

Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, December 18, 1863

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California, praying a reduction of the tax on the production of wine to three per cent ad. Valorem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Conness that the memorial be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, incorporating therein a provision prohibiting slavery in all the States and Territories; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Clayton County, Iowa, praying the adoption of measures for the immediate abolition of slavery in the so-called border States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harding asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 23) granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military road from Eugene City to the southern or eastern boundary of said State; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Harding asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 24) granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military road from the Dalles of Columbia river to a point at or near the mouth of Owyee river; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Harding asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 25) to authorize the President to negotiate a treaty with the Klamathm Modoc, and other Indian tribes in southeastern Oregon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 7) to increase the bounty for volunteers and the pay of the army, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) to amend an act entitled "An act for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1863, reported it with amendments.

Mr. McDougall was, on his motion, excused from further service as a member of the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Doolittle,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sumner, the 17th instant, proposing an additional rule of the Senate requiring senators, before entering upon the duties of their office, to take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the act of July 2, 1862; and

An Amendment being proposed by Mr. Saulsbury,

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury that the resolution and the proposed amendment be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McDougall that the resolution lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the motion of Mr. Saulsbury,

It was determined in the negative,

Yeas – 15

Nays – 26