

## Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, February 20, 1862

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Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Clark presented the petition of John R. Joy, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harlan presented the petition of Captain B. McMahon, praying compensation for services as instructor and riding master to the first Missouri cavalry, by appointment of General John C. Fremont; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

**Mr. Harlan presented two petitions of citizens of Iowa, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country.**

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, and a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Browning reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H.R. 286) making an appropriation to illuminate the public buildings.

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

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the resolution of the Senate (S. 37) for the collection of war statistics.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H.R. 286), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Carlile presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying Congress, for the sake of the soldiers and citizens, to prevent the construction of wooden buildings for hospitals in the centre of the city, and that the location of such buildings may be selected with regard to the health of the city; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Wilkinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to defray the expenses of holding a council and making a treaty with the Chippewa Indians in northern Minnesota, with a view to the purchase of a part of their lands in that State, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Wilkinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed:

Whereas Lazarus W. Powell, a senator from the State of Kentucky, after eleven States had published their ordinances of secession, by which to sever themselves from the government of the United