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Senate

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TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

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. 293) to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The pending amendment will be stated.

The Secretary. On page 46 it is proposed to insert the following at the end of section 94:

And the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court shall each receive an annual salary of $5,000; and the judges of the circuit courts, of whom the two judges for the first circuit shall each receive an annual salary of $4,000, and the judges for the second, third, fourth, and fifth circuits, respectively, an annual salary of $3,000 each.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. I desire to offer an amendment to section 52, and I ask that it may be read.

The Secretary. It is proposed to amend section 52 by adding at the end thereof the following:

Provided, however, That pending the time when this act shall take effect and until a session of the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii shall be held, the President may in his discretion authorize and direct the use of such money in the treasury of the republic of Hawaii as well as of the Territory of Hawaii as he shall think requisite and proper for the carrying on of the government and the public health, the completion of the sewerage system of the city of Honolulu, and such other expenditures as in the President's judgment shall seem to be appropriate.

Mr. COCKRELL. I do not understand the amendment.

Mr. CULLOM. The amendment seems to be necessary for this purpose. The Hawaiian Islands have no legislature. The people are in great trouble over there on account of the bubonic plague which broke out, and in consequence of which a large portion of the city of Honolulu was destroyed, and there are several new cases there now, according to the advices by last steamer, which has just arrived. The people there, except as they make contributions themselves, are substantially helpless, and the purpose of this amendment is to allow, under the direction of the President, the Hawaiian authorities to use money in the Hawaiian treasury for the purpose of taking care of the islands and protecting them from this plague as nearly as possible. There is no way of getting any money now until this bill is passed, and for from fifty to sixty days afterwards. The bill provides that the governor, when appointed, may call a special session of the legislature after thirty days; but it will be thirty days before he gets the bill, perhaps, after it is passed, and that is so far ahead that those here representing the islands beg of Congress to do something that will enable them to get money to use for their protection in this interim of time, not from the United States Treasury, but from the treasury of the Hawaiian Islands. That is the purpose of it.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the amendment proposed by the Senator from Illinois.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. COCKRELL. On page 22, line 8, of the last print, section 55—

Mr. CULLOM. Has the Senator the print of yesterday or of to-day?

Mr. COCKRELL. The last print. I do not know whether you call it yesterday's print or to-day's.

Mr. CULLOM. The last one.

Mr. ALLISON. The present print.

Mr. COCKRELL. After the word "applicable," I move to insert—

Mr. CULLOM. What line is that?

Mr. COCKRELL. Line 8, page 22. I move to insert after the word "applicable" the words:

And the legislature, at its first regular session after the census enumeration shall be ascertained, and from time to time thereafter, shall reapportion the membership in the senate and house of representatives among the senatorial and representative districts on the basis of the population in each of said districts who are citizens of the Territory.

Mr. CULLOM. And of the United States.

Mr. COCKRELL. Yes; citizens of the Territory and of the United States.

Mr. CULLOM. I have no objection to that.

Mr. MORGAN. There is no such thing as citizenship in Hawaii. The word "Territory" should be stricken out.

Mr. COCKRELL. I will make it "citizens of the United States."

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment proposed by the Senator from Missouri will be stated.

The Secretary. After the word "applicable," in line 8, page 22, section 55, it is proposed to insert:

And the legislature, at its first regular session after the census enumeration shall be ascertained, and from time to time thereafter, shall reapportion the membership in the senate and house of representatives among the senatorial and representative districts on the basis of the population in each of said districts who are citizens of the United States.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the amendment proposed by the Senator from Missouri.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Should not a period follow the amendment, and should not the word "but" be stricken out?

Mr. CULLOM. I think that ought to be done.

Mr. COCKRELL. I think you had better leave the word "but" in there—"but the legislature shall not grant.” It comes in, I