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affairs, reported "ought to pass" on resolve proposing an amendment to Article 9 of the Constitution to provide for a bond issue for the purpose of paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.

Mr. HOLLEY of North Anson: I move that the resolve be given its two several readings under suspension of the rules and be passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Holley from same joint committee on bill "To provide a payment of a bonus for Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany" reported the same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. LAUSIER of Biddeford: May I inquire whether the bill repeals the resolve of 1917 relating to soldiers and sailors?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will permit Mr. Holley to reply as the Chair cannot state.

Mr. HOLLEY: Mr. Speaker, the bill is merely a bill giving each soldier and sailor engaged in the service a hundred dollar bonus with no time limit. The original bill had a three-months time limit.

Mr. LAUSIER: I move, Mr. Speaker, that it be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman postpone his motion just a moment as the other resolves should go in first?

Mr. LAUSIER: the resolve is the amendment to the Constitution and I move that that be laid on the table also.

A viva voce vote being had the motion failed of passage.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, as I understand the gentleman from No. Anson, Mr. Holley has asked that the resolve have its two several readings. I think it is only right that we should get through and go home, but I think every man in this House wants to help the soldiers out.

Mr. LAUSIER: Mr. Speaker, is the matter in proper shape for discussion before the House?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the motion is to suspend the rules and give the resolve its two several readings at this time, and it is open for discussion.

Mr. LAUSIER: Mr. Speaker, my idea was not to take away a cent from the soldier; but as I read the law of 1917 the soldier was not supposed to get over a dollar a day until the cessation of hostilities and declaration of peace. My idea is that this would repeal the law of 1917. I want the soldier to have every cent he is entitled to, and I am not an obstructionist at all. But it strikes me that the law of 1917 ought to be repealed if we passed this; otherwise we have two laws for the soldiers and sailors. Something ought to be done to straighten the matter out.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the gentleman from Biddeford (Mr. Lausier,) whether or not he has the resolve in his possession.

Mr. LAUSIER: I have not. I would ask that the messenger get the laws of 1917.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from No. Anson, Mr. Holley, that the rules be suspended and the resolve given its two several readings at the present time.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, would it be proper to let this have its two several readings and go along? The gentleman could then stop it if he cared to.

The SPEAKER: Of course after we take the action engrossing the bill it can be reconsidered. That is practically the only way to get at it.

Mr. BARNES: I hope the gentleman from Biddeford (Mr. Lausier,) will allow the resolve to have its readings.

Mr. LAUSIER: Oh, certainly!

The resolve then received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I understand that these bills and resolves that have been given their readings will be sent to