
FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 64.

R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS.

The Committee on Federal Relations, to which was referred sundry orders and resolves relating to National Affairs, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a series of resolves, which are herewith submitted.

Per order.

JOHN L. STEVENS.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES relating to national affairs.

Resolved, That it is the sworn duty of the agents of
2 all departments of the national government faithfully
3 to observe the principles of the declaration of inde-
4 pendence as the fundamental laws of the nation, and
5 that the people of Maine, through this legislature,
6 approve the course of a majority of congress in de-
7 manding that the states recently in rebellion shall be
8 restored to their proper relations to the Union in such
9 a manner as to secure the civil and political rights of
10 citizens, without distinction of race or color.

Resolved, That we hold to an equitable taxation of
2 all kinds of property, including United States bonds,
3 always carefully regarding the constitution of the
4 Union, and faithfully observing the plighted faith of
5 the nation.

Resolved, That our national indebtedness should be
2 funded as soon as practicable, at a low rate of interest.

Resolved, That in view of the large excess of the
2 receipts of the national government over its expendi-

3 tures, it is the duty of congress to reduce the inter-
4 nal taxation to an amount not less than one hundred
5 and forty millions of dollars, to entirely remove the
6 burdens from the industrial interests of the country,
7 and to tax only a small number of articles, chiefly
8 luxuries, which do not enter into the necessary con-
9 sumption of the people.

Resolved, That the law of the United States relating to
2 bounties, passed July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six,
3 should be so amended as to apply to drafted men who
4 actually entered the service for three years, and to
5 their heirs.

Resolved, That the stern refusal of Ulysses S. Grant,
2 William T. Sherman, and George H. Thomas, to be-
3 come the agents of the perfidious attempt of Andrew
4 Johnson to violate the laws of congress, entitle them
5 to the renewed thanks and confidence of the American
6 people.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be
2 transmitted to each of our senators and representatives
3 in congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 3, 1868.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the report was laid on the table
and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*