

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 60.

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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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*To the Honorable, the Senate, and the House of  
Representatives of the State of Maine, in Legislature  
assembled:*

Your petitioner, Eli Goss of Portland in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, respectfully makes known that he is the identical Eli Goss who received a severe and permanent injury while in the military service of the State, in the Aroostook expedition in the winter of 1839, full evidence of which is on file in the archives of the State under the following resolves, viz:

Resolve approved September 24, 1853. Eight dollars per month.

Resolve approved March 10, 1869. Four dollars per month additional.

Resolve approved February 22, 1875. Four dollars per month additional, making in all sixteen dollars per month, which he is now receiving.

That your petitioner is aged and infirm, being now nearly seventy years of age; that the injury above mentioned, for which he is as above penisoned, resulted in the amputation of his leg at the thigh, with so short a stump as to prevent the proper use of a wooden leg; that the extra burden thus cast upon the other leg, has finally resulted in almost disablement therof and renders him virtually helpless; that he has never received any aid from the United States, there being no statute thereof granting him a claim for pension; that under the provisions of the United States Pension Laws relating to the war of the rebellion, a similar disability to his entitles the pensioner to thirty (\$30) dollars per month; that this disability deprives him of much power to carry on business for a living, and he is without private means of support, and has a wife dependent upon him for support.

He therefore deems it right and just that his pension should be increased, and asks to be granted an additional twelve dollars per month from January 1st, 1885, payable to him during his life.

And in duty bound will ever pray.

ELI GOSS.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 5, 1885. }

Reported from Committee on Pensions, by Mr. COAN; ordered printed  
under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*