

J. A. HARVEY, from the Committee on Suppression of Intemperance, submitted the following report :

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on the Suppression of Intemperance, to whom was referred house file No. 381, a bill for an act making it a misdemeanor to treat to, or induce a person to drink, alcoholic liquor, wine or beer as a beverage, and providing punishment therefor, supplemental to title XXIV of the Code, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it be amended by inserting, after the word "beverage," in the third line of the first section, the words "except at his or her own private family residence," and that when so amended, that the bill do pass.

J. A. HARVEY, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 381.]

[BY GAY.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT MAKING IT A MISDEMEANOR TO TREAT TO, OR INDUCE A PERSON TO DRINK, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, WINE OR BEER AS A BEVERAGE, AND PROVIDING PUNISHMENT THEREFOR, SUPPLEMENTAL TO TITLE XXIV OF THE CODE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That whoever treats  
2 another to, or offers to so treat another, or in any manner induces, or attempts to induce,  
3 another to drink alcoholic liquor of any kind, including wine and beer, as a beverage, shall  
4 be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished, for the first  
5 offense, by fine not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars, or by imprisonment  
6 in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than thirty days; and for the second  
7 offense, by fine not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in  
8 the county jail not less than ten nor more than thirty days, or by both such fine and impris-  
9 onment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. Every person shall possess the power and authority, with or without warrant, to  
2 arrest any person or persons whom they shall find in the act of committing either of the  
3 offenses mentioned in the first section of this act, or any person whom they may have good  
4 reason to believe to have been guilty of either of said offenses, and take such person or per-  
5 sons before a magistrate and make written complaint under oath of the facts. And persons  
6 making arrests as herein contemplated shall receive the same compensation as sheriffs  
7 receive for like services.

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSE FILE NO. 381.

MR. SPEAKER:

The minority of your Committee on the Suppression of Intemperance, to whom was referred house file No. 381, beg leave to report that having considered the same, they cannot concur with the report of the majority of the committee thereupon, but report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the following reasons:

House file 381 is a gross invasion of personal liberty, and puts every man's peace and freedom in the keeping of any informer who, for pay or malice, may choose to assail them. Although we admit that the habit of treating is conducive neither to sobriety nor economy, yet to prevent it by legislation is too great a sacrifice of individual liberty, and an infringement upon the rights of American citizens. If such sumptuary legislation is insisted upon, we fear the very idea of genuine personal liberty will fade from the minds of the American people, as the ink has faded upon the glorious instrument, the Declaration of Independence, which guaranteed to "all men, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." There is no doubt that the expense of maintaining the social custom of treating has saved to the temperance movement many of its brightest lights and sturdiest pillars. In the interest of the leadership of that movement we protest against removing this safeguard.

MOSES BLOOM.

ERNST MUELLER.