

Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, January 17, 1862

*Journal of the Senate
Friday, January 17, 1862*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Morris, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills; in which it request the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 109. An act to prohibit the "coolie trade" by American citizens in American vessels.

H.R. 113. An act concerning the closing of the office of surveyor general at St, Louis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 217. An act to provide for furnishing prisoners of the United States army in the revolted States with clothing and other necessary supplies.

H.R. 219. An act amending the provisions of the second section of the act of January 20, 1857, enforcing the attendance of witnesses before committees of either house of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed an enrolled resolution, (H.R. 25,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Browning reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (H.R. 25) for the sale of the ruins of the Washington Infirmary.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Kossuth, Iowa, praying the abolition of slavery throughout the country, and that all the inhabitants of the United States, bond and free, may be called upon to aid in the support of the government.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Trumbull presented three petitions of citizens of Monroe County, Illinois, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country, and for compensation to loyal masters of owners.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Trumbull presented the memorial of C.S. Sanford, a citizen of New York, praying protection for those who, in good faith, have dealt with Messrs. Cummings and Tucker, agents of the War Department, now disowned and unrecognized by the Secretary of War; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Ordered, That the petition of Frederick E. Sickles, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Harlan presented a memorial of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying a repeal or suspension of the act of December 27, 1854, prohibiting the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Harlan presented a petition of citizens of Florence, Nebraska, praying the location of a national armory at Rock Island, Illinois.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Harlan presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the location of a national armory at Rock Island, Illinois.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Rice presented a memorial of chaplains in the army, praying that, in any reduction in the pay of the army which Congress may make, the pay of chaplains may not be reduced below that of captains of infantry; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan presented a petitions of citizens of Linn County, Iowa, praying the abolition of slavery, and that all the inhabitants of the United States, bond and free, may be called upon to aid in the support of the government.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Anthony presented the memorial of Dominick Lynch, a lieutenant in the United States navy, praying that the President be authorized to restore him to his original position on the active service list of the navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Harlan presented a petition of citizens of Davenport, Iowa, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wilmot presented a petition of citizens of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, praying that homeopathic physicians may be appointed as surgeons in the army and navy; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sherman presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Cincinnati, praying the location of a national armory at Cincinnati, Ohio; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

On motion by Mr. Foot,

Ordered, That Aaron H. Palmer have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Browning presented the petition of Samuel Noah, of Mount Pulaski, Logan County, Iowa, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Browning presented a petition of citizens of Hancock County, Illinois, praying the location of a national armory and arsenal at the foot of the lower rapids in the Mississippi river, in Hancock County, Illinois; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 161) abolishing the franking privilege, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Collamer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 193) in relation to the letters of sailors and marines in the service of the United States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.