

IN SENATE  
OF  
THE UNITED STATES,

DECEMBER 31, 1817.

Mr. Burrill submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the committee to whom was referred the petition of the committee of the yearly meeting of the society of friends at Baltimore, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the United States on the subject of the African slave trade as more effectually to prevent said trade from being carried on by citizens of the United States under foreign flags, and also into the expediency of the United States taking measures in concert with other nations for the entire abolition of said trade.