Mr. CULLOM. It will certainly be in the United States when this bill becomes a law. If language in a statute can bring it in.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. I think it is a question open to vet. It is not necessarily unfair to the citizens of the United States. In fact, it is a question open to all the citizens of the United States, and I am of the opinion that the President will be able to deal with it in a proper manner. But I do not believe that it is the intention of Congress to limit the power of the President to appoint officers. It made a very great impression upon me, and from that time I have doubted whether it was the intention of Congress so to limit the President in his appointing power.

But whether that be so or not, I believe it extremely bad policy in every way in which it can be viewed. It does not at all answer an argument made by a former collector of the United States, Mr. Palmer, upon the subject of the right of Congress to limit the power of the President to appoint officers. It made a very great impression upon me, and from that time I have doubted whether it was the intention of Congress so to limit the President in his appointing power.

As I have said, I have no idea that I can defeat this conference report, but I am not willing that this portion of it shall go without my earnest protest.

Mr. PETTIGREW. Mr. President, I have always believed that the American people, when they have the opportunity, are not satisfied with the conduct of the government of this country, and I do not think that the conduct of the government of this country, and I do not think that the government of the United States has ever been willing to stand up for the interests of this country, and I do not think that the government of the United States has ever been willing to stand up for the interests of this country.

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