HOUSE COMMITTEE TODAY VOTED TO ABOLISH HALF-AND-HALF PRINCIPLE

YEARY AWARDS

- $50,000,000

- Contracts on which John Burke, as manager of the conspiracy department of the Pan-


- Administration Admits


- ThisRepeals That Part of the Organic Act of 1878


- This is the most drastic action taken by any committee of Congress, as it affects the District, within a generation.


- The committee adopted and ordered a report to the House on the Crisp bill. This legislation in aid of the


- The bill as it now stands makes no provision for any substitute form of government, and leaves yet to be determined the great question of how the District of Columbia alone is to raise annuity by taxation the more than $11,000,000 needed for its maintenance.


- Only three of the members of the committee present voted against the report of the half-and-half plan. They were Congressmen Winslow of Massachusetts, Wallin of New York, and Keister of Pennsylvania. They made an ineffectual attempt to secure postponement of such vital action, but the majority of the committee determined to report the bill at once.


- The committee had generally understood that this hurried, action, taken at a special meeting of the committee held behind closed doors, was for the purpose of inserting the Crisp bill, because the House of District of Columbia appropriation bill was pending in the House.


- APPROPRIATING CLAUSE DROPPED.


The Crisp bill provided that the committee of June 11, 1874, entitled the Act Providing for a Permanent Form of Government for the District of Columbia, be, and it was severally ordered and the following words to be added thereto: "Congress shall appropriate and expend the amount provided for in this act in aid of the District of Columbia, and in case of any additional amounts, or any portion thereof, which may be needed by the District, from the fund in the Treasury of the United States, shall be raised by the District, and the amount so raised shall be paid to the government of the District of Columbia, and the government of the United States shall be repaid out of such funds."