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## CONCRESSIONAL PROCEEDINCS

 The Direct Tax BIII Put to a Vote inthe House.
Wastuxath, Dec. 12. -The river and harbor bill was reported to the house to day and referred to the committee on the
whole. The senate amendments to the depart-
ment of agriculture bill were nontconcurred in and a conference ordered.
The report of the committee on elections in the California contested election
case of Sullivan against Felton was subcase of Sullivan against Felton was sul
mitted and placed on the calendar. the whole on the direct tax bill.

## jected. Elliott offered an amendment

 making it the duty of the secretary of the apply therefor, and who furnish satisfactory evidence that such applicant was at the time of the sales mentioned, thelegal owner or his heir-at-law, or devisee sold in certain parishes of South Carolina under the acts of congress, the value of said lands in the manner which is set forth in the amendment at length. In all cascs where persons, while serving in chased any of said lands, and such lands afterwards revertal to the United States, it shall be the duty of the treasury to pay
to such persons as shall in each cass apply therefor or to their heirs at-law, de. valuable consideration, whatever sum was so paid to the United States in such
case. In order to carry out the provisions of the amendment $\$ 850,000$ is appropriated. The amendmeat was adopted.
Mr. Oates of Alabamia offered an ameniment providing for refunding the cotton tax.
amendment proposed by the judiciary committee, striking out the provision in the senate bill declaring that no part of
the money appropriated'by the bill should be paid to any attorney or agent, under any contract for services now existing, or heretufore made between the representa-
tive of any state and any attorney or
agent. The amendment was alisagree to. After several other amendments had
been Jffereil and rejected the thse and reported the bill to the house. ise and reported the bill to the ho
i was passed; yeas 178 , nays 96 .
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