

## Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, March 7, 1854

*Journal of the Senate  
Tuesday, March 7, 1854*

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any infringement of the Missouri compromise.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of the legal voters of Marlborough, Massachusetts, praying Congress to preserve inviolate the Missouri compromise.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Weller presented the memorial of Douglass Ottinger, a captain in the revenue service, praying compensation for his invention for saving life and property from shipwrecked vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Seward presented a memorial of citizens of Orleans County, New York, praying the construction of a ship canal around the falls of Niagara; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Seward presented the petition of H.N. Holt and his family, and resolutions passed at a meeting of the people of Sing-Sing, New York, held the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1854, opposed to the repeal of the Missouri compromise.

*Ordered,* That they lie on the table.

Mr. Seward presented a petition of citizens of Conewango, New York, praying the repeal of all laws sanctioning slavery; and a petition of citizens of Tonawanda, New York, praying that the bill to organize the territory of Nebraska may not be passed in any shape that will impair the Missouri compromise.

*Ordered,* That they lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Iowa, presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the establishment of a mail route from Marengo to Toledo, and on the north side of the Iowa river, from Marengo to Marietta; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Jones, of Iowa, presented a memorial of citizens of Iowa, praying that a grant of land may be made to aid in the construction of the Iowa Central airline railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Slidell presented the memorial of Sarah D. Brigham, praying permission to locate land within the Bastrop grant; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Dodge, of Iowa, presented the proceedings of a meeting of the Freemans Association, held at Ossian, Iowa, opposed to the extension of slavery into Nebraska; and a petition of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of any bill, which will permit slavery in Nebraska, or otherwise infringe the Missouri compromise.

*Ordered,* That they lie on the table.

Mr. Fish presented the petition of Jane Becannon, widow of Phillip Becannon, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fish presented a petition of the chancellor and faculty of the University of New York, praying a grant of a township of land to each chartered college or university in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Fish presented documents relative to the claim of Ornan Randall to pay and bounty land for services in the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.