Mr. GALLINGER. Mr. President—

Mr. OWEN. I yield to the Senator.

Mr. GALLINGER. Just one observation. I noticed that the Senator from Oklahoma said that the Democratic members did not propose to permit the Republican members of the conference committee to control the action of the conference. Now, I will ask the Senator that question. Supposing those three Republicans held the same views that two of the Democratic members did on the matter of insuring deposits, does not the Senator think that those five men in that conference ought to have had their way on that particular point?

Mr. OWEN. It may be true with regard to some immaterial matters, but not at all, if its members are not to be permitted to express their views and vote their views. I have always supposed the rule to be that the majority of the conference of each House to agree upon a report, and I have always supposed, if three Republicans chanced to agree with three Democrats in a conference committee of nine, that they ought to have had their way.

Mr. GALLINGER. Then a conference is of no consequence at all, if its members are not to be permitted to express their views and vote their views. I have always supposed the rule to be that a majority of the conference of each House to agree upon a report, and I have always supposed, if three Republicans chanced to agree with three Democrats in a conference committee of nine, that they ought to have had their way.

Mr. OWEN. I do not understand that to be the practice; I do not think that is the practice in a matter of this kind. It may be true with regard to some immaterial matters, but not at all, if its members are not to be permitted to express their views and vote their views. I have always supposed the rule to be that the majority of the conference of each House to agree upon a report, and I have always supposed, if three Republicans chanced to agree with three Democrats in a conference committee of nine that they ought to have had their way.

Mr. GALLINGER. Mr. President, let me make this suggestion: The Senate passed upon certain very important matters that have been eliminated from the bill as it comes from the conference. Suppose that three Republican Senators and two Democrats on the conference committee had stood for that position which the Senate put in, does not the Senator think that those five men in that conference ought to have had their way on that particular point?

Mr. OWEN. It may be true with regard to some immaterial matters, but not at all, if its members are not to be permitted to express their views and vote their views. I have always supposed the rule to be that the majority of the conference of each House to agree upon a report, and I have always supposed, if three Republicans chanced to agree with three Democrats in a conference committee of nine, that they ought to have had their way.

Mr. GALLINGER. Oh, well, I do not see why they should have had that.

Mr. OWEN. They should because the House refused to agree to the matter to which the Senator is referring, and if the Senate conference did not yield, there remained nothing but a disagreement reported back to the Senate.

Mr. GALLINGER. Of course, then, a disagreement would have to have been reported, which is a very common thing in conference reports.

Mr. OWEN. However we may argue this matter and indulge in rhetoric and in suggestions for and against across the aisle, I think it at last comes down to the question that under our present form of government, where we are divided into party organizations, there is no escape from party responsibility and the plain common-sense duty of the party to act through its organization in the management of matters for which the party feels the responsibility. The Republicans have rejected that plan of the past and the Democrats are doing it now. I hope to see the day come when that may be obviated, and that day will come when Senators stand on this floor and present in true not the wish and the desires and the welfare of the people of this country; and it never will come until then.

Mr. GALLINGER. And the Senator thinks he is the only one who does that, I presume.

Mr. OWEN. I yield to the Senator.

Mr. NELSON. On that I call for the ayes and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the Secretary proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GALLINGER. When Mr. Burrage's name was called, the junior Senator from Maine [Mr. Burrage] is detained from the Senate on account of illness.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the junior Senator from Maryland [Mr. Jackson]. I transfer that pair to the junior Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Hughes] and will vote "yea."

Mr. CHILTON (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the junior Senator from Maryland [Mr. Jackson]. I transfer that pair to the junior Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Hughes] and will vote "yea."

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the senior Senator from Missouri [Mr. Stone]. That Senator is absent because of severe illness. In his absence I withhold my vote. If he were present, and if I were at liberty to vote, I should vote "nay."

Mr. SHIEPARD (when Mr. Culleen's name was called). I wish to announce the necessary absence of my colleague, the junior Senator from Texas [Mr. Culleen]. He is paired with the senior Senator from Delaware [Mr. du Pont]. If my colleague were present, he would vote "yea."

Mr. BRYAN (when Mr. Fitchett's name was called). My colleague [Mr. Fitchett] is absent. He is paired with the junior Senator from Wyoming [Mr. Warren]. If he were present, he would vote "yea."

Mr. MARTINE of New Jersey (when Mr. Hughes's name was called). My colleague [Mr. Hughes] is out of the city on official business.

Mr. LEA (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the senior Senator from South Dakota [Mr. Cawromon]. As he voted for the bill I feel at liberty to vote on this roll call. I vote "yea."

Mr. WEEKS (when Mr. Lodge's name was called). Although I have done so before to-day, I wish to announce that my colleague [Mr. Lodge] is out of the city on official business.

Mr. MYERS (when his name was called). I am paired with the junior Senator from South Dakota [Mr. McLean]. In his absence I withhold my vote, unless it should prove necessary in order to constitute a quorum. If at liberty to vote, I should vote "yea."

Mr. REED (when his name was called). I have a pair with the senior Senator from Michigan [Mr. Smith]. I transfer that pair to the senior Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Thornton] and will vote. I vote "yea."

Mr. SMITH of Arizona (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the junior Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. Cost]. In his absence I withhold my vote. If at liberty to vote, I should vote "yea."

Mr. SMITH of Georgia (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the senior Senator from Missouri [Mr. Stone]. He is called). As has been stated by the Senior Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Fall], in which he says that I am released from the final vote on this bill, and I wish to announce that if he were present he would vote for this bill on its final passage. I vote "yea."

Mr. SMITH of Georgia (when his name was called). I have a general pair with the junior Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. Lodge]. I transfer that pair to the senior Senator from South Carolina [Mr. Wight]. I wish to announce the wishes and the desires and the welfare of the people of this country; and it never will come until then.

Mr. TOWNSEND (when the name of Mr. Smith of Michigan was called). As has been stated by the junior Senator from Missouri [Mr. Reed], the senior Senator from Michigan [Mr. Smith] is paired with the junior Senator from Missouri. If his colleague were present, he would vote "nay."

Mr. SUTHERLAND (when his name was called). I am paired with the senior Senator from Arkansas [Mr. Clark]. I transfer my pair to the junior Senator from Maine [Mr. Burrage] and will vote. I vote "nay."

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the Secretary proceeded to call the roll.
Mr. RANSDELL (when Mr. Thornton's name was called). The senior Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Thornton] is unavailably absent. He has a general pair with the junior Senator from South Dakota [Mr. Sterling]. If present, he would vote "yea.

Mr. WARREN (when his name was called). I am paired with the senior Senator from Florida [Mr. Felt]. I transfer that pair to the junior Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. Stimson] and will vote "nay.

Mr. WILLIAMS (when his name was called). I have a pair with the senior Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Farnsworth]. I transfer that pair to the junior Senator from Tennessee [Mr. McWhorter] and will vote "nay.

The roll call having been concluded, the result was announced—yeas 43, nays 25, as follows:

YEAR—43.

Ashurst
Heese
Rankin
Is, Jr.
Chairman
Chilton
Gore
Hitchcock
Holles
James
Johnson
JOIN.

Jones
Kern
Lane
Levy
Martin, Va.
Martine, N. J.
Newlands
Norris
O'Gorman
Overman

Smith, Art.
Smith, Gov.
Smith, S. C.
Simmons
Smith, W. E.
Smyth
Smith, W. S.
Smith, W. C.

The motion was agreed to.

HOLIDAY RECES.

Mr. MARTIN of Virginia. From the Committee on Appropriations I report back favorably without amendment the concurrent resolution of their House (H. Res. 20) providing for a holiday recess, and I ask unanimous consent for its present consideration.

The concurrent resolution of the Senate. The Senator from Virginia asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of the resolution, which will be read.

The Secretary read the resolution; and there being no objection, the Senate proceeded to its consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

BRIDGE ACROSS BAYOU HARTHOLMEW.

Mr. SHEPPARD. From the Committee on Commerce, I report back favorably, without amendment, the bill (H. R. 3142) to authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across the Bayou Hartholme, to be located near Wilmot, Ark., and to which all the necessary appropriations, including the cost and permanent consideration.

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming. I simply wish to ask the Senator when this bill reached the Senate?

Mr. SHEPPARD. It reached the Senate on yesterday.

The bill was reported to the Senate without amendment, ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:

By Mr. WILLIAMS:
A bill (S. 3867) to found and maintain a mutual insurance fund for depositors in national banks, to be kept available in the United States Treasury and to be administered by a bureau in the Treasury Department, organized and regulated for that purpose; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. ROBINSON:
A bill (S. 3868) to make more efficient Indian administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. PONDexter:
A bill (S. 3869) to amend the military record of John Morrow; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (S. 3870) granting a pension to Clarion A. Brown; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (S. 3871) granting a pension to John Leonard; and a bill (S. 3872) granting a pension to Emanuel Johns; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. RANSDELL:
A bill (S. 3873) to prevent and punish the desecration, mutilation, or improper use of the flag of the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SHEVELY:
A bill (S. 3874) to place on the retired list of the Army the names of the surviving officers who were mustered out under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 13, 1867, in reduction of the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

TRADE IN CHINA.

Mr. POMERENE. Introduces a joint resolution and ask that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and, for the information of the Senate, I ask that it may be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 94) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to investigate the condition of trade in China for the purpose of determining the desirability of establishing there a permanent exposition of the products of the United States of America, and twice referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, etc., That the Secretary of Commerce be authorized to investigate, by a commission of not more than three qualified persons, the condition of our trade with China, for the purpose of determining upon what terms and means for its expansion and protection it would be desirable for the United States of America to establish there a permanent exposition of the products of this country, the States and industries of the United States on terms which might make the exposition self-sustaining when established.

The VICE PRESIDENT (Mr. Warren) inquired before the Senate the amendments of the House of Representatives to the concurrent resolution of the Senate No. 12, providing for the printing of extra copies of the Federal reserve act, which were, in line 3, to strike out "eighty" and insert "eighty-five," and, in line 4, to strike out "thirty" and insert "forty."

Mr. OWEN. I move that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives.

The vote was taken, and the motion agreed to.

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 22d instant, a report of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics in regard to the laws of the various States and of foreign countries providing systems of compensation for injuries to workers in their employment, which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and ordered to be printed.

NAVAL SUPPLY SHIP.

Mr. WEEKS presented resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen of New Orleans; of the Board of Selectmen of Revere; and of Local Lodge No. 471, International Association of Machinists, of Lynn, to the proposed naval supply ship at the Boston Navy Yard, which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

BANKING AND CURRENCY.

Mr. OWEN. I have received two telegrams, one from the National Bank of Commerce, of Shawnee, Okla., and the other from the president of the Third National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., which I ask may be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the telegrams were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Mr. ROBERT L. OWEN, Washington, D. C.: We congratulate you upon the masterful manner in which you have handled the committee bill and its passage. We heartily endorse the bill, and desire to join the system. Am wiring the comptroller to-day our application.

Mr. ROBERT L. OWEN, Washington, D. C.: Congratulations on a successful banking and currency bill. The Third National Bank of St. Louis will enter and assist in any way possible the organization and operation of the new system.

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Mr. OWEN. I move that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the concurrent resolution of the Senate No. 12, providing for the printing of extra copies of the Federal reserve act, which were, in line 3, to strike out "eighty" and insert "eighty-five," and, in line 4, to strike out "thirty" and insert "forty."

The motion was agreed to.