

THE CONGRESSIONAL GLOBE.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS. FIRST SESSION.

IN SENATE.

MONDAY, December 4, 1865.

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the meeting of Congress, the Senate assembled in the Senate Chamber, in the Capitol, at the city of Washington.

The following Senators were present. From the State of

Maine—Hon. William Pitt Fessenden and Hon. Lot M. Morrill.

New Hampshire—Hon. Daniel Clark.

Vermont—Hon. Solomon Foot.

Massachusetts—Hon. Charles Sumner and Hon. Henry Wilson.

Rhode Island—Hon. Henry B. Anthony and Hon. William Sprague.

Connecticut—Hon. James Dixon and Hon. La Fayette S. Foster.

New York—Hon. Ira Harris and Hon. Edwin D. Morgan.

New Jersey—Hon. William Wright.

Pennsylvania—Hon. Charles R. Buckalew and Hon. Edgar Cowan.

Delaware—Hon. George Read Riddle and Hon. Willard Saulsbury.

Maryland—Hon. J. A. J. Creswell and Hon. Reverdy Johnson.

Kentucky—Hon. James Guthrie.

Ohio—Hon. John Sherman and Hon. Benjamin F. Wade.

Indiana—Hon. Henry S. Lane.

Illinois—Hon. Lyman Trumbull.

Missouri—Hon. B. Gratz Brown.

Michigan—Hon. Zachariah Chandler and Hon. Jacob M. Howard.

Wisconsin—Hon. James R. Doolittle and Hon. Timothy O. Howe.

Iowa—Hon. James W. Grimes.

California—Hon. John Conness and Hon. James A. McDougall.

Minnesota—Hon. Daniel S. Norton and Hon. Alexander Ramsey.

Oregon—Hon. James W. Nesmith and Hon. George H. Williams.

Kansas—Hon. Samuel C. Pomeroy.

West Virginia—Hon. Peter G. Van Winkle and Hon. Waitman T. Willey.

Nevada—Hon. James W. Nye and Hon. William M. Stewart.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* [Hon. LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER] at twelve o'clock called the Senate to order.

PRAYER.

Rev. EDGAR H. GRAY, the Chaplain to the Senate for the Thirty-Ninth Congress, offered the following prayer:

Glory be to Thy name, O God, that the Republic still lives, the nation survives, the country is safe! Glory be to Thy name that our

heroic efforts have been crowned with victory, so that the desolations of war have ceased, and the ground no longer shakes beneath the tread of armies! Glory be to Thy name that we are permitted to recognize God in the dispensations of His providence and His grace in dealing with us! We praise Thee with thanksgiving that the statue of Freedom now looks down from our Capitol upon an entire nation of free men, and that we are permitted by the dispensations of Thy providence, and the way being prepared, to give liberty to the captive, the opening of the prison to them that are bound, and to proclaim the acceptable year of our God. O Lord, we bless Thee that Thy servants are permitted to convene in these halls of legislation under circumstances so auspicious to deliberate upon matters grave and important to the interests of the nation. Grant, we pray Thee, that all their deliberations and enactments may be such as to secure the divine approval, and insure the unanimous acquiescence of our people, and command the respect of the nations of the earth. O Lord, grant that the afflictive dispensations of Thy providence, and the public bereavements which the nation and the Senate have suffered since they last convened, may be preëminently sanctified to our good. And bless, we pray Thee, our President and the ministers of State associated with him in authority, and endue them richly with wisdom and strength adequate to their great responsibilities. And grant that the principles of our free and glorious Government may be established upon an everlasting basis, and come, Thou Ancient of days, and reign over us forever. Amen.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* took the chair.

CREDENTIALS.

Mr. FOOT. Mr. President, I present the credentials of Hon. LUKE P. POLAND, appointed by the Executive of the State of Vermont, to fill the vacancy which recently occurred in the representation from that State in this body. I move that the credentials be read, the prescribed oaths administered to Mr. POLAND by the Chair, and that he be admitted to his seat.

The credentials were read, and the oaths prescribed by law having been administered to Mr. POLAND, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. President, I desire to present the credentials of Hon. JOHN P. STOCKTON, of New Jersey, elected a Senator by the Legislature of that State to serve for six years from the 4th of March last. I ask that the credentials be read.

The Secretary read the credentials.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. STOCKTON is present, and is ready to be qualified.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Mr. STOCKTON will be good enough to come forward and take the oaths prescribed by the Constitution and laws.

Mr. COWAN. Before the oaths are administered, I beg leave to present the protest of several members of the Legislature of New Jersey, protesting against the right of Mr. STOCKTON to take his seat here as a Senator. I do not desire to raise the question as to whether he may not be sworn, because I believe his credentials are *prima facie* sufficient for that purpose, but I desire that these papers may be laid before the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when that committee shall be organized, in order that the prayer of the memorialists may be heard and such order taken upon it as the Senate in their wisdom may decree.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The protest will be received.

Mr. COWAN. I move that it lie on the table until the Committee on the Judiciary be organized.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The protest will be received and laid on the table. If no objection be made, Mr. STOCKTON will be good enough to come forward and take the oaths prescribed by the Constitution and laws.

The prescribed oaths were then administered to Mr. STOCKTON, and he took his seat in the Senate.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. WADE. Is it in order to introduce a bill?

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. It is in order if there be no objection. It requires a day's notice under the rules, but it can be received if there be no objection.

Mr. WADE. I ask leave to introduce a bill of which no notice has been given.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Is any objection made?

Mr. JOHNSON. What is the title of the bill?

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The title of the bill will be read.

The Secretary read it as follows:

A bill (S. No. 1) to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia.

Mr. McDUGALL. I object.

Mr. WADE. Objection being made, I give notice that I shall introduce it to-morrow.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The Chair did not hear the objection.

Mr. McDUGALL. Then I could not make myself audible. I want to know what the bill is.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Does the Senator from California object to the introduction of the bill?

Mr. McDUGALL. I will not; I will look at it afterwards.

Mr. WADE. If there be no objection, I move that it lie on the table until the committees are appointed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The bill having had its first reading, will lie on the table as a matter of course.

Mr. WADE. I move that the bill be printed. The motion was agreed to.