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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 31.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT to amend and revise the Charter of the City of  
Rockland.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the City of Rockland,  
2 in the County of Knox, shall continue to be a body politic  
3 and corporate, by the name of the City of Rockland, and,  
4 as such, shall have, exercise, and enjoy all the rights, im-  
5 munities, powers, privileges, and franchises, and be sub-  
6 ject to all the duties and obligations now appertaining to,  
7 or incumbent on said city as a municipal corporation, and  
8 may ordain and publish such acts, laws, and regulations,  
9 not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this  
10 State, as shall be needful to the good order of said body  
11 politic ; and may impose fines and penalties for the breach  
12 thereof, not exceeding one hundred dollars for any one

13 offence, which may be recovered by said city in an action  
14 of debt or on complaint before the police court of said  
15 city.

SECT. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, pruden-  
2 tial, and municipal affairs of said city, with the govern-  
3 ment thereof shall be vested in one principal magistrate,  
4 to be styled the mayor, and one board of seven, to be  
5 denominated the board of aldermen, and one board of  
6 twenty-one, to be denominated the board of common  
7 council; all of whom shall be qualified electors of said  
8 city; which boards shall constitute and be called the city  
9 council: all of whom shall swear or affirm to faithfully  
10 perform the duties of their respective offices.

SECT. 3. The mayor of said city shall be the chief  
2 executive officer thereof; it shall be his duty to be vigilant  
3 and active in causing the laws and regulations of the city  
4 to be executed and enforced; to exercise a general super-  
5 vision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, and  
6 cause violations or neglect of duty to be punished. He  
7 may call special meetings of the board of aldermen and  
8 common council, or either of them, when in his opinion  
9 the interests of the city require it, by a notice in one or  
10 more of the city papers, or by causing a summons or noti-  
11 fication to be given in hand or left at the last and usual  
12 place of abode of each member of the board or boards to  
13 be convened, at least six hours before the time fixed for  
14 such meeting. He shall from time to time communicate  
15 to the city council such information, and recommend such  
16 measures as the interests of the city may require. He  
17 shall preside in the board of aldermen, and in the joint  
18 meeting of the two boards, but shall have only a casting

19 vote. The salary of the mayor shall be three hundred  
20 dollars per year; and he shall not receive from the city  
21 any other compensation for any service by him rendered  
22 in any other capacity or agency. The aldermen and  
23 common councilmen shall not be entitled to receive any  
24 salary or other compensation during the year for which  
25 they are elected, nor be eligible to any office of profit or  
26 emolument, the salary of which is payable by the city.

SECT. 4. Every law, act, ordinance, resolve or order,  
2 requiring the consent of both branches of the city coun-  
3 cil, excepting rules and orders of a parliamentary char-  
4 acter, shall be presented to the mayor for approval. If  
5 not approved by him he shall return it with his objections.  
6 at the next stated session of the city council, to that  
7 branch in which it originated, which shall enter the objec-  
8 tions at large on its journal, and proceed to reconsider it.  
9 If upon such reconsideration it shall be passed by a vote  
10 of two-thirds of all the members of that branch, it shall  
11 be sent, together with the objections, to the other branch,  
12 by which it shall be reconsidered, and if passed by a vote  
13 of two-thirds of all the members of that branch it shall  
14 have the same effect as if signed by the mayor. If not  
15 so returned, or in case of vacancy in the office of mayor,  
16 when said law, act, ordinance, resolve or order be finally  
17 passed, the same shall be valid without approval.

SECT. 5. The executive powers of said city generally,  
2 and the administration of police and health departments,  
3 with all the powers of selectmen, except as modified by  
4 this act, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen. All  
5 the powers of establishing watch and ward, now vested  
6 by the laws of the state in the justices of the peace and

7 municipal officers or inhabitantants of towns, are vested  
8 in the mayor and aldermen, so far as relates to said city ;  
9 and they are authorized to unite the watch and police de-  
10 partments into one department and establish suitable reg-  
11 ulations for the government of the same. The officers of  
12 police shall be one chief, to be styled the city marshal,  
13 and one deputy marshal, and so many watchmen and  
14 policemen as may from time to time be appointed. All  
15 other powers now or hereafter vested in the inhabitants  
16 of said city, and all powers granted by this act, as well as  
17 all powers relating to the fire department, shall be vested  
18 in the mayor and aldermen, and common council of said  
19 city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board to  
20 have a negative upon the other. Each board shall keep  
21 a record of its proceedings, and judge of the election  
22 of its own members ; and in case of vacancies, new  
23 elections shall be ordered by the mayor and alder-  
24 men. A quorum for the transaction of business shall, in  
25 each board, consist of a majority thereof ; all meetings of  
26 the aldermen and common councilmen and all meetings  
27 of the two boards in convention, shall be open and public ;  
28 and the presiding officer of each of them shall have the  
29 powers of moderators of town meetings. At either of  
30 said meetings, when any two members shall request it,  
31 the votes shall be taken by yeas and nays, which vote  
32 shall be recorded by the clerk.

SECT. 6. For election purposes said city shall be divided  
2 into seven wards, to contain, as near as conveniently may  
3 be, an equal number of legal voters ; and it shall be the  
4 duty of the city council once in ten years, and not  
5 oftener than five years, to review, and, if it be needful,

6 to alter said wards, in such manner as to preserve as  
7 nearly as may be, an equal number of voters in each  
8 ward. All regular ward meetings shall be notified and  
9 called by the mayor and aldermen in the manner pro-  
10 vided in the laws of this State for notifying and calling  
11 town meetings by the selectmen of the several towns.

SECT. 7. The mayor shall be elected from the citizens  
2 at large, by the inhabitants of the city voting in their  
3 respective wards. One alderman and three common  
4 councilmen, a warden and ward clerk shall be elected by  
5 each ward, being residents in the ward where elected.  
6 All said officers shall be elected by ballot, by a plurality  
7 of the votes given, and shall hold their office one year  
8 from the second Monday in March, except as to wardens  
9 and ward clerks, who shall hold their office until others  
10 shall be elected and qualified in their places.

SECT. 8. On the first Monday in March annually the  
2 qualified electors of each ward shall ballot for a mayor,  
3 one alderman, three common councilmen, and a warden  
4 and ward clerk, on one ballot. All the votes given for  
5 the said several officers respectively, shall be sorted,  
6 counted, declared, and registered in open ward meeting,  
7 by causing the names of the persons voted for, and the  
8 number of votes given for each, to be written on the  
9 ward records at length. The ward clerk, within twenty-  
10 four hours after such election, shall deliver to the per-  
11 sons elected aldermen, common councilmen, warden and  
12 ward clerk, certificates of their election and shall forth-  
13 with deliver to the city clerk a certified copy of the  
14 records of such election: *Provided, however,* that if the  
15 choice of aldermen, common councilmen, warden or ward

16 clerk is not effected on that day, the meeting shall be ad-  
17 journed from day to day, until a choice shall be effected.  
18 The board of aldermen shall, as soon as conveniently  
19 may be, examine the copies of the records of the several  
20 wards, certified as aforesaid, and shall cause the person  
21 who shall have received the greatest number of votes  
22 given for mayor in all the wards, to be notified in writing,  
23 of his election ; but if it shall appear that no person shall  
24 have been so elected, or if the person elected shall re-  
25 fuse to accept said office, the said board shall issue their  
26 warrant for another election ; and in case of a vacancy in  
27 the office of mayor, by death or otherwise, it shall be  
28 filled for the remainder of the term by a new election, in  
29 the manner heretofore provided for the choice of said  
30 mayor. The oath or affirmation prescribed by this act  
31 shall be administered to the mayor by the city clerk, or  
32 any justice of the peace in said city. The aldermen and  
33 common councilmen elect shall, on the second Monday in  
34 March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, meet in convention,  
35 when the oath or affirmation required by the second sec-  
36 tion of this act shall be administered to the members of  
37 the two boards present, by the mayor or any justice of  
38 the peace, and thereupon the two boards shall separate,  
39 and the board of common council shall be organized by  
40 the election of president and clerk.

SECT. 9. The warden and ward clerk shall be sworn or  
2 affirmed to the faithful performance of their duty, by any  
3 justice of the peace of said city, or by the person presid-  
4 ing at the ward meeting, as heretofore provided, or by  
5 the clerk of said ward, and a certificate of such oath or  
6 affirmation having been administered shall be entered by

7 the clerk on the records of said ward. The wardens shall  
8 preside at all the ward meetings, with the powers of mod-  
9 erators of town meetings; and if at any meeting the  
10 warden shall not be present the clerk of the ward shall  
11 call the meeting to order and preside till a warden *pro*  
12 *tem.* shall be chosen. If neither the warden nor clerk  
13 shall be present, any legal voter in the ward may preside  
14 till a clerk *pro tem.* shall be chosen and qualified. The  
15 clerk shall record all the proceedings and certify the votes  
16 given, and deliver over to his successor in office all such  
17 records and journals together with all other documents  
18 and papers held by him in said capacity. The inhabitants  
19 of each ward may choose two persons to assist the warden  
20 in receiving, sorting and counting the votes.

SECT. 10. After the organization of the city govern-  
2 ment and the qualification of a mayor, and when a  
3 quorum of the board of aldermen shall be present, said  
4 board, the mayor presiding, shall proceed to choose a  
5 permanent chairman, who, in the absence of the mayor,  
6 shall preside at all meetings of the board, and at conven-  
7 tions of the two boards, and in case of any vacancy in the  
8 office of mayor, he shall exercise all the powers and per-  
9 form all the duties of the office so long as such vacancy  
10 shall remain; he shall continue to have a vote in the  
11 board, but shall not have the veto power. The board of  
12 aldermen, in the absence of the mayor and permanent  
13 chairman, shall choose a president *pro tempore* who shall  
14 exercise the powers of a permanent chairman.

SECT. 11. The city council shall annually on the second  
2 Monday in March, or as soon thereafter as may be con-  
3 venient, by ballot in joint convention elect for the ensuing



4 year the following officers : A city clerk ; a city treasurer ;  
5 a chief of police, who shall be styled the city marshal,  
6 and who shall exercise all the powers and perform all the  
7 duties of a constable ; one overseer of the poor ; one  
8 assessor of taxes ; a road commissioner ; a collector of  
9 taxes ; a school agent ; one member of the superintending  
10 school committee or a supervisor ; and one or more city  
11 constables. All said officers and agents shall hold their  
12 offices during the ensuing year and until others are elected  
13 and qualified in their stead, unless sooner removed by the  
14 city council ; and all moneys received and collected for  
15 and on account of the city by any officer or agent thereof  
16 shall forthwith be paid into the city treasury. The city  
17 council shall take care that moneys shall not be paid from  
18 the treasury unless granted or appropriated ; shall secure  
19 a prompt and just accountability by requiring bonds with  
20 sufficient penalties and sureties from all persons trusted  
21 with the receipt or custody of the public money ; shall  
22 have the care and superintendence of the city public  
23 buildings and the custody and management of all city  
24 property, with power to let or sell what may be legally let  
25 or sold, and to purchase in the name of the city such real  
26 or personal property, not exceeding the sum of two hun-  
27 dred thousand dollars, including the property now owned  
28 by the city, as they may deem of public utility. And  
29 the city council shall as often as once a year cause to be  
30 published for the information of the inhabitants an account  
31 of receipts and expenditures and a schedule of the city  
32 property, and no money shall be paid from the city treas-  
33 ury unless the same be appropriated by the city council  
34 and upon a warrant signed by the mayor, which warrant

35 shall state the appropriation under which the same is  
36 drawn.

SECT. 12. At the first election of assessors of taxes and  
2 overseers of the poor, under this charter, three persons  
3 shall be elected members of each of said boards, one of  
4 whom shall be elected for one year, one for two years,  
5 and one for three years; and at each subsequent annual  
6 election one member of each board shall be elected for  
7 three years, each of whom shall continue in office until  
8 some other person shall have been elected and qualified  
9 in his place.

SECT. 13. The city council may provide by ordinance  
2 for the election and removal of all other necessary offi-  
3 cers. All officers elected by the city council in joint  
4 convention may be removed by concurrent vote of a  
5 majority of all the members of each board of the city  
6 council. The compensation of all officers except the  
7 mayor shall be fixed by the city council. All vacancies  
8 may be filled by the board or boards having the power to  
9 elect or appoint. The term of all officers, except as  
10 otherwise specially provided, shall be for one year and  
11 until others are qualified in their places.

SECT. 14. The assessors of taxes shall execute and be  
2 subject to the same powers, duties, and liabilities, that  
3 the assessors in the towns in this state may exercise and  
4 be subject to; *provided, however*, that the city council  
5 may appoint one person in each ward, whose duty it shall  
6 be to furnish the assessors with all necessary information  
7 relative to persons and property, taxable in his ward, and  
8 who shall swear, or affirm, to faithfully perform his duty.  
9 All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned, and collected,

10 in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state relative  
11 to town taxes; *provided, however*, that it shall be lawful  
12 for the city council to establish further and additional  
13 regulations and provisions for the collection thereof.

SECT. 15. The city clerk shall be the clerk to the  
2 board of aldermen; he shall perform such duties as shall  
3 be prescribed by the board of aldermen or common  
4 council, and shall perform all the duties and exercise all  
5 the powers by law incumbent upon or vested in town  
6 clerks; he shall give notice in one of the papers printed  
7 in the city, of the time and place of regular ward meet-  
8 ings; but the place of regular ward meetings, and also  
9 the day and hour, when not fixed by law, shall be deter-  
10 mined by the board of aldermen.

SECT. 16. General meetings of the citizens qualified  
2 to vote in city affairs, may, from time to time, be held to  
3 consult upon the public good; to instruct their represen-  
4 tatives, and to take all lawful measures to obtain redress  
5 of any grievances, according to the right secured to the  
6 people by the constitution of this State; and such meet-  
7 ings shall be duly warned by the mayor and aldermen  
8 upon the requisition in writing of thirty qualified voters.  
9 The city clerk shall act as clerk of such meetings and re-  
10 cord the proceedings upon the city records.

SECT. 17. The city council shall have authority to estab-  
2 lish and make regulations for the measurement and sale  
3 of wood and bark in said city, whether brought by land  
4 or water; and may affix suitable penalties for the viola-  
5 tion thereof, anything in the public laws of the State to  
6 the contrary notwithstanding; and are hereby authorized  
7 and empowered to control the building of wharves and piers

8 in said city, and may authorize the extension of wharves  
9 into tide waters, and to make and ordain from time to  
10 time such ordinances not repugnant to the constitution and  
11 laws of the State as they may deem expedient or neces-  
12 sary for the location and regulation of vessels, boats,  
13 steamers and other crafts in that portion of the harbor of  
14 Rockland which lies northerly and westerly of the follow-  
15 ing lines, viz.: A line commencing at the point where  
16 the southern line of said city meets the shore and ex-  
17 tending into said harbor in the same direction with said  
18 south line until it intersects a line running due south from  
19 the point where the northerly line of said city meets the  
20 shore; to affix penalties for the breach of such by-laws,  
21 not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, to be re-  
22 covered upon complaint by the harbor master hereafter  
23 provided for, before the police court of said city, to the  
24 use of the city.

SECT. 18. The city council shall have power to provide  
2 by ordinance for the election or appointment of a harbor  
3 master for said city, whose duty it shall be to enforce the  
4 observance of the ordinances of the city relating to the  
5 harbor, and laws of the State applicable thereto, and to  
6 prosecute all violations of such laws and ordinances; and  
7 such harbor master in case of sickness or disability, may  
8 appoint a deputy, subject to the approval of the board of  
9 aldermen of said city, to perform his duties during such  
10 sickness or disability.

SECT. 19. The city council shall have exclusive authority  
2 to lay out, widen, or otherwise alter or discontinue any  
3 and all streets or public ways in the city of Rockland,  
4 without petition therefor, and as far as extreme low water

5 mark ; and to estimate all damages sustained by the owners  
6 of land taken for that purpose. A joint standing com-  
7 mittee of the two boards shall be appointed, whose duty  
8 it shall be to lay out, alter, widen or discontinue any  
9 street or way in said city, first giving notice of the time  
10 and place of their proceedings to all parties interested,  
11 by publishing the same two weeks successively in two  
12 weekly papers printed in Rockland, the last publication  
13 to be one week at least previous to the time appointed.  
14 The committee shall first hear all parties interested, and  
15 then determine and adjudge whether the public conve-  
16 nience requires such street or way to be laid out, altered  
17 or discontinued ; and shall make a written return of their  
18 proceedings, signed by a majority of them, containing the  
19 bounds and descriptions of the street or way, if laid out  
20 or altered, and the names of the owners of the land taken,  
21 when known, and the damages allowed therefor ; the re-  
22 turn shall be filed in the city clerk's office at least seven  
23 days previous to its acceptance by the city council. The  
24 street or way shall not be altered or established until the  
25 report is accepted by the city council, and the report shall  
26 not be altered or amended before its acceptance. A street  
27 or way shall not be discontinued by the city council ex-  
28 cepting upon the report of said committee. The com-  
29 mittee shall estimate and report the damages sustained by  
30 the owners of the lands adjoining that portion of the street  
31 or way which is so discontinued ; their report shall be  
32 filed with the city clerk seven days at least before its ac-  
33 ceptance. Any person aggrieved by the decision or judg-  
34 ment of the city council in establishing, altering or dis-  
35 continuing streets may, so far as relates to damages, appeal

36 therefrom to the supreme judicial court, which court shall  
37 determine the same by a committee or reference under a  
38 rule of court if the parties agree, or by a verdict of its  
39 jury, and shall render judgment and issue execution for  
40 the damages recovered, with costs to the party prevailing  
41 in the appeal. Such appeal shall be made to the term of  
42 the supreme judicial court which shall first be holden in  
43 the county of Knox, more than thirty days from and after  
44 the day the street is finally established, altered or discon-  
45 tinued, excluding the day of commencement of the session  
46 of said court. The appellants shall serve written notice  
47 of such appeal upon the mayor or city clerk, fourteen  
48 days at least before the session of the court, and shall at  
49 the first term file a complaint setting forth substantially  
50 the facts of the case. On the trial exceptions may be  
51 taken to the rulings of the court as in other cases. Co-  
52 tenants who are appellants shall join in their appeal or  
53 shall not recover their costs. If an appeal is not so taken  
54 the right of appeal shall be held to be waived. If a street  
55 or way is discontinued before the damages are paid or  
56 recovered for the land taken, the land owner shall not be  
57 entitled to recover such damages, but the committee in  
58 their report discontinuing the same shall estimate and in-  
59 clude all the damages sustained by the land owner, includ-  
60 ing those caused by the original location of the streets,  
61 and in such cases, if an appeal has been regularly taken,  
62 the appellant shall recover his costs. The city shall not  
63 be compelled to construct or open any street or way thus  
64 hereafter established, until in the opinion of the city

65 council the public good requires it to be done, nor shall  
66 the city interfere with the possession of the land so taken  
67 by removing therefrom materials, or otherwise until they  
68 decide to open and construct said street. The city council  
69 may reserve and set off as sidewalks such part or portion  
70 of the several streets in said city, now or hereafter to be  
71 established, as may appear to be necessary for the safety,  
72 convenience and accommodation of foot passengers, and  
73 may regulate the height and width of sidewalks in any  
74 public square, places, streets, lanes or alleys in said city ;  
75 and may authorize posts and trees to be placed along the  
76 edge of said sidewalks. Nor shall the city be answerable  
77 for damages occasioned by telegraph, telephone or electric  
78 light poles and wires erected in its streets.

SECT. 20. Whenever the city council shall determine,  
2 by vote, to pave any street or way, or any portion thereof,  
3 in said city, with stones or other pavement, it shall be  
4 lawful for said city council to assess the lots or parcels of  
5 land adjacent to and bounded on such street or way, in  
6 such proportion as in their opinion such lots or parcels of  
7 land are benefitted or made more valuable by such pave-  
8 ment. *Provided, however,* that the whole assessment so  
9 made on any lot or parcel of land shall, in no case, ex-  
10 ceed one-third part of the cost of said pavement adjacent  
11 to said lot or parcel of land.

SECT. 21. The city council shall have the power to  
2 construct a sewer, along the bed and in the line of the  
3 “Lindsey brook,” so called, or any of its tributaries, and  
4 may change the direction thereof where necessary. The

5 city council may assess the lots or parcels of land adjacent  
6 to and bounded on such sewers, or land through which  
7 such sewer passes, in such proportion as in their opinion  
8 the same are benefitted or made more valuable by such  
9 sewer; *provided, however*, that the whole assessment so  
10 made on any lot or parcel of land shall in no case exceed  
11 one-third part of the cost of said sewer adjacent to said  
12 lot or parcel of land; or in case of a lot of land owned  
13 by one person, not to exceed two-thirds of the cost  
14 through such lot.

SECT. 22. The city council shall have the right to charge  
2 uniform rates for all persons draining into such sewer.

SECT. 23. All of the rights, powers and duties now  
2 provided for in section nineteen relating to laying out,  
3 widening or altering any street or way, shall apply to as-  
4 sessments made and provided for in sections twenty and  
5 twenty-one.

SECT. 24. So much of the several streets in said city  
2 as shall be appropriated and reserved as sidewalks, agree-  
3 ably to the provisions of section nineteen shall be taken  
4 and deemed to be reserved exclusively for the accommo-  
5 dation, convenience and use of persons traveling on foot;  
6 and said city shall not be liable for any injury done or  
7 occasioned in consequence of any cart, carriage, wagon,  
8 truck or other vehicle, or any team or animal striking  
9 against any of the said sidewalks or the posts or trees set  
10 or placed to defend the same. The several sidewalks on  
11 the streets in said city, as at present established or used,  
12 or as they may be established at the acceptance of this



13 act, shall be taken and deemed to be the proper and law-  
14 ful reservation for that purpose, until altered or otherwise  
15 established by the proper authorities.

SECT. 25. The mayor and aldermen may on such terms  
2 and conditions as they may think proper license any per-  
3 son or corporation to place in any street, for such time as  
4 may be necessary, any materials for making or repairing  
5 any street, sidewalk, cross-walk, bridge, water course or  
6 drain, or for erecting, repairing, moving or finishing any  
7 building or fences, or for laying or repairing gas or water  
8 pipes. And such material or building so placed by virtue  
9 of any license obtained as aforesaid shall not be consid-  
10 ered an incumbrance or nuisance in such street; and the  
11 city shall not be liable for any damage occasioned by such  
12 materials. Any person or corporation occupying or using  
13 any of the streets in the city for the purposes aforesaid,  
14 without first obtaining a license therefor, shall be punished  
15 by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, to  
16 be recovered on complaint for the use of the city.

SECT. 26. The city council are hereby authorized and  
2 empowered to pass any ordinance or ordinances regulating  
3 or forbidding the erection of wooden buildings on any  
4 street or streets in said city when they may deem it neces-  
5 sary or conducive to the public safety.

SECT. 27. The municipal fiscal year shall end on the  
2 second Monday in February. And the reports of all city  
3 officials shall be completed and made to the city council at  
4 a meeting to be held on the third Monday of February.  
5 And the city treasurer shall cause to be published in all

6 the city papers, at least one week prior to the first Monday  
7 in March, an accurate summary of the reports of all  
8 officials receiving or disbursing moneys of the city, and a  
9 statement of the condition of the several appropriations.

SECT. 28. No appropriation of moneys for any pur-  
2 pose shall be made without a majority vote of all the  
3 members of each board of the city council.

SECT. 29. The city council may make and establish  
2 such ordinances or regulations as they may deem for the  
3 public good, for the regulation of the use of carts, drays  
4 or other teams in said city, and also prescribe the width of  
5 tire that shall be used.



## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 27, 1885.

Presented by Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Rockland, and on his motion  
ordered printed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*