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Further information concerning the British loan.

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Arizona -- One Senator probably against, one Senator silent, 2 Representatives silent.

Arkansas -- One Senator for, one Senator critical, 3 Representatives for, 4 Representatives silent.

Colorado -- One Senator against, one Senator critical, one Representative against, 3 Representatives silent.

Idaho -- One Senator for, one Senator silent, one Representative against, one Representative probably against.

Illinois -- One Senator against, one Senator silent, 3 Representatives for, 7 Representatives against, one Representative probably against, one Representative critical, 14 Representatives silent.

Iowa -- One Senator probably for, one Senator silent, 2 Representatives against, 6 Representatives silent.

Kansas -- One Senator against, one Senator probably against, one Representative against, 5 Representatives silent.

Minnesota -- One Senator for, one Senator against, 3 Representatives against, 2 Representatives probably against, 4 Representatives silent.

Missouri -- One Senator for, one Senator critical, 3 Representatives against, 10 Representatives silent.

Montana -- One Senator for, one Senator against, 2 Representatives silent.

Nebraska -- One Senator against, one Senator probably against, 4 Representatives (entire House delegation) against.

Nevada -- One Senator for, one Senator silent, one Representative silent.

New Mexico -- One Senator for, one Senator against, one Representative silent (one House seat vacant.)

North Dakota -- One Senator against, one Senator silent, one Representative against, one Representative critical.

Oklahoma -- 2 Senators against, 2 Representatives for, 2 Representatives against, one Representative silent (one House seat vacant.)

South Dakota -- One Senator against, one Senator probably against, one Representative against, one Representative silent.

Texas -- One Senator against, one Senator silent, one Representative probably for, 20 Representatives silent.

Utah -- One Senator for, one Senator critical, 2 Representatives silent.

Washington -- One Senator probably for, one Senator silent, 2 Representatives for, one Representative probably against, 2 Representatives silent.

Wisconsin -- One Senator against, one Senator silent, 4 Representatives against, one Representative probably for, 5 Representatives silent.

Wyoming -- One Senator against, one Senator probably against, one Representative against (entire delegation.)

Various conclusions may be drawn.

State delegations in which the overall Senate-House situation (without regard to number of House votes) appears particularly unencouraging include those of Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Illinois, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oregon, Idaho, Minnesota, Kansas.

Without regard to the Senate, the House outlook for the lean is darkest in Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota, Idaho, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oregon, Missouri, Illinois.

States where the situation appears uncertain, due to more or less even balancing of support and opposition or to failure of members to declare themselves, include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Washington, California.

From the viewpoint of available House votes -- meaning votes not so far publicly committed in any way -- particularly important States include Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, California, and Wisconsin, the number of "silent" votes in these States ranging from 3 to 20.

The standing of the States as to House votes not committed in any way is as follows:

Arizona -- 2 votes, both silent.  
Arkansas -- 7 votes, 4 silent.  
Colorado -- 4 votes, 3 silent.  
Idaho -- 2 votes, both committed.  
Illinois -- 25 votes, 14 silent.  
Iowa -- 8 votes, 6 silent.  
Kansas -- 6 votes, 5 silent.  
Minnesota -- 9 votes, 4 silent.  
Missouri -- 13 votes, 10 silent.  
Montana -- 2 votes, both silent.  
Nebraska -- 4 votes, all committed.  
Nevada -- 1 vote, silent.  
New Mexico -- 1 vote, silent.  
North Dakota -- 2 votes, 1 silent.  
Oklahoma -- 8 votes, 4 silent.  
Oregon -- 3 votes, 1 silent.  
South Dakota -- 2 votes, 1 silent.  
Texas -- 21 votes, 20 silent.  
Utah -- 2 votes, both silent.  
Washington -- 6 votes, 2 silent.  
Wisconsin -- 10 votes, 5 silent.  
Wyoming -- 1 vote, committed.  
California -- 23 votes, 16 silent.