

that the resolution ought to be amended so as to include the land laws of Hawaii as well.

Mr. KNOX. The general public-land laws of Hawaii are continued in force, except as Congress otherwise directs. We have provided that no lease of lands or disposition of the public lands of Hawaii shall take place unless authorized by act of Congress. It presupposes the power of Congress to lease for a term of years or to otherwise dispose of lands in Hawaii. It is to make sure. While it is safeguarded under the land laws of Hawaii, we want to make it sure under the public-land laws of the United States, that there shall be no disposal of the mausoleum of the royal family of Hawaii.

Mr. LACEY. What land laws of the United States have we passed that would affect this?

Mr. KNOX. The land law that we created by the bill we passed, that created the power of Congress to regulate, to lease, and dispose of lands in Hawaii. It is to guard against that that this bill provides.

Mr. LACEY. The land laws of the United States have not been extended to Hawaii.

Mr. KNOX. I know that. They have been extended only to the extent of the former bill passed.

Mr. McRAE. I would like to ask the gentleman from Massachusetts a question. This land, as I understand, is to be preserved for cemetery purposes. I would ask the gentleman if the bill dedicates the land to that purpose, and if not, why it should not?

Mr. KNOX. There has been a law in Hawaii dedicating about 119,610 square feet, which from time immemorial has been used as a mausoleum or burial place for the members of the royal family of Hawaii.

Mr. McRAE. I understand that feature of it. Does this resolution dedicate it for that purpose?

Mr. KNOX. It is now dedicated for that purpose. This bill provides that this plot shall be withdrawn from sale, lease, or any other disposition under the land laws of the United States. It is to preserve it as it is, and to keep it as dedicated.

Mr. McRAE. That withdraws it from sale, which is right. Should it not go further, and dedicate the land for that purpose?

Mr. KNOX. By the former bill we preserve all the land laws of Hawaii that are not in contravention of our own laws, and this plot is already dedicated under the laws of Hawaii to this use.

Mr. McRAE. I am afraid that you do not dedicate it.

Mr. KNOX. It is already dedicated under the Hawaiian laws. Mr. WHEELER of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I hope there will be no further objection to this bill on this side of the Chamber; for I am persuaded that a few kings, dead or living, are only necessary to complete the policy of the present Administration, and I trust the bill will be passed.

Mr. STEELE. That was very severe!

Mr. WHEELER of Kentucky. Yes;

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the consideration of the bill? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

The joint resolution was ordered to a third reading; and it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. KNOX, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the joint resolution was passed was laid on the table.

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Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to which was referred the bill of the Senate (S. 4615) to facilitate the entry of steamships engaged in the coasting trade between Porto Rico and the Territory of Hawaii and the United States, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1641); which said bill and report were referred to the House Calendar.