Mr. RICHARDSON. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts | tell us the nature of the engagements of members this evening? | 
Mr. KNOX. I think the gentleman is informed as to that. | 
Mr. MCRAE. I do not want to lose the right to offer an amend- | ment to this section.
Mr. KNOX. I have just asked unanimous consent that this | section may be considered as pending in the morning. | 
The CHAIRMAN. The section will be pending unless the bill | is still further read.
Mr. KNOX. I move that the committee do now rise.
Mr. HEPBURN. Mr. Chairman, a parliamentary inquiry.
The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.
Mr. HEPBURN. Under the order that the bill be recommitted | to the committee to finish the reading of it, is it competent for | the gentleman to make the motion that he has now made?
The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman from Iowa make the | point of order against the motion?
Mr. HEPBURN. I make the point of order.
Mr. RICHARDSON. What is the point of order?
Mr. HEPBURN. The point of order is that under the order of | the House it is not competent for the committee to rise until the | reading of this bill is finished.
Mr. RICHARDSON. There was no such limitation as that in | my request.
Mr. HEPBURN. It was made at the request of the gentleman.
Mr. RICHARDSON. Not at all.
Mr. HEPBURN. And I think the Speaker so explained it.
Mr. RICHARDSON. No; I think not.
Mr. HEPBURN. There was a proposition made to recommit | the bill for one hour. That was disagreed to. Then the gentle- | man asked that it might be recommitted to finish the reading of | the bill.
Mr. RICHARDSON. That is right. You can finish it this week | or next. We certainly fixed no limit.
Mr. HEPBURN. I think that if the Chair will read the collo- | quies that were had and the request that was made he will come | to the conclusion that it was the purpose of the House to require | the finishing of the reading of the bill at this session.
Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. That is what we ought to do.
Mr. MADDOX. The gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. HILL] | asked that question, and said he would not object if that was | the case, but that he would object if we were to close it in an | hour.
The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will report the agreement made.
The Clerk read as follows:

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state the request. The gentleman from | Tennessee asks unanimous consent that the House resolve itself again into | the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union to finish | the consideration of 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 request made by the gentleman from Tennessee is | precisely as the Speaker puts it, but that we shall resolve ourselves into | Committee of the Whole for one hour.
Mr. RICHARDSON. Oh, do.
Mr. HILL. If it is understood that we are to finish the reading of the bill, | I have no objection.

The SPEAKER. That is the request of the gentleman from Tennessee. Is | there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

Mr. RICHARDSON. That was the agreement, to finish the | reading of the bill, but no time was set within which it was to be | finished.

Mr. STEELE. It was to go into the committee and finish the bill.
Mr. KNOX. With reference to the point made by the gentle- | man from Iowa [Mr. HEPBURN], I understand that under the | order made, at the request of the gentleman from Tennessee | [Mr. RICHARDSON], the Committee of the Whole House on the | state of the Union are virtually directed to resume consideration of | this bill until it is finished, but I do not understand that that | in any way prevents the committee at any time rising, and that | when the House meets again this is the unfinished business, upon | which it is in order, under the general order previously adopted, | that the House shall go into Committee of the Whole to consider it.

I myself would be very glad to sit and finish this bill to-night, | but I do not feel like asking gentlemen who have signified their | desire to go away to sit longer. I am willing to sit and finish | the bill, but unless there is a general agreement to that I do not wish | to insist upon it.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Let us finish it.
Mr. KNOX. But I do expect that this bill will be in order for | to-morrow as unfinished business under the unanimous-consent | agreement which we made this afternoon virtually carrying out | the previous special order, which was not otherwise modified, that | we shall go into Committee of the Whole to-morrow and finish | this bill.

The CHAIRMAN. The point of order raised by the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HEPBURN] is that the committee is bound to con- | tinue in session until it complies fully with the order of the House, | which is to finish the consideration of the bill, and when finished | to report it back to the House. The Chair is of the opinion that | that order of the House to the committee is to finish the consid- | eration of the bill in accordance with the rules applicable to this | body: and in accordance with those rules the committee may at | any time, upon motion and the will of the majority, rise, and at | some other time resume consideration of the bill.

For that reason the Chair overrules the point of order and will | put the motion of the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. KNOX] | to the committee.

The motion was agreed to.
The committee accordingly rose: and the Speaker having re- | sumed the chair, Mr. MOODY of Massachusetts, Chairman of the | Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, reported that | that committee had had under consideration the bill (S. 222) | to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii, and had | come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. KNOX. Mr. Speaker, I desire to make a parliamentary in- | quiry, merely for the purpose of furnishing information to the | House. It is the understanding of those in charge of the bill, | under the order adopted this afternoon by unanimous consent, re- | committing this bill to the Committee of the Whole House on the | state of the Union, to consider it until finished, in connection with | the order of the House previously made under which we were | acting, that this will be in order to-morrow, under these two | orders, as unfinished business.

The SPEAKER. That would be the understanding of the Chair—that this will be a continuing order until disposed of.

Mr. STEELE. But that will not deprive us of the privilege of | raising the question of consideration to-morrow morning.

Mr. GROSVENOR. The whole question is this: Suppose the House | orders this bill to go into Committee of the Whole. In the first | place, is it necessary to have a vote to-morrow to go into Commit- | tee of the Whole, or do we go into the Committee of the Whole | under the order?

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks the usual motion to go into | Committee of the Whole will be necessary.

Mr. GROSVENOR. A vote will be necessary, then. Very well; | the House can refuse to go into Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER. That is the privilege of the House.

Mr. KNOX. Mr. Speaker, I have been asked by members on | both sides of the House to request a reprint of this bill, as | copies are now to be had and there has been a dearth in the | House this afternoon.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Massachusetts asks | unanimous consent for a reprint of the bill S. 222. Is there ob- | jection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none, and it is so | ordered.