

# WASHINGTON STUDYING NEW ALIEN LAND BILL

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## NO EXPECTATION THAT ASSEMBLY WILL DISSENT

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Believed That Chances for Amendment Along Line of Webb Act May Have Been Improved by Delay.

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WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 30.—Probably not until the full scope of the substitute alien land-owning bill adopted by the California Senate last night is definitely known will it be possible for the administration here to determine upon its next step.

There is little expectation here that the assembly will reverse the Senate, in view of the reported breaking down of party lines in the Legislature, but it is believed the delay may improve the chances for the introduction of some amendment on the lines of the Webb bill, which presumably would have received the approval of the national government.

In explanation of the reluctance shown by Secretary Bryan to commit himself to the unqualified approval of any specific measure, it is pointed out by officials here that the administration desires to be quite free of the charge of attempting to control the proceedings of the Legislature, confining itself to an effort to limit the legislation within treaty rights and sound national policy.

### Negotiations Now Seem Certain.

Also, it is believed the state department should be left unembarrassed by any commitment in advance of negotiations with the Japanese government which now seem certain to follow, instead of the rather informal exchanges that have been taking place.

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