

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 9

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House of Representatives, January 16, 1919.

On motion of Mr. Cowan of Winterport tabled for printing pending adoption.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cowan of Winterport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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A RESOLUTION requesting the Maine delegation in Congress to undertake some appropriate action to prevent, if possible, the debarkation of homecoming troops at the port of New York, while William R. Hearst remains a member of the Committee of Welcome to Homecoming Troops.

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WHEREAS, the Imperial German Government, in the year 1914 undertook to subjugate Europe and the world by means which included the breaking of solemn treaties, the deliberate infliction of brutal crimes on the helpless civilian populations of invaded lands, and the sinking of unarmed passenger steamships by torpedoes, in mid-ocean without warning, all in violation of the rules and usages of warfare among civilized nations;

And whereas, one William R. Hearst, by means of editorials published in the New York American, the Boston American, and other newspapers owned and circulated by him throughout the United States, commended and encouraged Germany in her wanton disregard of private and neutral rights, especially in the sinking of the Lusitania, whereby 114 American men, women and children were deliberately drowned, and has, furthermore, so conducted himself, at intervals, since the entry of the United States into the war, as to excite reasonable doubts, in the minds of the American people, as to his wholehearted personal loyalty to his government;

And whereas, the soil of France was drenched with the blood of men of Maine, and of her sister states, whose lives were sacrificed by thousands, without stint or regret, that an outlaw among nations might receive her just deserts for the commission of those wicked deeds in which she received the active, moral support of said William R. Heart; be it therefore

Resolved, by the people of Maine through their representatives in Legislature assembled, that the action of the present mayor of the city of New York in appointing said William R. Hearst to membership on the Committee of Welcome to Homecoming Troops, is a positive insult to these soldiers who have so honorably upheld the principles of true Americanism, and, particularly, to those who nobly died in foreign lands, that those principles might live.

And it is further resolved, that the members of the Maine delegation in Congress be, and hereby are, requested to un-

3 ertake appropriate action to prevent, if possible, the use of  
4 the port of New York as a debarkation point for troops  
5 returning home from over seas, while said William R.  
6 Hearst remains a member of said committee, in order that  
7 men of Maine may re-enter their native land without endur-  
8 ing the humiliation and mockery of an official reception at  
9 the hands of a committee on which conspicuous place is  
10 given to one whose sympathy for their cause is of such  
11 doubtful character, as to be still the subject of official inves-  
12 tigation.