

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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Legislatures

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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Sunday, April 6, 1941

as Army Day and request the citizens of Maine to display our national flag on that date, and I order such display on the public buildings of the State of Maine.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and sixty-fifth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
FREDERICK ROBIE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

MEMORIALS TO CONGRESS

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty
Memorial

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, petitioning for summary preparedness steps to be taken in Maine

We, your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, in the Special Session, assembled, most respectfully and urgently present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the present war in Europe has assumed a most critical stage and is growing graver with each hour, and to a point where it vitally affects the safety and well-being of these, our United States of America, and

Whereas, the very existence of governments of the Old World, have been destroyed and are still being threatened at this very moment, and,

Whereas, it was reliably reported over the radio and in the press today, that serious consideration was being given to the plan, that the government of England and Great Britain might be moved to some of its possessions, perhaps Canada, which Dominion at present, is in a state of declared war against Germany, and,

Whereas, the State of Maine occupies the northern-most and most east-

erly position on the Atlantic Seaboard, less than a day's distance, by air, from Europe, and,

Whereas, more than half the area of the State of Maine, forms a peninsula-like bulge into Canada, being bounded on the North, East and West, by that friendly Dominion, which, though engaged in war, is in no-wise strategically, defensively or geographically equipped, to resist invasion, and,

Whereas, our own State of Maine might be the first land of our country to be attacked by an enemy air or sea force, coming by the most direct, great circle route from Europe, and,

Whereas, the present preparedness measures, so ably and timely advocated by our Commander in Chief, the President of the United States, that are now being formulated by Congress assembled, seem to offer the best methods of protecting and preventing our nation and the State of Maine from being invaded, now therefore be it

Resolved: That we, your memorialists, do hereby respectfully petition and urge The Congress, to take such steps at once as are necessary and meet to best safeguard the State of Maine and its people.

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the proper officers and committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the President of the United States and to each of the Representatives and Senators, representing the State of Maine in the United States Congress.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
Sent up for Concurrence
June 5, 1940
HARVEY R. PEASE,
Clerk.

In Senate Chamber
June 6, 1940
Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
ROYDEN V. BROWN,
Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-one
Memorial

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United
 States of America in Congress assembled

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the 90th Legislative session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your honorable body as follows:

Whereas, there is now pending before the Congress of the United States proposed legislation, designated as Senate File 860, providing for the common defense in relation to the sale of alcoholic liquors to the members of the land and naval forces of the United States and to provide for the suppression of vice in the vicinity of military camps and naval establishments; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has located in the State of Maine, and may hereafter locate in this state, forts and training camps, which may be deemed desirable in the development of the national defense; and

Whereas, it is desirable in the interest of the common defense to provide for the suppression of all forms of vice in the vicinity of such forts and camps, and the people of the state of Maine are greatly interested in the passage of such legislation, now, therefore be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, do hereby respectfully petition and urge the Members of Congress to give early consideration to Senate File 860 now before the Senate, and to the enlargement of the provisions thereof in order to include the suppression of vice in the vicinity of ordnance plants or projects now or hereafter erected and maintained by the Federal Government in the development of national defense, and to enact such legislation at an early date, and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State, by registered mail, to the proper officers and committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the President of the United States and to each of the Representatives and Senators representing the State of Maine in the United States Congress.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

April 16, 1941

HARVEY R. PEASE,

Clerk.

In Senate Chamber

April 15, 1941

Read and Adopted

Sent down for Concurrence

ROYDEN V. BROWN,

Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

Resolution

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
Relative to Taxes on Incomes, Inheritances and Gifts.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, that application be and it is hereby made to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention for the purpose of proposing the following article as an amendment to the constitution of the United States:

“Article.....

“Section 1. The sixteenth article of amendment to the constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration: Provided that in no case shall the maximum rate of tax exceed 25 per centum.

Section 3. The maximum rate of any tax, duty, or excise which Congress may lay and collect with respect to the devolution or transfer of property, or any interest therein, upon or in contemplation of or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at or after death, or by way of gift, shall in no case exceed 25 per centum.

Section 4. The limitations upon the rates of said taxes contained in sections 2 and 3 shall, however, be subject to the qualification that in the event of a war in which the United States is engaged creating a grave national emergency requiring such action to avoid national disaster, the Congress by a vote of three-fourths of each house may for a period not exceeding one year increase beyond the limits above prescribed the maximum rate of any such tax upon income subsequently accruing or received or with respect to subsequent devolutions or transfers of property, with like power, while the United States is actively engaged in such war, to repeat such action as often as such emergency may require.

Section 5. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect at midnight on the 31st day of December following the ratification of this article. Nothing contained in this article shall affect the power of the United States after said date to collect any tax on incomes for any period ending on or prior to said 31st day of December laid in accordance with the terms of any law then in effect.

Section 6. Section 3 shall take effect at midnight on the last day of the sixth month following the ratification of this article. Nothing contained in this article shall affect the power of the United States to collect any tax

on any devolution or transfer occurring prior to the taking effect of Section 3, laid in accordance with the terms of any law then in effect"; and be it further

Resolved that the Congress of the United States be, and it hereby is, requested to provide as the mode of ratification that said amendment shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution of the United States, when ratified by the legislature of three-fourths of the several states; and be it further

Resolved that the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, directed to send a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Senate of the United States and one to the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and to each of the representatives and senators representing the State of Maine.

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
April 15, 1941
ROYDEN V. BROWN,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
April 17, 1941
HARVEY R. PEASE,
Clerk.