MR. HAWLEY introduced a bill (S. 835) granting an increase of pension to Leon M. Wright; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also introduced a bill (S. 1354) to determine the line of merit of all officers and men of the United States Army, and of all officers and men of the regular and volunteer services of all the States, on which any service has been rendered or for which services are due, which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

MR. DANIELS introduced a bill (S. 1353) for the relief of the heir of the late John A. Woodson, deceased, in accordance with the findings of the Court of Claims; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

MR. McGILL introduced a bill (S. 835) to authorize the Secretary of War to send certain officers and men of the army to the Philippines as members of a large expedition into the interior of the island of Luzon; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

MR. PROCTOR introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 84) authorizing the printing of 33,000 copies of Bulletin No. 24, Department of Agriculture, entitled "A Primer of Forestry," for the use of Congress and the Department of Agriculture; which was read twice by its title, and, with accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Printing.

MR. HOAR introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 85) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first time by its title, the second time at length, and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, as follows:

The joint resolution was read twice by its title, and, with accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on the Library.

MR. BUTLER introduced a joint resolution (S. 836) to carry into effect two resolutions of the Continental Congress, directing monuments to be erected to the memory of Gen. Francis Nash and William Lee Davidson, of North Carolina, which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

MR. MORGAN, I ask that the joint resolution be read at length.

The joint resolution was read the second time at length, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That any contract, agreement, or combination between two or more corporations which has for its purpose the control of the production of any article or service or the fixing of the price or the cost of the transportation thereof, so as to increase the same at any place or in any manner oppressive to the public, is unlawful and to be prosecuted in favor of the public; that any such combination shall be unlawful and to be prosecuted in favor of the public; that any such contract, agreement, or combination is illegal and is prohibited.

MR. MORGAN. I ask that the joint resolution be read on the table.

The joint resolution was read a third time, and referred to the Senate Ex-Slave Bounty and Pension Association.

MR. PETTUS. I introduce a bill by request. It is a bill of the

EX-SLAVE BOUNTY AND PENSION ASSOCIATION.

The bill (S. 1760) to provide pensions for freedmen, etc., was read the first time by its title.

MR. COWCHELL. I desire to call the attention of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GALLINGER], the chairman of the Committee on Pensions, to the bill which has just been introduced. The bill has been presented in former Congresses, I think in either of which I have been present. It is a bill that has been submitted to the States and New Hampshire may see the importance of taking action upon the bill at an early day I will ask that it may be read on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution will lie on the table.