

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 163

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 7, 1907.

Ordered, That the justices of the supreme judicial court
2 are hereby respectfully requested to give to this House,
3 according to the provisions of the Constitution of this State
4 in this behalf, their opinion on the following questions:

First: Is an excise tax prohibiting the apportionment and
6 assessment of all other taxes upon railroads, their property
7 or stock according to their just value constitutional?

Second: Can a tax be lawfully levied upon the franchise
9 of a railroad, and also, a separate tax upon the road-bed,
10 rolling stock and fixtures at their cash value?

Third: Is the present law whereby railroads operating
12 in this State are taxed upon a percentage of their gross
13 receipts repugnant to the provisions of the Constitution of
14 this State relative to taxation?



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 12, 1907.

Tabled pending passage by Mr. BALDWIN of Boothbay Harbor,
and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.