

# Exhibit 17

## GEORGIA AVOIDS INCOME TAX.

Senate by Vote of 37 to 2 Refuses to Consider Amendment.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 5.—The Georgia Senate to-day by a vote of 37 to 2 refused to consider the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution, although to-day had been fixed upon for its consideration. The action of the Senate means that there will be no action on the amendment at this session, and indicates that there is strong opposition to its passage.

Senator Burwell and other Senators in opposition action declared it was a grave thing for States to confer such power on the Federal Government. They feared if the power to levy an income tax was given that the result would be more wastefulness at Washington without any decrease in tariff taxation. It was asserted that the South was already being hardly dealt with in the matter of National taxation through the tariff, and they were reluctant to give the Federal Government power to wring additional taxes from this section.

The opinion was also expressed that it would probably be better for Georgia to adopt an income tax law for herself and reject the proposition for a National income tax. Senator Perry in urging consideration of the amendment asserted that lobbyists were at work to defeat the amendment, and urged that the Georgia Legislature redeem the frequent declarations of the Democratic Party in favor of an income tax.

Senator Perry refused to name the lobbyists or their employers. He insisted that sinister influences were at work to prevent the adoption of the amendment.