
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 20, 1871.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom were referred the credentials of George Goldthwaite, claiming a seat in this body as a Senator from the State of Alabama, and the credentials of Foster Blodgett, claiming a seat in this body as a Senator from the State of Georgia, report:

That said credentials are in due form, and *prima facie* entitle said Goldthwaite and Blodgett to their seats upon taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution and laws, neither of them being under any disability.

The grounds on which their right to seats are contested have not been fully considered by the committee for want of time, nor will there be sufficient time at this session to consider them. In the opinion of your committee it would be unjust to those States and gentlemen to keep the latter out of their seats until such investigation can be had.

The committee therefore report the following resolution:

Resolved, That George Goldthwaite and Foster Blodgett be permitted to take seats in this body upon taking the proper oath; and that the Committee on Privileges and Elections proceed hereafter to consider the grounds on which their rights to seats, respectively, are contested, and hereafter make reports to the Senate thereon.

WM. M. STEWART.
O. P. MORTON.
H. HAMLIN.
B. F. RICE.

We concur in the foregoing as to Goldthwaite, but not as to Blodgett.

JOSHUA HILL.
A. G. THURMAN.