

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 10.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO.

RESOLVES relating to national affairs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the administration of Abraham Lincoln, in the conduct of the war against the wicked and unnatural enemies of the republic, and that in all its measures calculated to crush this rebellion speedily and finally, the administration is entitled to and will receive the unwavering support of the loyal people of Maine.

Resolved, That it is the duty of congress, by such means as will not jeopard the rights and safety of the loyal people of the south, to provide for the confiscation of estates, real and personal, of rebels, and for

5 the forfeiture and liberation of every slave claimed by
6 any person who shall continue in arms against the au-
7 thority of the United States, or who shall in any man-
8 ner aid and abet the present wicked and unjustifiable
9 rebellion.

Resolved, That in this perilous crisis of the country it
2 is the duty of congress, in the exercise of its constitu-
3 tional power to “ raise and support armies,” to provide
4 by law for accepting the services of able-bodied men .
5 of whatever status, and to employ them in such man-
6 ner as military necessity and the safety of the republic
7 may demand.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to
2 the senators and representatives in congress from this
3 state, and that they be respectfully requested to use all
4 honorable means to secure the passage of acts embody-
5 ing their spirit and substance.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. BRADBURY.

Amend by striking out all after the word resolved, in the first resolution, and inserting as follows :

That the people of Maine repose an unwavering confidence in the ability, integrity and patriotism of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States ; and, while fully approving of the policy by which he has thus far been guided in the conduct of the existing war, they pledge themselves to rally around and sustain his administration in the prompt and vigorous employment of all legitimate means and measures now demanded, or which may hereafter be demanded by the exigencies of the hour, for the speedy and thorough suppression of this rebellion, and the complete vindication of the authority of the constitution and laws.

Resolved, That the union “ is to be defended and the constitution preserved, not by democrats, not by republicans, but by men who love their country—and all men of whatever party, who are for the government and will stand by it and fight for it, are brethren ;” that we “ know no difference, and will know no difference,” and “ we will hold that man as wanting in the highest

8 quality of patriotism, who will know any distinction
9 between men, founded upon their former party rela-
10 tions.”

Resolved, That, giving what we have to our country,
2 “ we will ask *only* that the war shall be prosecuted
3 honestly and vigorously, and with the one, true, legit-
4 imate, constitutional purpose—that the government of
5 Washington and his compatriots shall be sustained and
6 perpetuated, and that the flag of beauty and empire so
7 long ‘ known and honored throughout the world,’ as
8 the emblem of national strength and renown, shall
9 speak everywhere in the future as it has spoken in the
10 past, those words of lofty patriotism, ‘ LIBERTY AND
11 UNION, NOW AND FOREVER, ONE AND INSEPARABLE ’ ; the
12 Union of the American States and the Liberty of the
13 American people ! And to this end we will expect
14 and demand that all lawful, usual, efficient measures
15 and policies shall be adopted which will tend to pro-
16 mote a speedy and successful termination of the war.”

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1862.

Ordered, That the foregoing be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk*.