

‘Know-Nothing’ Amendment Survives Another Challenge in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Legislature, meeting in joint Constitutional Convention on Dec. 20, failed to repeal the anti-Catholic “Know-Nothing” Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution.

The amendment, a product of vicious 19th century anti-Catholicism, prohibits any form of state aid to Catholic school students.

The repeal measure was sponsored by Senate President William M. Bulger. The opposition was led by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the American Jewish Congress and the ACLU.