

APPOINTING A COMMISSION TO REPORT ON CONDITIONS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

JANUARY 12, 1920.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CAMPBELL of Kansas, from the Committee on Rules, submitted
the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. J. Res. 69.]

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred S. J. Res. 69, entitled "Joint resolution appointing a commission to report on conditions in the Virgin Islands," herewith report the resolution to the House with a favorable recommendation and recommend its passage with the following amendments, to wit:

1. That the resolution be changed from a joint resolution to a concurrent resolution.
2. Strike out all after the resolving clause, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

That a joint commission to consist of three Members of the Senate and three Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Vice President of the United States and the Speaker of the House, respectively, is hereby created to visit the Virgin Islands and to report fully to Congress as to existing conditions in the said islands, and particularly to report and recommend action by Congress, if need there be therefor, with reference to whether the present government under executive direction should be superseded by a civil government provided by Congress as contemplated by the act of March 3, 1917 (39 Stat. 1132), said government being now only temporary in character and by order of the President being now vested in officers of the Navy; also, as to whether Congress should at this time provide for a civil government of the islands by an organic act; also what, if any, legislation is necessary pending the formation and adoption of an organic act, and as to the general conditions existing in the islands; said report to be filed at the earliest date practicable and during the Sixty-sixth Congress. That the expenses of said commission in carrying out the provisions of this resolution shall be paid in equal proportions from the contingent funds of the Senate and the House of Representatives, upon the audit and order, respectively, of the ranking Senate and House Members of said commission, the total amount not to exceed the sum of \$2,500.

