tion, and repeat certain acts heretofore passed on that subject; which was read twice by its title and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RIC asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 652) to provide for the use of arms for the defense of the militia in certain States lately in rebellion; which was read twice by its title and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 658) to amend an act entitled "An act providing a uniform system of naturalization," approved April 14, 1862, and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith; which was read twice by its title and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 659) to amend the constitution of the State of Hawaii, for the establishment of cheap ocean postage.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. SHERMAN. I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. ANTHONY. I suggest to the Senator to move a recess instead of an adjournment. We have not yet heard from the committee appointed to wait upon the President.

Mr. SHERMAN. I say there is no objection, if the Senator desires to wait for the message. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Does the Senator from Ohio wish to draw his motion? Mr. SHERMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. ANTHONY. I move that the Senate take a recess for half an hour.

At the expiration of the recess, the President pro tempore resumed the chair.

Mr. DIXON, from the committee appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House had assembled, and that Congress was ready to receive an acknowledgment he might be pleased to make, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the President instructed them to reply that he would make a proclamation on Monday next at one o'clock by a message in writing.

Mr. HARLAN. I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, December 7, 1868.

In conformity with Provisional Conventions and laws, the Fortieth Congress of the United States of America convened this day in its third session. At twelve o'clock m. Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House of Representatives, a member from the State of Indiana, called the House to order.

Rev. C. B. Boynton, the Chaplain, offered prayer as follows:

Almighty and most merciful God, our Father who art in Heaven! We give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy preserving care, through which all of us have been kept during the time when we have been absent from each other and this place, and through which we have been enabled to gather here and enter upon the duties that belong to our several stations. We bless Thee, O God, that the Congress of the United States now assemble under circumstances that seem to promise so much for the future of this country after the strife and the agitation of the political contest is over, and when men can address themselves to promote the highest interests of the country untrammeled, as they were not before. And while we look round as upon some vacant seals we are reminded especially that it is through Thy care that any of us are here alive. And we pray Thee, O God, that those who have been written down as upon vacant seals may be comforted of God.

And now we desire to commend, in faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, these legislators to Thy holy keeping; and we beseech Thee to impart unto them a wisdom that shall enable them to plan and execute all such measures as may tend to promote the permanence of our制度 and promote the progress of the country in wealth and peace. So far as law can do it may they restrain all violence and disorder; and do Thou add, O God, to all Thy human laws the teachings of Thy Holy Spirit, the power of Thy truth, so that men's hearts shall incline them to do right without the restraining influence of a statute or a conviction of guilt. We are engaged in governing the land. May the benediction of God rest on the whole population, and we be preserved at length, they that remain and are heirs of the promise, the promise of the Lord for the people of God, 1 Peter 3:18.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

The SPEAKER. This being the time fixed by law for the opening of the third session of the Fortieth Congress of the United States, the Clerk of the House will call the roll of members to ascertain whether a quorum is in attendance, and also, at the conclusion of the roll-call, will call the roll of the several territories. The Clerk called the roll; and the following-named Members and Delegates answered to their names:

MAINE.
John Liver, John A. Peters.
Sidney Perham, Frederick A. Pike.
New Hampshire.
Jacob B. Ellis, Aaron F. Stevens.
Vermont.
Lakes P. Poland, Worthington C. Smith.
Massachusetts.
Thomas D. Elliot, Nathaniel P. Banks.
Oakes Ames, George S. Boutwell.
Owen Tweedy, John D. Baldwin.
Samuel Hooper, John D. Chamberlain.
Benjamin F. Baker, Henry L. Dawes.
Rhode Island.
Thomas A. Jenckes, Nathaniel D. Dixon.
Connecticut.
Jethro Hoebig, Henry H. Starkweather.
New York.
Stephen Taber, Calvin T. Hubbard.
Devis Barnes, James M. Mann.
John Fox, Addison H. Ladd.
Thomas E. Stewart, John C. Churchill.
James Brooks, Daniel McFarland.
Fernando Wood, Theodore M. Pomeroy.
William H. Robertson, William H. Kelso.
John H. Kelso, William S. Lincoln.
Orange Ferris, Henry Van Arnum.
New Jersey.
William Moore, John Hill.
Pennsylvania.
Samuel J. Randall, George F. Miller.
Charles O'Neill, Adam J. Glossbrenner.
Leonard Myers, William H. Koontz.
William D. Kelcey, Daniel J. Morrell.
Benjamin M. Boyer, Stephen F. Wilson.
John M. Broomain, Gieniut W. Seidell.
Henry L. Oake, James C. Moore.
Daniel M. Van Acker, James K. Moorhead.
George W. Woodward, George V. Lawrence.
Ulysses Grant.
Maryland.
Hiram McCullough, Francis Thomas.
Schenck P. Baker, Francis Thomas.
North Carolina.
John K. French, Nathaniel Boyd.
David Heaton, Alexander H. Jones.
Israel G. Laik.
South Carolina.
B. E. Whittemore, Simeon Corley.
C. C. Bowen, James H. Goss.
George.
J. W. Giff, Samuel F. Gove.
W. E. Edwards, M. B. Young.
Alabama.
Francis W. Kellogg, Thomas Hanchey.
Benjamin W. Norris, John B. Callis.
Louisiana.
J. H. Sykes, Michael Ydian.
Joseph P. Newsham, Michael Ydian.
Ohio.
Benjamin Bingleton, Philadephil Van Tram.
Col. G. Gary, Martin Welch.
Robert O. Schenck, Tobiah A. Plants.
William Lawrence, John A. Hingham.
Reader W. Clarke, Ephraim E. Shiley.
John Beatty, Rufus F. Spalding.
James M. Ashley.
Kentucky.
Lawrence S. Timbole, Thomas R. Jones.
J. S. Golladay, James B. Beck.
Proctor Knott, Samuel McKees.