

THIRTIETH CONGRESS — FIRST SESSION.

H. R. 178.

[No Report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 8, 1848.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby
4 authorized to cause yachts used and employed exclusively
5 as pleasure vessels, and designed as models of naval archi-
6 tecture, and now entitled to be enrolled as American ves-
7 sels, to be licensed on terms which will authorize them to
8 proceed, from port to port in the United States, without
9 entering or clearing at the custom house. Such license
10 shall be in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury
11 may prescribe: *Provided,* Such vessels so enrolled and

12 licensed shall not be allowed to transport merchandize,
 13 nor to carry passengers for pay: *And provided further,*
 14 That the owner of any such vessel, before taking out such
 15 license, shall give a bond, in such form and for such
 16 amount as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe,
 17 conditional that the said vessel shall not engage in any
 18 unlawful trade, nor in any way violate the revenue laws
 19 of the United States, and shall comply with the laws in all
 20 other respects.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all such ves-
 2 sels shall in all respects, except as above, be subject to the
 3 laws of the United States, and shall be liable to seizure
 4 and forfeiture for any violation of the provisions of this
 5 act.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all such
 2 licensed yachts shall use a signal, of the form, size, and
 3 colors prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, and the
 4 owners thereof shall at all times permit the naval archi-
 5 tects, in the employ of the United States, to examine and
 6 copy the models of said yachts.

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