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Appropriation Bills Considered in the House and Senate.

BLUNDERS ON CUBA MATTER

Proceedings Marked by the Absence of Oratory—The Sixth Appropriation Bill Passes Both Houses—Other Washington Topics.

Washington, March 3.—The principal subject before the senate today was the agricultural appropriation bill carrying appropriations to the aggregate amount of \$3,253,650. It was passed with very little opposition or discussion, and is the third regular appropriation bill that has passed both houses. The only other appropriation bill that has passed from the house is that for the Indian department and it is now in the hands of the committee on appropriations.

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HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Today's session of the house was almost devoted to a discussion of the amendment proposed to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill to make the offices of district attorney and United States marshal, instead of being paid by the government, to be paid by fees. It was advocated by several members, and opposed by none. But Messrs. Hartman (Rep., Mont.) and Gardner (Rep., N. J.) attacked the inequalities in the bill, which they asserted discriminated unjustly against the officials named in those states. The matter was adjourned on motion by Mr. Hitt (Rep., Ill.) asking a return of them in order to make the necessary corrections. They were shortly referred to the committee on the judiciary.

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