Mr. COLLLER. I now move my motion for an executive session.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and after some time spent therein, the doors were reopened.

Several minutes in writing were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. G. Nicolai, his Secretary.

Mr. BRIGHT. We have not time to examine the acts and secretaries which we can send the act that is out of order. They report twenty acts as being necessary to make perfect this chain of reports. I think we should have no very certain answer at any time. They report twenty acts as being necessary to make perfect this chain of reports. I think we should have a very certain answer at any time.

Mr. CLINGMAN. I ask for the yeas and nays on the following:

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. COLLAMER. I will inquire whether we have not a law against the burning of books except by an act of Congress.

Mr. CLINGMAN. I understand the Senator who parlous, I will keep the books that are not in the library, I will not keep any of the books that are there, as they have come to be in the hands of the Senators. They have been taken to the hands of the Senate who receive them.

The question being taken, yeas and nays, resulted—yeas 16, nays 10; as follows:

Mr. BRIGHT. The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. CLINGMAN. I will ask the Senator whether there has been a law against the burning of books except by an act of Congress.

Mr. RICE. There has been a law, as I have now to make reference to that rule, that provides that books shall not be burned except by an act of Congress. It has been a law for the last thirty years, and the Senate could take the act for the last thirty years. It has been a law for the last thirty years, and the Senate could take the act for the last thirty years.