

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Before that question is put, Mr. Speaker, of course the House wants to understand the amendment. The gentleman from Arkansas has not a copy of the bill. As it is, with his amendment, it reads "deputy collectors not to exceed five in number and such other customs officers as the Secretary of the Treasury deems necessary."

Mr. MCRAE. It is to come in after the indefinite number of officers. If you will give me a copy of the bill, I will show where I want it to go in; and if it reads as the gentleman from Mississippi suggests, it is not where it should come in.

The SPEAKER. The Chair has no power in a matter of that kind.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I ask that the gentleman be permitted to insert the amendment at the proper place. It was done by the Clerk in mistake.

Mr. MCRAE. It should come in after the last word.

The SPEAKER. Let the Clerk report it to the House, so that it will be understood.

The Clerk read as follows:

After the word "necessary" insert at the end of the bill "not exceeding five in number;" so that it will read, "and such deputies and other customs officers as the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem necessary, not exceeding five in number."

The SPEAKER. The question is on ordering the previous question.

Mr. PAYNE. I withdraw that for the moment. I do not see how that amendment can be put in there without destroying the bill. To insert the words "not exceeding five in number" will apply to the collector, clerks, and everything else.

Mr. MCRAE. I did not intend it to do that.

Mr. PAYNE. To put this on the bill destroys the service down there. I now demand the previous question.

Mr. MCRAE. Then let me modify the amendment. I do not want any misunderstanding about it. I will ask that it be inserted after the word "officer," but I really believe that it makes no difference whether there or at the end.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. This is all out of order.

Mr. PAYNE. I demand the previous question.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. May I ask the gentleman to withdraw the call for the previous question?

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER. The question now is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. MCRAE].

The question was taken; and on a division (demanded by Mr. MCRAE) there were—ayes 55, noes 87.

So the amendment was rejected.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time; and being read the third time, it was passed.

On motion of Mr. PAYNE, a motion to reconsider the last vote was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 4560. An act to provide for officers in the customs district of Hawaii; and

S. R. 76. Joint resolution withdrawing certain lands on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, from the public domain.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution; and they were thereupon signed by the President pro tempore:

A bill (S. 4560) to provide for officers in the customs district of Hawaii;

A joint resolution (S. R. 76) withdrawing certain lands on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, from the public domain.

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