

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 1.

STATE OF MAINE.

WHEREAS, a joint resolution has been introduced in
2 the National House of Representatives, this the 2nd
3 Session of the 44th Congress, proposing an amend-
4 ment to the Constitution of the United States, in
5 regard to the manufacture, importation and sale of
6 intoxicating liquors within the United States, and
7 which is as follows :

*“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled :
3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein) That
4 the following amendment to the Constitution be and
5 hereby is proposed to the States, to become valid when
6 ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the
7 several States, as provided by the Constitution :*

ARTICLE—

SECTION 1. From and after the year of our Lord
2 1900, the manufacture and sale of distilled alcoholic

3 intoxicating liquors, or alcoholic liquors, any part of
4 which is obtained by distillation or process equivalent
5 thereto, or any intoxicating liquors mixed or adulter-
6 ated with ardent spirits or with any poison whatever,
7 except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical and scien-
8 tific purposes, and for use in the arts, anywhere in
9 the United States and the Territories thereof, shall
10 cease; and the importation of such liquors from for-
11 eign States and countries to the United States and
12 Territories, and the exportation of such liquors from
13 and the transportation thereof within and through any
14 part of this country, except for the use and purposes
15 aforesaid, shall be, and hereby are, forever thereafter
16 prohibited.

SECT. 2. Nothing in this article shall be con-
2 strued to waive or abridge any existing power of
3 Congress, nor the right, which is hereby recognized,
4 of the people of any State or Territory to enact laws
5 to prevent the increase and for the suppression or
6 regulation of the manufacture, sale, and use of liquors,
7 and the ingredients thereof, any part of which is al-
8 coholic, intoxicating, or poisonous, within its own
9 limits, and for the exclusion of such liquors and ingre-
10 dients therefrom at any time, as well before as after
11 the close of the year of our Lord 1900; but until
12 then, and until ten years after the ratification hereof,

13 as provided in the next section, no State or Territory
14 shall interfere with the transportation of said liquors
15 or ingredients, in packages safely secured, over the
16 usual lines of traffic to other States and Territories
17 wherein the manufacture, sale and use thereof for
18 other purposes and use than those excepted in the first
19 section, shall be lawful ; *Provided*, That the true des-
20 tination of such packages be plainly marked thereon.

SECT. 3. Should this article not be ratified by three-
2 fourths of the States on or before the last day of De-
3 cember, 1890, then the first section thereof shall take
4 effect and be in force at the expiration of ten years
5 from such ratification ; and the assent of any State to
6 this article shall not be rescinded nor reversed.

SECT. 4. Congress shall enforce this article by all
2 needful legislation.”

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of
2 *Representatives of Maine in Legislature assembled, That*
3 *the movement of the Hon. Henry W. Blair, member*
4 *of Congress from the State of New Hampshire, in*
5 *introducing in Congress, a resolution proposing an*
6 *amendment to the Constitution of the United States,*
7 *so praiseworthy in its character and so important to*
8 *the well-being of the people of the Republic, is heart-*
9 *ily concurred in by this body.*

Resolved, That as a further expression of the appro-
2 bation of the Legislature of Maine of the aforesaid
3 movement, we hereby respectfully ask the hearty co-
4 operation of our delegation in Congress in the support
5 of this or some equally efficient measure, in the interest
6 of temperance and true reform in this country.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be for-
2 warded by the Secretary of State to each of the Maine
3 delegations in Congress, and to Hon. Henry W. Blair,
4 member of Congress from the State of New Hamp-
5 shire.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 12, 1877.

Presented by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Penobscot, and on his motion laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

S. W. LANE, *Secretary.*