

meet my approbation and some might not. I should like to know whether it is intended to go further to-day than the reading of the bill and the amendments which the committee proposed. I suppose that after that the whole matter will be open to amendment and that the amendments which have been voted on will, when the bill comes into the Senate, be still open to consideration.

Mr. CULLOM. I understand that Senators are a little anxious for a tolerably early adjournment to-day on account of some matters, and I did not suppose that I would be able to get the Senate to consider the bill much beyond the reading and adoption of the amendments of the committee, and then some little amendments that I desire to offer myself in behalf of the committee, that will not be disputed, I think. They are rather corrections of the chapter that has just been read; that is to say, putting in the word "inclusive" in certain places where it ought to be inserted in order to make sure just what is meant.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. I simply wish to know that the bill will not pass to-day and will be open to amendment hereafter.

Mr. TELLER. Oh, it is not likely to pass to-day.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. There are some matters, as we come along in the bill, which, it seems to me, should receive more careful attention than has been given. This may all be premature, but, for instance, I find that we have repealed the law with regard to other Territories, requiring them to submit their laws to Congress.

Mr. HALE. Not in this bill?

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. Yes; we have, in this bill.

Mr. HALE. That can not be.

Mr. TELLER. It would be the case if the bill passes in that shape. It is section 1850.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. We have already passed the proviso that section 1850 shall not apply to the Territory of Hawaii.

Mr. TELLER. Will the Senator allow me to make an inquiry?

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. Certainly.

Mr. TELLER. I should like to inquire whether this bill is on its passage. I understood that it was simply the formal reading of the bill.

Mr. CULLOM. That is all at this time.

Mr. TELLER. I have several amendments that I propose to offer.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It was agreed that the committee amendments should be acted upon as they are reached in the reading of the bill.

Mr. JONES of Arkansas. The bill will be open for action by the Senate.

Mr. TELLER. I should like to know what are the committee amendments. This is a Senate bill?

Mr. CULLOM. Certainly.

Mr. TELLER. What are the committee amendments that we are to consider at this time? Are any amendments to be considered that did not come from the committee?

Mr. MORGAN. All the amendments of the committee are printed in italics.

Mr. CULLOM. The committee itself reported some amendments when they brought the bill back.

Mr. TELLER. There are no committee amendments except what the bill contains.

Mr. CULLOM. No, except—

Mr. TELLER. Then that is all right.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. There are other amendments, I understand, from the committee besides those which are printed in the bill.

Mr. CULLOM. I have stated that in the chapter which the Secretary has just been reading a number of sections have repealed the local laws, and there are places—

Mr. HALE. The local laws of Hawaii?

Mr. TELLER. The Hawaiian laws.

Mr. CULLOM. Yes, the Hawaiian laws. And there are sections cited here where the word "inclusive" ought to be inserted between certain numbers, and that I thought could be done this afternoon.

Mr. TELLER. Oh, there is no objection to that.

Mr. CULLOM. There is nothing in those amendments except to make that change.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. If we are going no further than that, the whole matter will be open another day. That is all I desire.

Mr. CULLOM. I wish to say that I am very anxious to get this bill passed as quickly as we can, and yet I do not desire to interfere with our friends on the other side this afternoon, who I understand wish to have a conference of their own.

Mr. TELLER. I wish to say a word to the Senator who has the bill in charge. I do not want to delay the passage of the bill, but there are some provisions in it that I am going to suggest some changes in.

Mr. CULLOM. The Senator will have ample opportunity to move to amend the bill.

Mr. TELLER. I have had some experience in living under Ter-

ritorial law, and there are some things in the bill that I do not think ought to be enacted.

Mr. CULLOM. The Senator will have an opportunity to propose the changes he desires to have made.

Mr. TELLER. If the Senator is not going to railroad it through there will be time to examine it.

Mr. CULLOM. I am not seeking any special haste about it beyond what is reasonable in the premises, and I have not manifested any such disposition.

Mr. TELLER. No.

Mr. FORAKER. The understanding is simply that the bill shall be read and the amendments, as they appear in print before us, shall be acted upon as reached. That is as far as we shall get this afternoon.

Mr. CULLOM. I apprehend that by the time we get the bill read and the few amendments are acted upon which were made in the committee before the bill was reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, it will be about the time when I had agreed, so far as I was concerned, to allow the Senate to adjourn.

Mr. WARREN. I desire to offer an amendment to the pending bill. I wish to offer it at this time, so that it may be printed and we may have printed copies at the earliest moment.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment will be received and go to the table.

Mr. FORAKER. Let it be read, so that we may know now what it is.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The proposed amendment will be read.

The SECRETARY. Insert, on page 25, after the word "language," in line 2, the following proviso:

*Provided, however, That the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii may at any time after January 1, 1893, submit to the lawfully qualified voters of such Territory such changes and modifications in the qualifications for electors as they shall see fit, and the same being adopted by a majority vote, taken in the mode prescribed by the legislature, shall be valid and binding as law.*

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment will be printed. The Secretary will proceed with the reading of the bill.

The reading of the bill was resumed. The next amendment was, in section 14, page 9, line 14, after the word "November," to strike out "1899" and insert "1900," so as to make the section read:

That a general election shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1900, and every second year thereafter.

The amendment was agreed to.

The next amendment was, in section 17, page 10, line 7, after the name "Hawaii," to strike out "including notaries public and agents to take acknowledgments;" so as to make the section read:

SEC. 17. That no person holding office in or under or by authority of the Government of the United States or of the Territory of Hawaii shall be eligible to election to the legislature or to hold the position of a member of the same while holding said office.

The amendment was agreed to.

The next amendment was, in section 18, on page 10, line 25, after the words "convicted of," to strike out "larceny, bribery, gross-cheat, or of;" and on page 11, line 3, after the word "exceeding," to strike out "two years" and insert "one year;" so as to read:

No idiot or insane person, and no person who shall be expelled from the legislature for giving or receiving bribes or being accessory thereto, and no person who, in due course of law, shall have been convicted of any criminal offense punishable by imprisonment, whether with or without hard labor, for a term exceeding one year, whether with or without fine, shall register to vote or shall vote or hold any office in or under or by authority of the government, unless the person so convicted shall have been pardoned and restored to his civil rights.

The amendment was agreed to.

The next amendment was, in section 42, on page 17, line 22, after the word "other," to insert "house," so as to make the section read:

SEC. 42. That neither house shall adjourn during any session for more than three days, or sine die, without the consent of the other house.

The amendment was agreed to.

The reading of the bill was continued to the end of section 62, on page 25, prescribing the "Qualifications of voters for senators."

Mr. MONEY. Would it be in order to make an inquiry for information about the qualifications of voters for senators, I ask the Senator who reported the bill?

Mr. CULLOM. I will state to the Senator that there is an understanding that nothing shall be done to-day except formally reading the bill and acting upon the amendments reported by the committee.

Mr. MONEY. Very well. I was not aware of that.

The reading of the bill was resumed. The next amendment of the Committee on Foreign Relations was, in section 73, on page 32, line 4, relative to the "Commissioner of public lands," after the word "Provided," to insert:

That all sales, grants, leases, and other disposition of the public domain and agreements concerning the same, and all franchises granted by the Hawaiian Government in conformity with the laws of Hawaii prior to the 11th day of September, 1896, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The amendment was agreed to.

The reading of the bill was continued to the end of section 75, on page 33, relative to the "Investigation of land laws."