

HOUSE No. 2292

Mr. Meaney of Blackstone gives notice that he will move to substitute these resolutions for the resolutions printed as Senate, No. 452.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

RESOLUTIONS

Ratifying the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that Senators shall be elected by the People of the Several States.

1 *Whereas*, The sixty-second congress, in the second session,
2 in both houses has passed the following proposition to amend
3 the constitution of the United States, by a constitutional
4 majority of two thirds thereof, in words following, to wit: —

Joint Resolution, proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

5 “*Resolved*, By the senate and house of representatives of
6 the United States of America in congress assembled (two
7 thirds of each house concurring therein). That in lieu of the
8 first paragraph of section three of article one of the constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph two of the same section as relates to the filling of
9 vacancies, the following be proposed as an amendment to
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12 the constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and pur-
13 poses as part of the constitution when ratified by the legis-
14 latures of three fourths of the states:

15 “The senate of the United States shall be composed of
16 two senators from each state, elected by the people thereof,
17 for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The
18 electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite
19 for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legis-
20 latures.

21 “When vacancies happen in the representation of any
22 state in the senate, the executive authority of such state
23 shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: *provided*,
24 that the legislature of any state may empower the executive
25 thereof to make temporary appointments until the people
26 fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

27 “This amendment shall not be so construed as to effect
28 the election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes
29 valid as part of the constitution;”— therefore be it

30 *Resolved*, That the said proposed amendment to the con-
31 stitution be, and the same is, hereby ratified by the legisla-
32 ture of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

33 *Resolved*, That a certified copy of the foregoing preamble
34 and resolution be forwarded by the governor to the secre-
35 tary of state for the United States, in accordance with sec-
36 tion two hundred and five, Revised Statutes of the United
37 States.

