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SENATE.

MONDAY, *September 15, 1913.*

The Senate met at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman, D. D.

NAMING A PRESIDING OFFICER.

The Secretary (James M. Baker) read the following letter:

To the Senate:

Being temporarily absent from the Senate, I appoint Hon. F. M. SIMMONS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair during my absence.

JAMES P. CLARKE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SIMMONS thereupon took the chair as Presiding Officer and directed the Journal of the proceedings of the preceding session to be read.

The Journal of the proceedings of Thursday last was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had passed a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 130) to provide for the relief and transportation of destitute American citizens in Mexico, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

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

H. R. 4937. An act extending to the port of Dallas, Tex., the privileges of section 7 of the act approved June 10, 1880, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement; and

H. R. 7595. An act providing for the free importation of articles intended for foreign buildings and exhibits at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and for the protection of foreign exhibitors.

PETITIONS.

Mr. THORNTON. On behalf of certain citizens of Colfax, La., I desire to present a petition of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, requesting the passage of the Sims amendment to the bill (H. R. 27876) providing that it shall be a condition precedent to the payment of any and all appropriations in this act that the Panama Exposition Co. shall contract with the Secretary of the Treasury to keep the gates of this exposition closed on Sundays during the entire period of the exposition. I move that the petition be referred to the Committee on Industrial Expositions.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. JONES. I have here a telegram from the manager of the transportation bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce protesting on behalf of the shippers of the country against the abolishment of the Commerce Court, and asking that provision may be made giving to the shippers a right of appeal from the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission. I ask that the telegram may be printed in the Record and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objection, the telegram was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

SEATTLE, WASH., *September 11, 1913.*

W. L. JONES, *Washington, D. C.:*

Transportation bureau believes it represents the opinion of vast majority of shippers all over country in urging you to work for retention of Commerce Court, also for obtaining provision for right of appeal by shippers from commission's orders. Am to-day wiring chairman Senate Appropriations Committee. Ask your active assistance.

W. A. MEARS, *Manager.*

Mr. POINDEXTER presented a petition of the Central Labor Council of Seattle, Wash., praying for the enactment of legislation for the relief of settlers on unsurveyed railroad lands, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

He also presented resolutions adopted by the Washington Bankers' Association at the eighteenth annual convention, held at Bellingham, Wash., August 9, 1913, indorsing the efforts of the National One-Cent Letter-Postage Association to secure reduction in rates on first-class letter postage, which were referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. PERKINS presented a petition of the San Mateo County Development Association, of California, praying for the enactment of legislation providing for the strengthening of the Pacific coast naval defense, which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:

By Mr. THORNTON (for Mr. BANKHEAD):

A bill (S. 3113) to provide for the construction, maintenance, and improvement of post roads and rural delivery routes through the cooperation and joint action of the National Government and the several States in which such post roads or rural delivery routes may be established; to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

By Mr. ASHURST:

A bill (S. 3114) granting an increase of pension to John W. Lively (with accompanying papers); to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. JONES:

A bill (S. 3115) granting an increase of pension to Olive H. Bowen; to the Committee on Pensions.

(By request.) A bill (S. 3116) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to receive certain individual deposits of lawful money from persons other than national banking associations, providing for reimbursement of the same, and to receive certain deposits of lawful money from any person in exchange for deposit bonds of the United States, providing for the redemption of the same, and for other purposes;

(By request.) A bill (S. 3117) to provide for the establishment of Federal reserve banks, for furnishing an adequate currency, and to establish a more effective supervision of banking in the United States, and for other purposes; and

(By request.) A bill (S. 3118) whereby the National Government assumes control over all associations that receive lawful money on credit deposit and which specifies where all deposit reserves of national banking associations shall be kept, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. POINDEXTER:

A bill (S. 3119) to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Port Angeles, in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. O'GORMAN:

A bill (S. 3120) for the erection of a replica of John Quincy Adams Ward's statue of Washington; to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. JONES:

A joint resolution (S. J. Res. 69) authorizing the Secretary of War to make donation of condemned cannon and cannon balls; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. O'GORMAN:

A joint resolution (S. J. Res. 70) authorizing the presentation of the statue of President Washington now located in the Capitol Grounds to the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on the Library.

AMENDMENTS TO DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. THORNTON (for Mr. BANKHEAD) submitted an amendment proposing that the sum of \$150,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation heretofore made for the improvement of the Tennessee River be made available for the improvement of the Tennessee River between Florence and Riverton, Ala., etc., intended to be proposed by him to the urgent deficiency