. — That there shall be established as a part of the Hawaiian postal service a system of postal savings banks, to be known as the Hawaiian postal savings bank system, similar to the system now in operation, of which the postmaster of Honolulu shall be ex-officio manager.

Sec. — That it shall be lawful for the postmaster of Honolulu to authorize and direct each and every money-order office in the Territory of Hawaii to receive and forward to the central post-office at Honolulu, and to repay the same to depositors, together with the interest accrued thereon, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed under the authority of this act: Provided always, That such deposits shall not be of less amount than 10 cents or a multiple thereof; And provided, That no account shall be opened until at least $1 shall be deposited.

Sec. — That every deposit received by any officer so authorized by the postmaster of Honolulu shall be entered by him at the time in the depositor's book, and the entry shall be attested by the signature of the said officer.