IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 1933

Mr SUMNERS of Texas introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed

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Reported with amendments, referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

For the protection of Government records

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That whoever, by virtue of his employment by the United States, having custody of, or access to, any record, proceeding, map, book, document, paper, or other thing shall, for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the United States willfully and unlawfully conceal, remove, mutilate, obliterate, falsify, destroy, or sell, furnish to an-
other, publish, or offer for sale any such record, proceeding, map, book, document, paper, or thing, or any information contained therein, or a copy or copies thereof, shall be fined
1. not more than $2,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both, and moreover shall forfeit his office and be forever afterwards disqualified from holding any office under the Government of the United States

2. Whoever shall willfully, without authorization of competent authority, publish or furnish to another any matter prepared in any official code, or whoever shall, for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the United States, willfully publish or furnish to another any matter obtained without authorization of competent authority, from the custody of any officer or employee of the United States or any matter which was obtained while in process of transmission from one public office, executive department, or independent establishment of the United States or branch thereof to any other such public office, executive department, or independent establishment of the United States or branch thereof or any matter which was in process of transmission between any foreign government and its diplomatic mission in the United States, or whoever shall for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the United States, willfully, without authorization of competent authority, publish or furnish to another, facts or information purporting to be contained in any such matter or anything purporting to be any such matter, shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both
1 Sec 3 In any prosecution hereunder, proof of the 
2 commission of any of the acts described herein shall be prima 
3 facie evidence of a purpose prejudicial to the safety or 
4 interest of the United States
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