Mr. TRUMBULL. I wish to say in regard to this measure that I think it a very important bill and a very proper bill to be acted upon. In regard to the position of the bill, I am not prepared to express an opinion; but this is a subject that certainly deserves attention. The bill came from the Committee on Retrenchment in the Thirty-Ninth Congress, immediately after the Committee on Retrenchment was organized. The committee secured information from various Departments of the Government touching the subject. In the Fortieth Congress a similar bill was introduced by Judge Lawrence in the House, and referred to the Judiciary Committee of the House. I hope I shall proceed with its consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from Maryland has withdrawn his objection to the bill to be reported, as the Chair understands.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland. Yes, sir; let it be read.

Mr. WILSON asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. No. 191) granting an American register to the British-built bark Busy.

Mr. SUMNER. I submit to my friend that he had better allow it to be read through.

Mr. DRAKE. Why?

Mr. SUMNER. I think that is the very reason why it should not be read. It is not passed over, the reading ought to be dispensed with.

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