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By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)
WASHINGTON, March 1, 1869.—
SENATE.

The credentials of Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, and Mr. Borenson, of West Virginia, were presented.

The bill authorizing imprisonment at hard labor in certain cases passed.

The bill for the relief of certain companies of scots in Alabama passed.

The Finance Committee reported equally divided on the bill to compensate copper five cent pieces.

The credentials of Mr. Brownlow, Senator elect from Tennessee, were presented.

The House joint resolution suspending the 16th and 17th joint rules until the end of the session was agreed to.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs was discharged from the consideration of Mr. Stewart's bill relative to refining gold and silver bullion in the United States mint and branches.

The bill for the removal of political disabilities was taken up.

Mr. CONNESS moved to strike out the name of Asa Rogers, of Virginia, as he was still an ardent rebel.

Mr. TRUMBULL opposed the motion, saying he had written an application for re-enlistment.

Mr. FERRY hoped the name of Mr. Rogers would not be stricken out.

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Mr. CONKLING withdrew the motion to strike out the name of Mr. Rogers.

The morning hour having expired, the bill was referred to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER, the Committee on Foreign Affairs was discharged from the consideration of a large number of bills, resolutions and memorials in relation to trade with Canada and the Pacific.

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