
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 14, 1888.

Mr. SHERMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A BILL

To declare unlawful trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts, or com-
4 binations between persons or corporations made with a view,
5 or which tend, to prevent full and free competition in the
6 production, manufacture, or sale of articles of domestic growth
7 or production, or of the sale of articles imported into the
8 United States, and all arrangements, contracts, agreements,
9 trusts, or combinations between persons or corporations de-
10 signed, or which tend, to advance the cost to the consumer of
11 any of such articles, are hereby declared to be against public
12 policy, unlawful, and void; and any person or corporation
13 injured or damnified by such arrangement, contract, agreement,
14 trust, or corporation may sue for and recover in any court of
15 the United States of competent jurisdiction double the amount
16 of damages suffered by such person or corporation. And any
17 corporation doing business within the United States that acts
18 or takes part in any such arrangement, contract, agreement,
19 trust, or corporation shall *forfeit its corporate franchise*; and
20 it shall be the duty of the *district attorney of the United*
21 *States* of the district in which such corporation exists or does
22 business to institute the proper proceedings to enforce such
23 forfeiture.