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AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-fourth Legislature

OF THE

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Chapter 176.

Resolve, to Provide a Committee to Investigate and Recommend Regarding Sales Tax.

Sales tax; provision made for investigating committee to recommend concerning. **Resolved:** That a committee consisting of the chairman of the board of state assessors, who shall be the chairman hereof and four members of the present legislature, two from the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate, and two from the house to be appointed by the speaker of the house, which committee shall, during the recess of the present legislature, investigate the advisability of an excise tax on certain or all sales of merchandise with particular reference to the advisability of an excise tax applicable to any retail mercantile business divided into separate units conducted as branch mercantile establishments. Said committee is authorized to investigate the laws of the other states and is to report to the next legislature its recommendations together with suggested legislation. The governor and council are hereby authorized to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, all such expense as may be incurred by said committee in their investigation and report, but not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars.

Approved April 13, 1929.

Chapter 177.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for an Additional Issue of Highway and Bridge Bonds.

Constitutional amendment proposed for additional issue of highway and bridge bonds. **Resolved:** That section seventeen of article nine of the constitution as amended by the forty-eighth and forty-ninth amendments to the constitution is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. The state, under proper enactment of the legislature, may issue its bonds not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-one million dollars in amount at any one time, and all bonds issued during and after the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine shall be payable serially within twenty-five years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding under authority of this section to the extent of ten million dollars shall be devoted solely to the construction of the present system of state highways designated prior to April first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine; provided, however, that not exceeding two mil-