Mr. CULLOM. I do not wish to be the occasion of any excitement on the part of my friend the Senator from South Carolina, because he is generally a pretty good-natured man and I wish to keep him so. I want to be perfectly serious about this thing and to express my judgment simply that the best thing to do for the present in the adoption of a bill is to allow the status there to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the legislature to remain, with the modifications that the committee have made. We found, it is true—and we are disturbing it to that extent—a supreme court appointed for life or during good behavior, and we thought that, perhaps, for a Territorial court, was going beyond what ought to be allowed, and so acceded to a nine-year term for the supreme court judges and a six-year term for the circuit court judges, there being three judges of the supreme court and five judges of the circuit courts. If it is thought that that is a dangerous thing to do, of course the Senate has a right to change it and make their appointment for a given term of years and by the President.

Now, there was something said upon the question of the elective franchise, and I think some inquiries were made. I have a statement here somewhere—

Mr. FORAKER. Mr. President.

Mr. CULLOM. The President pro tempore. Does the Senator from Illinois yield to the Senator from Ohio?

Mr. CULLOM. I do.

Mr. FORAKER. Before the Senator leaves that point, if I am not mistaken he was in error in one answer he gave to a Senator concerning the law which he propounded an inquiry as to whether it or not it was supposed by this bill to continue in office the present incumbents. I do not understand the bill.

Mr. CULLOM. If I am mistaken in that respect, how does the Senator construe it?

Mr. FORAKER. At the beginning of section 81 it is expressly provided that the supreme court shall consist of a chief justice and not less than two associate justices, and it is further provided, in the same section, I believe, or the following one—

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. The last part of the section reads—

Mr. FORAKER. It is somewhere there that they shall be appointed not anywhere that the present incumbents shall be continued in office.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. Read the last three lines.

Mr. FORAKER. If it does, I have overlooked it.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. The last three lines of that section, on 44637—lines 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. FORAKER. Ah, I beg pardon.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. I contemplate in my amendment striking that out.

Mr. FORAKER. Were the lines stricken out?

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. My amendment contemplates striking them out.

Mr. CULLOM. I had here a statement of what the vote would be in the election of the legislature or in any other election. I do not seem to find it. Somebody has evidently picked it up by mistake, but I remember the lowest between ten and thirteen in the Territory under this bill for the house of representatives and between forty-five hundred and five thousand for senators.

Mr. TILLMAN. Where does the Senator get that information?

Mr. CULLOM. It was furnished me by somebody who ought to know.

Mr. TILLMAN. Well, that is a remarkable statement to come from the Senator in charge of the bill, that he gives us the ipse dixit of some man whose name he will not even mention.

Mr. CULLOM. It is not extraordinary at all. I made an inquiry of gentlemen here from the islands.

Mr. TILLMAN. Lobbying this bill through.

Mr. CULLOM. Not at all. The Senator always seems to be scared for somebody is standing around trying to do something he does not want done.

Mr. TILLMAN. I find the puritans of this Capitol chock full of men who are always trying to get something done that is against the people.

Mr. CULLOM. Then they find the Senator and nobody else, apparently.

Mr. TILLMAN. I said I found them.

Mr. CULLOM. Did you go after them?

Mr. TILLMAN. No. I have seen them in the committee, where you and I have had some investigations.

Mr. CULLOM. Most of them were invited there by the committee.

Mr. TILLMAN. They invited themselves there, and asked the chairman to give them a hearing.

Mr. CULLOM. I think the Senator is entirely off on that question.

Mr. WOLCOTT. Mr. President, I hope we can have order.

Mr. CULLOM. This is a statement prepared by a gentleman at my request, so that I might have as much definite information as I could as to the property qualifications of the people and the