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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FEBRUARY 11, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. PRYOR, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of John Beeson, praying compensation for services rendered citizens of the United States in protecting them from Indian hostilities, &c., have considered the same, and report:*

The petition does not allege any state of facts which creates a claim against the United States. He claims to have saved many lives and much money in "protesting against the lawless practices of cheating and killing the aboriginal occupants of the country." It seems to us that it would be contrary to public policy to pay money from the Treasury for such protests, without a previous contract. We therefore recommend that the petition be disallowed, and the petitioner have leave to withdraw.