The CHAIRMAN. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. WILLIAMS].

The question being taken, the Chairman announced that the ayes had 55, noes 78.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi demanded a division.

The committee divided; and there were—ayes 55, noes 78.

Accordingly the amendment was rejected.

Mr. HILL. It is perfectly evident that this bill is not to be read through, and I have two amendments which I attempted to offer yesterday, and they were rejected by a vote of 184, and I ask that the amendments may be considered as pending.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. What are the amendments?

Mr. HILL. The firststrike out the provision for the Territorial Delegate.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I object.

The CHAIRMAN. Objection is made.

Mr. HILL. Perhaps you will agree to the second amendment.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I object.

Mr. HILL. Do you object to the second amendment without hearing it?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. What is the second amendment?

Mr. HILL. It is to provide that nothing in this bill shall be construed to pledge any future statehood.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I object to that.

Mr. HILL. I thought you would.

The CHAIRMAN. Objection is made.

The Clerk reads as follows:

Sixth. Be able to speak, read, and write the English or Hawaiian language.

Mr. PUGH. Mr. Chairman, the section which has just been read surely is even more objectionable, if possible, than the one which we have just passed, that discriminates against the unfortunate poor. I think it will not stand the test of the people in that section will object to voting that he is physically unable to read or write the English or Hawaiian language.

Now, I would like to know of the chairman of the committee if he wishes to impose that character of disqualification upon them?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. To what is the gentleman from Kentucky speaking?

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair did not understand the gentleman.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. To what is the gentleman from Kentucky speaking?

The CHAIRMAN. There is no motion before the committee, except the substitute pending offered by the Committee on Territories.

Mr. RICHARDSON. The section itself is pending, and the gentleman speaks to that.

Mr. PUGH. The section itself is pending, and it surely ought not to be indorsed by this committee.

The section says that in order to be qualified the voter shall ‘be able to speak, read, and write the English or Hawaiian language.’ This may apply to a person physically unlawful and disabled. An unfortunate without an arm could not vote, a man deaf and dumb could not vote. This is a bad piece of legislation, which we are rushing through without due consideration. There ought to be an extension of the time for the consideration of this bill by the Committee of the Whole.

We ought to move along in lines that will commend our work to the people of this country and also to the people for whose government we are legislating. I therefore move to strike out that section in its present form, unless the committee is willing to amend the same that it will not apply to these people who are physically disabled.

The Clerk reads as follows:

Sixth. Be able to speak, read, and write the English or Hawaiian language.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, I desire to be recognized in opposition. I see there is only about one minute left before the committee, under the rule, is required to rise; and I wish to say this: The gentleman from Massachusetts indicated a moment ago that he desired to offer other amendments, probably important committee amendments. I do not think the two we are discussing do that much. Mr. Chairman, when he brought the bill before the House, we must have known that in the time between 13 o’clock to-day and 4 o’clock the bill could not be read through and thoroughly discussed. —

The CHAIRMAN. Under the terms of the order made heretofore by the House, the committee will now rise.

The committee accordingly rose; and the Speaker having resumed the chair, Mr. Moody of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that committee had had under consideration the bill S. 223, which was proposed by the gentleman from Massachusetts on the Territorial Delegate, to which substitute sundry amendments had been agreed upon, and at the hour of 4 o’clock, in obedience to the order of the House, the committee rose, and the bill is reported to the House.

Mr. BARTHOLDT. On the Speaker. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. BARTHOLDT. To a parliamentary inquiry. Will it be in order to ask a separate vote upon one amendment adopted in Committee of the Whole?

The SPEAKER. That was the very question that the Chair was about to put. The first question will be—

Mr. KNOX. Mr. Speaker—

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I give way to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. KNOX. I ask consent of the House that the time for debate in Committee of the Whole under the five-minute rule and for amendments be extended to 5 o’clock, and that the order herebefore adopted be in no other respect changed.

Mr. MUD. I object.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman has consent to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Massachusetts asks unanimous consent of the House that the time for debate under the five-minute rule be extended until 5 o’clock this evening.

Mr. MUD. I object.

The CHAIRMAN. Let the Chair state the question. And in no other respect shall the order governing the consideration of this bill be modified. Is there objection?

Mr. MUD. I object.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman has consent to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts.

The CHAIRMAN. The representative of Mississippi wants to suggest, as a substitute for that request, this: I will ask unanimous consent that the chairperson of the committee present certain resolutions or amendments that he has in mind, and request that they may be considered as pending.

Mr. HILL. I object, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. KNOX. I will say to the gentleman that I will agree that his amendments may be pending.

Mr. HILL. I will withdraw my objection then.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I desire to make a request for unanimous consent in the interest of good legislation.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will hear the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. RICHARDSON. There has been no partisan debate, no time unnecessarily consumed, and it is not a partisan question, and I ask unanimous consent that the bill be returned to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and its consideration resumed there, and its consideration be concluded in the House of the Whole, and then be reported to the House.

Mr. KNOX. I did not quite understand the request of the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be returned to the Committee of the Whole and consideration be concluded therein, the bill then to be reported to the House. More than 30 sections of this bill have not been taken. Many of them are very important. A number of gentlemen have amendments that they would like to offer, the consideration of which ought to be considered, and every gentleman who desires to offer an amendment to some of these thirty-odd sections ought to be permitted to do it. We have plenty of time; we can resume the consideration of this bill in the Committee of the Whole, and it ought to be done.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state the request. The gentleman from Tennessee asks unanimous consent that the House resolve itself again into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to finish the consideration of the amendments to that committee, and, when finished, to report it back to the House.

The Chair assumes that the existing order will then be operative.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Yes; that the vote shall then be taken in the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. KNOX. I shall make no objection on my part.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, withholding objection for a moment, I do not understand that the gentleman from Tennessee is precisely what the gentleman from Massachusetts had in mind, but that he shall remove himself into Committee of the Whole for one hour.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Oh, no.

Mr. HILL. If it is understood that we are to finish the reading of the bill, I have no objection.

The SPEAKER. The request of the gentleman from Tennessee. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none. Accordingly the House will resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of Senate bill 223, and the gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. Moody, will take the chair. [Applause]

Accordingly the House resolved itself into Committee of the