

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 2, 1861.

Read twice, and further consideration postponed until Tuesday, December 10,  
1861, at 1 o'clock p. m.

MR. STEVENS introduced the following bill:

**A BILL**

To facilitate the suppression of the rebellion and prevent its return.

Whereas slavery has caused the present rebellion in the United States; and whereas there can be no solid and permanent peace and union in this republic so long as that institution exists within it; and whereas slaves are now used by the rebels as an essential means of supporting and protracting the war; and whereas by the law of nations it is right to liberate the slaves of an enemy to weaken his power: Therefore—

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the President be requested to declare free, and to direct
- 4 all our generals and officers in command to order freedom to,
- 5 all slaves who shall leave their masters, or shall aid in quelling
- 6 this rebellion.

1           SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the United States  
2   pledge the faith of the nation to make full and fair compensa-  
3   tion to all loyal citizens who are and shall remain active in  
4   supporting the Union for all the loss they may sustain by  
5   by virtue of this resolution.

## **H. R. 106.**

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