The President pro tempore. Does the Senator from North Carolina yield to the Senator from South Carolina?

Mr. BUTLER. Certainly.

Mr. TILLMAN. Will the Senator from Illinois tell me, or does he know, what is the amount of that obligation? There is a limitation of a maximum amount of $4,000,000; but how much is it? Has the matter been adjusted? Are any steps proposed to be taken by the Secretary looking to its adjustment?

Mr. CULLOM. I do not remember the exact amount, but there is a considerable amount due.

Mr. TILLMAN. Are there any figures in existence anywhere? Is anybody working on that adjustment?

Mr. MASON. The report states it.

Mr. CULLOM. My own report shows something about it.

Mr. BUTLER. I have already read the figures.

Mr. MASON. Seven hundred and thirty thousand and three hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-one cents is the amount due depositors.

Mr. TILLMAN. That is the amount due depositors. What is the public debt of the islands—the other obligations for which we are responsible up to the amount of $4,000,000?

Mr. CULLOM. Four million was supposed to be the amount of public debt. We will not say, that the islands owed. That is what I knew, but I thought it was about time, as we have had these islands about two years, to begin to know how much we owe.

Mr. CULLOM. The first thing we ought to do, it seems to me, is to get the bill passed, giving them a government and then pay what we have to pay to them.

Mr. TILLMAN. I thought we were to pay the public debt of Hawaii; that is, the obligations which the Republic of Hawaii has accumulated against itself.

Mr. CULLOM. We do pay the public debt, but we first pay the postal savings bank depositors.

Mr. BUTLER. Why not pay the debt the people want paid and