

and vote for the passage of the bill now before Congress, entitled "a bill making provisions for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States, and for other purposes.

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No. 6.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Authorizing the Comptroller to employ counsel in the case of the State *vs.* the Northern Central Railway Company.

WHEREAS, an action is now pending, or may hereafter be brought in the Superior Court of Baltimore city at the suit of the State of Maryland *vs.* the Northern Central Railway Company, to recover the State tax on the gross receipts of said company; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, said Northern Central Railway Company is resisting the payment of said tax under a claim that a clause exists in the charter of said company exempting the shares of its capital stock in the hands of its stockholders from taxation; and that therefore said company is exempt from any form of taxation on its business or property; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, the question thus raised or to be raised, is of the highest importance to the State, involving the right of the State to tax said company, and other companies similarly situated; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, every means should be employed to have an enlightened and correct decision of said question; and Preamble.