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Mr. Jones of Washington, from the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 5065) to extend the laws relating to commerce, navigation, and merchant seamen over the Hawaiian Islands ceded to the United States, reported the same with amendment, Accompanied by a report (No. 375); which said bill and report were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate the unfinished business, which is the bill (S. 222) to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii.

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#### TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

The Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 222) to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii.

Mr. CULLOM. I desire to make two or three little formal amendments to the bill. On page 11, line 22, I move to strike out the words "ayes and noes" and insert "yeas and nays;" and in line 23, same page, I move to strike out "ayes and noes" and insert "yeas and nays." That is the form that is used in this country more particularly.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. On page 18, line 22, I move to strike out "ayes and noes" and to insert "yeas and nays," and wherever those words occur I desire that they should be stricken out and the words "yeas and nays" inserted.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. I move the same amendment on page 19, lines 22 and 23.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I have nothing further to say at this moment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HANSBROUGH in the chair). This bill is in Committee of the Whole, and open to amendment.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. There was an amendment passed over.

Mr. CULLOM. Yes.

Mr. NELSON. I desire to offer an amendment in section 10, line 22, page 7, after the word "contracts," by inserting "except contracts for labor entered into since Hawaii was annexed to the United States." I desire to except all labor contracts which have been entered into since the Territory was annexed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment submitted by the Senator from Minnesota will be stated.

The SECRETARY. In section 10, on page 7, line 22, after the word "contracts," it is proposed to insert "except contracts for labor entered into since Hawaii was annexed to the United States."

Mr. NELSON. I will briefly state the object of the amendment.

Mr. CULLOM. I have no objection to the amendment.

Mr. NELSON. Very well.