

## CONGRESS

*Friday, March 9.*—In the SENATE, the appropriation bill was taken up, the question being on Mr. Forsyth's motion to amend the substitute offered by Mr. Webster, by striking out the provisions for the representation of fractions. Mr. Holmes, Mr. Silsbee, and Mr. Sprague, spoke in opposition to the motion, and Mr. White in its support. Mr. White urged that the representation of fractions is unconstitutional; that the mode proposed by Mr. Webster is the same thing in a new form which was rejected on account of that very objection forty years ago; that it is proposed to transfer a part of the political power of one State to another, and thus involves the doctrine of consolidation. The Senate adjourned over to Monday, when Mr. Dickerson has the floor.

In the HOUSE, Mr. Verplanck reported a bill making an appropriation for the publication of certain diplomatic correspondence. Mr. Barstow, who on Saturday had voted against Mr. Root's motion to amend Mr. Clayton's resolution, so that the special committee on the United States Bank should be chosen by ballot, now moved for a reconsideration of the vote given on that day. The House then determined by 95 votes to 93, to reconsider it. The further consideration of the subject was stopped by the expiration of the hour. After some consideration of the bill for the benefit of Mrs. Decatur, the committee of the whole reported it to the House without amendment. The several amendments proposed in committee, were renewed in the House and rejected. The question was then taken on engrossing the bill for a third reading, which was decided in the negative—yeas 78, nays 95, and so the bill was rejected.