

Prohibition and Your Tax Bills

State Revenue derived annually from the manufacture and sale of malt, vinous and distilled beverages:

Beer Inspection Fees	\$ 416,026.99
Wholesale Liquor Licenses	52,000.00
Fees of Excise Commissioner of City of St. Louis	37,451.41
Fees of Excise Commissioners of St. Louis County	3,278.16
Dramshop Licenses	1,200,000.00
Manufacturers' and Merchants' Licenses, Corporation, Franchise and Income Taxes, paid by Brewers and Dealers; Taxes on Real Estate used in the Brewing, Dramshop and Collateral Industries, estimated conservatively	300,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,008,756.56

Total State Revenue from above sources for biennial period, over Four Million Dollars.

This represents 40 per cent of the State Revenue Fund out of which the general appropriations of Missouri are paid, and it is 16 per cent of the total receipts of Missouri from all sources.

City and County Revenue derived annually from the manufacturer and sale of malt, vinous and distilled beverages:

Dramshop Licenses	\$1,887,726.10
Manufacturers' and Merchants' Licenses paid by Brewers and Dealers; Taxes on Real Estate used in the Brewing, Dramshop and Collateral Industries, estimated conservatively	500,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,387,726.10

Grand total of annual revenue from these sources to state, counties and cities, over \$4,000,000.00

Prohibition, if Adopted on November 5th, will Entirely Wipe Out this Indispensable Revenue.

REMEMBER:

☞ Six of the proposed amendments, meritorious as they may be, provide for increased taxes. ☞ State and Municipal revenues are now short of meeting unprecedented public requirements. ☞ If Single Tax Amendment No. 8 is adopted the burden of taxation will, in case of prohibition, fall mainly on farm lands and town lots. ☞ The State Government has striven and must continue to strive to keep Missouri solvent by devising new methods and sources of taxation.

National Revenue from liquor industry (Last fiscal year)

Beer	\$126,285,857.65
Distilled Spirits	317,553,687.33

☞ Capital Stock, income and other taxes paid into the National Treasury by corporations and individuals engaged in this industry and auxiliary lines, when added to the foregoing internal revenue receipts, will make the total over \$500,000,000 annually. The Government now expects to collect over one billion dollars annually from this industry—or almost one-sixth of the total taxes provided for by the *New Revenue Bill*.

☞ Is it patriotic for Missourians to deprive the Nation of our State's share of these revenues needed to win the war? Is it good business policy to deprive Missouri of revenue so necessary in defraying state, city and county expenses?

Scratch ~~YES~~ On Amendment
Vote ~~NO~~ No. 6

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