

BILL'S SCOPE BROADENED BY CALIFORNIA HOUSE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Wednesday, April 16.—An anti-saloon land ownership bill, designed primarily to prevent Japanese from acquiring title to real property within the state, but so worded as to prohibit any alien from owning land more than one year except upon a declaration of his intention to become a citizen, was passed yesterday by the lower house of the legislature by a vote of 60 to 15.

The committee broadened the measure to include all aliens who had not declared their intention of becoming citizens. In order not to embarrass foreign corporations of large interest in the state, the committee made the corporation clause of the bill, section 8, apply only to "aliens not eligible to citizenship," although Assemblyman Sutherland, one of the committee, advocated the striking out of the section entirely.
