

Now, I fancy the party desiring this legislation said let us go for the balance, and get the million reduction in the House amendment stricken out. That is the position. A wayfaring man, though a fool, could read as he ran. [Laughter.] Now, I have nothing against the railroads; I am for them. They are quite as much of interest to the people they serve as they are to themselves. I believe in good terminal facilities; and I want to ask my friend right here whether the bridge over the Potomac, the Garfield Park, and the other contributions are not in addition—and damages that the District pays—about \$4,000,000 in cash. Is that right?

Mr. BABCOCK. Practically that.

Mr. CANNON. Practically \$4,000,000 donation, plus the bridge across the Potomac, and Garfield Park, how many acres I do not know.

Mr. BABCOCK. Oh, no; that does not include the bridge across the Potomac.

Mr. CANNON. No?

Mr. BABCOCK. That included the cash contribution of \$2,000,000, \$1,600,000 damages for Massachusetts avenue site, and \$170,000 damages in the lower part of the city near Virginia avenue; a total of \$3,770,000.

Mr. CANNON. Precisely. In addition to that is the bridge. In addition to that is the donation at Garfield Park, or four millions in cash outside of these other things! Query: Is not that enough? I will ask my friend, a shrewd business man and a representative on this conference committee, in his judgment, if the House stands by the House amendment, will the conference committee come to an agreement?

Mr. BABCOCK. Well, Mr. Speaker, I am very glad to see that the gentleman from Illinois has changed his mind since we were discussing the other bill. [Laughter.]

Mr. CANNON. One thing at a time. This is the thing that we are now talking about. [Laughter.]

Mr. BABCOCK. Mr. Speaker, as one of the conferees on the part of the House, I hardly think it would be good taste for me to report to the House what might or might not be said in conference.

Mr. CANNON. I ask my friend's judgment. If the House stands firm, if this legislation is enacted with the House amendment on it, will it become a law and will it not be accepted gladly by the railroads? I want the gentleman's judgment on it.

Mr. BABCOCK. There is no question about that proposition—that the bill will become law as it is if the House stands by its proposition.

Mr. CANNON. Now, then, gentlemen, choose ye whom this day you will serve. [Laughter.] [Cries of "Vote!" "Vote!"]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Pennsylvania to recede.

Mr. BABCOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have that motion stated clearly.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Pennsylvania that the House recede from the two amendments which have been read by the Clerk.

Mr. MORRELL. Amendments 39 and 41.

Mr. BABCOCK. That is the contribution affecting the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report them again; the Chair will not put any interpretation upon them.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment 39: On page 18 strike out the words "five hundred thousand." Amendment 41, page 19, line 1, strike out the words "five hundred thousand."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recede.

The question was taken; and on a division (demanded by Mr. MORRELL) there were—ayes 57, noes 107.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. BABCOCK. Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask the previous question on my motion to insist and ask for a further conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin demands the previous question on his motion to insist and ask for a further conference.

The motion was agreed to, and the previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question now recurs to the motion of the gentleman from Wisconsin that the House further insist on all of its amendments and ask for a further conference.

The question was taken, and the motion was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker pro tempore appointed the following conferees on the part of the House: Mr. BABCOCK, Mr. MUDD, and Mr. MEYER of Louisiana.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Pending the motion to adjourn, by unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows:

To Mr. RANDELL of Louisiana, for three days, on account of important business.

To Mr. MEYER of Louisiana, indefinitely, on account of sickness in family.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. WACHTER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had presented this day to the President of the United States for his approval bills of the following titles:

H. R. 16604. An act making appropriations for the diplomatic and consular service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904;

H. R. 15198. An act defining what shall constitute and providing for assessments on oil mining claims;

H. R. 14899. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate The National Florence Crittenton Mission;"

H. R. 7007. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Maj. William Kendall;

H. R. 2441. An act for the relief of William M. Bird, James F. Redding, Henry F. Welch, and others; and

H. R. 15747. An act directing the issue of a check in lieu of a lost check drawn by George A. Bartlett, disbursing clerk, in favor of Fannie T. Sayles, executrix, and others.

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bill of the following title:

S. 6773. An act to expedite the hearing and determination of suits in equity pending or hereafter brought under the act of July 2, 1890, entitled "An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

Mr. WACHTER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles; when the Speaker signed the same:

H. R. 11544. An act to correct the military record of Thomas J. Morman;

H. R. 7. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to cause to be erected monuments and markers on the battlefield of Gettysburg, Pa., to commemorate the valorous deeds of certain regiments and batteries of the United States Army;

H. R. 16646. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across Bogue Chitto, in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 3502. An act for the relief of the estate of M. J. Grealish, deceased;

H. R. 2422. An act for the relief of Edward S. Crill;

H. R. 14047. An act for the relief of the clerks of circuit and district courts of the United States;

H. R. 16975. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Monongahela River, in the State of Pennsylvania, by the Eastern Railroad Company;

H. R. 14512. An act to amend an act to add certain counties in Alabama to the northern district therein, and to divide the said northern district, after the addition of said counties into two divisions, and to prescribe the times and places for holding courts therein, and for other purposes, approved May 2, 1884;

H. R. 8287. An act granting an increase of pension to Peter Johnson;

H. R. 8288. An act granting an increase of pension to Scott Case; and

H. R. 12064. An act for the relief of Lebbeus H. Rogers and the administration of William B. Moses, deceased.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, Senate bills of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and referred to their appropriate committees as indicated below:

S. 6535. An act providing for the construction of light-house and fog-signal stations in Alaskan waters—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

S. 5918. An act to amend section 1225 of Revised Statutes, so as to provide for detail of retired officers of the Army and Navy to assist in military instruction in schools—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

S. 4980. An act to incorporate the American Academy in Rome—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 6680. An act authorizing the President to reinstate Alexander G. Pendleton, jr., as a cadet in the United States Military Academy—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

S. 5437. An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of officers of the Army—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

S. 7115. An act to provide for the erection of an addition to the public building in the city of Fargo, N. Dak.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.