

On page 6, line 1, after the words "six hundred and five," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 6, after the words "seven hundred and fifty-five," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 7, after the words "eight hundred and nine," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 10, after the words "eight hundred and fifteen," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 12, after the words "nine hundred and six," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 15, after the words "eleven hundred and seventy-nine," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 16, after the words, "twelve hundred and nine," I move to insert "inclusive."

On the same page, line 17, after the word "seventy-six," I move to insert "inclusive."

These amendments are simply to make certain the chapters or sections that are to be repealed.

The amendments were agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I did not intend, when this bill was last before the Senate, to make any remarks at all, except as they might be called forth in the consideration of the different sections of the bill. But since that time I have concluded that perhaps I ought to say a few words in a general way in reference to the measure as a sort of introduction to the consideration of the bill itself. It is perhaps expected that some member of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate should say something, in advance of its consideration by the Senate generally, about the bill reported to the Senate and which is now before this body; and as the distinguished Senator from Alabama [Mr. MORGAN] and myself were on the commission appointed by the President to recommend to Congress such legislation concerning the Hawaiian Islands as the commission should deem necessary or proper, it is perhaps expected of us especially to explain the bill.

Going back to a period beyond the passage of the joint resolution annexing the islands, it might be well to say that the joint resolution recited the language in part of the treaty of annexation concluded at Washington on the 16th of June, 1897, where the preamble to the resolution states that the Republic of Hawaii ceded absolutely and without reserve to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies, and also ceded and transferred to the United States the absolute fee and ownership of all public, government, or crown lands, public buildings, harbors, etc.

I desire to say that the language used in the joint resolution was the same language substantially as that used in the treaty which was ratified by the Hawaiian government, but finally not ratified by the Senate of the United States; but the joint resolution was taken up and passed in place of the treaty; so that when the joint resolution in its whereas recites what the Hawaiian government did, it relates to the treaty which had been ratified by the Hawaiian government.