

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 119.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### RESOLVES in favor of Arbitration and Peace.

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*Whereas*, it is the duty of all nations to avoid by  
2 every honorable means the burden and curse of  
3 war, and to establish peace upon the broadest and  
4 most permanent basis possible.

And, *Whereas*, it seems to be the settled policy  
2 of the United States government to insist on the  
3 insertions in its treaties with foreign governments,  
4 a stipulation that controversies arising under the  
5 terms of such treaties, on the failure of negotia-  
6 tions, shall be referred to umpires, mutually satis-  
7 factory, whose decision shall be final and authori-  
8 tative, a policy which has been already adopted by  
9 several foreign governments.

1. *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States  
2 should refuse to ratify any treaty which omits such  
3 a stipulation.

2. *Resolved*, That in order to render the principle  
2 of arbitration permanently practical, a standing  
3 *High Court of Arbitration* composed of persons  
4 chosen by each covenanting nation, on account of  
5 their peculiar fitness, ought to be constituted, to  
6 which should be referred for consideration and  
7 settlement those questions which have hitherto too  
8 often been left to the arbitrament of war.

3. *Resolved*, That a convention or congress of  
2 representatives from the nations, to adjust differ-  
3 ences of international laws and usage, ought by  
4 mutual agreement to be called at some place most  
5 suitable and convenient, which might also agree  
6 upon the general character and powers of the  
7 aforesaid court of arbitration.

4. *Resolved*, That the bill introduced into the  
2 National House of Representatives, March 3rd,  
3 1884, by the Hon. I. Newton Evans of Tennessee,  
4 which provided for the calling of such a conven-  
5 tion at Washington by the United States govern-  
6 ment, meets with our approval, and we would hereby  
7 respectfully *memorialize* and *petition* the Congress

8 of the United States to pass said bill, so that it  
9 may speedily become a law.

5. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions,  
2 properly prepared and signed, be forwarded to each  
3 of the two Houses of Congress, and also to each  
4 Senator and Representative now in Congress from  
5 the State of Maine.

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IN SENATE CHAMBER, }  
February 23, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. HUME, from Committee on Federal Relations, and laid  
on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*