

It is an immense bill, Mr. President, not only in amount but in bulk—250 pages, nearly—and the largest sundry civil appropriation bill that I have ever had the misfortune to tackle in my service. The conferees have been able, with the exception of six items, to agree. There were six items still in dispute, which will be the subject of further conference by the conferees.

We shall do the best we can, and we shall maintain so far as we can the rights of the Senate, but we can not of course have our way in everything, and in the end the question for the Senate to decide is whether it will accept the final report, whatever it is, or let the bill fail.

Mr. OWEN. I did not hear just what the Senator from Maine said.

Mr. HALE. I say in the end, when the committee comes to another conference, in considering the items now in dispute that we have not been able to agree upon, we will do the best we can. We shall have to give up some of them, and the House will have to give up some of them. I hope we will be able to make a final report, and then it must rest with the Senate whether it will accept it or reject it and leave the whole bill open. All we can do is the best that in us lies. That is all I can say about it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the conference report.

The report was agreed to.

Mr. HALE. I move that the Senate further insist upon its amendments, request a further conference with the House on the disagreeing votes, and that the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Chair.

The motion was agreed to; and the Vice President appointed Mr. HALE, Mr. PERKINS, and Mr. CULBERSON, conferees on the part of the Senate.

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. HALE. I am directed by the Committee on the Census, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 30566; S. Rept. No. 1280) for an apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States under the Thirteenth Decennial Census; to report it.

Mr. McCUMBER. I object to the receipt of that at this time.

Mr. HALE. Before that is done, let me state what the committee reports. This is the House bill fixing the number of Representatives and their distribution among the different States, without any amendment. That is the recommendation of the majority of the committee. I should be very glad to have it passed. That rests with the Senate.

Mr. McCUMBER. Mr. President—

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from North Dakota objects.

Mr. McCUMBER. The matter has never been before the committee. The committee, or members of it, may have been polled. I did not sign either for or against it as a member of the committee. It is a matter that deals with the representa-

