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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
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Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and they are hereby, authorized to have printed for their use 1,000 copies, or as many thereof as they may deem necessary, of the hearings held by a subcommittee of that committee under Senate joint resolution 88 and Senate joint resolution 50.

Attest:

JAMES M. BAKER,
Secretary.

TEXT OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

[S. J. Res. 50, Sixty-third Congress, first session.]

JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the sale, manufacture, and importation of distilled liquor containing alcohol except for mechanical, scientific, and medicinal purposes, under proper regulation by Congress.

Whereas the consumption of strong alcoholic liquor is increasing at an alarming rate, thereby undermining the public morals, inflicting disease and untimely death upon many of our citizens and blighting with degeneracy their posterity, thus threatening the integrity and life of the Nation: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States: After the last article add a new article, as follows:

"ARTICLE XVIII.

"SECTION 1. The sale, manufacture, and importation of distilled liquor containing alcohol, except for mechanical, scientific, and medicinal purposes, under proper regulation by Congress, shall be prohibited in the United States on and after a period of three years next succeeding the ratification of this article by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article."

[S. J. Res. 88, Sixty-third Congress, second session.]

JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas exact scientific research has demonstrated that alcohol is a narcotic poison, destructive and degenerating to the human organism, and that its distribution as a beverage or contained in foods lays a staggering economic burden upon the shoulders of the people, lowers to an appalling degree the average standard of character of our citizenship, thereby undermining the public morals and the foundation of free institutions, produces widespread crime, pauperism and insanity, inflicts disease and untimely death upon hundreds of thousands of citizens, and blights with degeneracy their children unborn, threatening the future integrity and the very life of the Nation: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring), That the following amendment of the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the States, to become valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several States, as provided by the Constitution:

"ARTICLE —.

"SECTION 1. The sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale, importation for sale, and exportation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are forever prohibited.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power to provide for the manufacture, sale, importation, and transportation of intoxicating liquors for sacramental, medicinal, mechanical, pharmaceutical, or scientific purposes, or for use in the arts, and shall have power to enforce this article by all needful legislation."

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