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Mr. YATES, from the Committee on Territories, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 11.]

The Committee on Territories having reported favorably the bill for the admission of the State of Colorado into the Union, with an amendment providing for an election to fill all vacancies in office, having again had the subject under consideration, would respectfully recommend that the word sixty, in the ninth line of said amendment, be stricken out, and the word ninety be inserted in lieu thereof. Also, that at the end of said amendment the following proviso be inserted:

Provided, That before being admitted to representation in Congress, the legislature so elected and convened shall ratify the amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as the fourteenth article; and also the fundamental conditions herein imposed. And in case said legislature shall refuse to ratify said amendment and said conditions, this act shall be null and void.

As the legislature is yet to be elected by the people, this not only remands to them the questions thus to be submitted to the legislature for its action, but also virtually submits the question of accepting a State government at this time.

It therefore is recommended by your committee that the bill, when thus amended, shall be passed.