CIVIL OFFICES IN OUTLYING DEPENDENCIES.

Mr. ROSS. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (S. 2000) regulating appointments to and removals from civil offices in outlying dependencies of the United States. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of a bill which will be read in full for the information of the Senate.

The Secretary read the bill, which had been reported from the Committee to Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service with an amendment, to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That all appointments to civil offices made by the President or any head of a Department in Alaska, Hawaii, or any place brought within the jurisdiction of the United States by the recent treaty with Spain, shall be made irrespective of the political opinions of the persons appointed, and, so far as consistent with the proper performance of the duties of the office, in such a manner as to represent the entire country. In case of removal from any such office, whenever practicable, charges shall be made in writing and a copy thereof furnished to the accused, who shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to make answer thereto; and the President or head of a Department making the appointment may, wherever the public interest shall seem to require it, suspend the official pending hearing or investigation of such charges.

Mr. GALLINGER. I feel constrained to object to the present consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is made.

WINSLOW WARREN.

Mr. HOAR. Will the Senator from Maine allow me to ask for the passage of a bill which I think will not take two minutes?

Mr. HALE. I will if it will not give rise to debate.

Mr. HOAR. I am sure it will not.

Mr. HALE. I yield for the moment.

Mr. HOAR. I ask unanimous consent to call up the bill (S. 248) for the relief of Winslow Warren.

HAWAII.

The SPEAKER. The Chair lays before the House the bill to establish the Territory of Hawaii, returned to the House with the information that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments of the House, and asks for a conference.

Mr. KNOX. I move that the House insist on its amendments, and agree to the request for a conference.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER announced the appointment of Mr. KNOX, Mr. HITT, and Mr. MOON as the conferees on the part of the House.

Senate Bills Referred:

S. 2. An act to provide for the construction, maintenance, and operation, under the management of the Navy Department, of a Pacific cable - to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Mr. Shoup, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4075) to amend an act to prohibit the passage of special or local laws in the Territories, to limit the Territorial indebtedness, and so forth, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report thereon.