

Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, February 23, 1864

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Mr. Foot thereupon took the chair.

Ordered, That the Secretary wait upon the Vice-President, the Senate had chosen the Honorable Solomon Foot President of the Senate pro tempore, and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of expenditures from the appropriations for contingencies of that department, its offices and bureaus during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1862, and June 30, 1863; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the abolition of slavery, and an amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting its existence forever hereafter in any portion of the country; which was referred to the Select Committee on Slavery and Freedmen.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Job B. Stockton, praying that at the close of the present war the regular standing army of the United States may consist of two hundred thousand colored troops, to be officered by white men; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of volunteers who enlisted for the term of nine months in the United States service, praying a bounty of twenty-five dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying that all the soldiers of our army may be placed on the same footing in respect to the bounty, pay, and pension, without regard to difference of color; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of women of Ohio, praying the adoption of measures to ameliorate the condition of person who have been freed from slavery during the present war; which was referred to the Select Committee on Slavery and Freedmen.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of Josiah Quincy and other citizens of Massachusetts, praying an amendment of Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude within all the States and Territories, except as a punishment for crime.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the Senate (S. 36) to amend an act entitled "An act for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1863.

Mr. Ramsey presented the memorial of Carlisle Doble, praying compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred in carrying the mail on route No. 14006, between Taylor's Falls, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition of soldiers who enlisted prior to the 3rd of May, 1861, and served the term of two years, and of soldiers who enlisted in old regiments for the unexpired term thereof and served accordingly, and of soldiers who enlisted for two and three years, but have been discharged on account of disabilities incurred in the service, praying a bounty of one hundred dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the