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MAUSOLEUM OF HAWAIIAN KINGS.

Mr. KNOX. I desire to call up Senate joint resolution No. 76, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Massachusetts asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of a joint resolution of the Senate, which the Clerk will now report.

The joint resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the following-described lands lying and being situate in the city of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, heretofore used as a mausoleum for the royal family of Hawaii, to wit: The mausoleum premises, beginning at the north corner of said lot; on the southeast side of Nuananu street, the same being the west corner of L. C. A. 682, to M. Kekuanaoa, as shown on government survey's registered map No. 838, and running by true bearings: South 40° 20' east 306 feet along L. C. A. 682, to Kekuanaoa; south 25° 28' west 258 feet, to stone wall; north 34° 22' west 72.9 feet, along L. C. A. 10,605 ap 2, to Piikoi; north 57° 15' west 108 feet along L. C. A. 10,605 ap 2 to Piikoi; north 62° 10' west 208.5 feet along L. C. A. 10,605 ap 2, to Piikoi, and L. C. A. 785, to J. Robinson; north 38° 40' east 367 feet along Nuananu street to initial point; area, 119,610 square feet, be withdrawn from sale, lease, or other disposition under the public land laws of the United States.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Reserving the right to object, I should like to inquire if this resolution has been referred to the proper committee of the House?

Mr. KNOX. This is a Senate resolution. It was referred to the Committee on Territories of the House, considered by that committee, and favorably reported. I would like to say to the gentleman from Alabama, so that the House may understand what the resolution is, that this simply withdraws from the public lands the mausoleum or graveyard where the old Hawaiian kings and royal family are buried, sleeping in unconsciousness of the fact that we have annexed the islands to the United States. It is proper that their burial place should be preserved.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Has the resolution a unanimous report from the Committee on Territories of the House?

Mr. KNOX. It has a unanimous report from the committee.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. What disposition will be made of this property after it is withdrawn?

Mr. KNOX. It is a royal cemetery and it is to remain forever as it is now.

Mr. LACEY. I would like to ask the gentleman a question. I did not catch the full reading, but I understood the resolution simply to withdraw this land from the operation of the land laws of the United States.

Mr. KNOX. From the public domain of the United States.

Mr. LACEY. But the difficulty about that is this: The land laws of the United States have not been extended to Hawaii and it may be disposed of under the land laws of Hawaii. Ought not the resolution to be amended so that the land will not be disposed of either under the land laws of Hawaii or of the United States?

Mr. KNOX. It is perfectly guarded under the Hawaiian law, and it was to prevent any question that might arise under the public-land laws of the United States, or any claim that it might be disposed of under them.

Mr. LACEY. There is no possible way of disposing of it under the land laws of the United States. If that is all, it is not needed, but if we attempt to prevent its disposition at all it seems to me