

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 547

H. P. 1014

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rounds of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Completing Payment of a Bonus to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the War with Spain.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 20. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, payable within ten years, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the completing payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Spain.'

Section fourteen of said article nine, as amended by articles thirty-five, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three and forty-five, is hereby further amended by adding after the word "Germany" in the ninth line thereof the words 'and in the war with Spain'; so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state,

which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building state highways, intrastate, interstate, and international bridges; to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war; to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany and in the war with Spain; or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the state of Maine; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'