

AMERICAN REGISTER FOR STEAMSHIP ZEALANDIA.

MAY 24, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PAYNE, from the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries,
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10427.]

The Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries report back the bill (H. R. 10427) to provide an American register for the steamship *Zealandia*, and recommend that the bill do pass.

This steamship is of 2,730 tons register; is owned by the Oceanic Steamship Company, of San Francisco, a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of California, and the capital stock of which is owned exclusively by people of the United States. She is now registered under the Hawaiian flag.

The sole reason for a favorable recommendation in this case, beyond the fact that she is owned by citizens of the United States, is that the *Zealandia* has been chartered for use for military service by the War Department, as will be seen by the annexed letter of the Assistant Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., May 20, 1898.

SIR: The Department having chartered the steamship *Zealandia* of the Oceanic Steamship Company for military use during the war with Spain, I have the honor to request that she may be put in commission at the earliest practicable date.

Very respectfully,

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,
Assistant Secretary of War.

Hon. S. E. PAYNE,
*Chairman Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries,
House of Representatives.*

