

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1880.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,  
February 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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SPRAGUE & SON, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.  
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engaged in navigation, and are therefore interested in any legislation that affects this industry; and whereas, the pilot laws of several of the states are unjust, and impose upon ship owners, burdens hard to be borne, and are contrary to the spirit of the constitution; and whereas, there is now being erected a bridge across East river, in the State of New York, which will be another tax upon shipping, by compelling them to lower their topmasts, thereby causing delay, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby earnestly call the attention of our senators and representatives in congress to the unjust pilot laws in force in several of the states, and we request them to use their best efforts to have a general pilot law enacted that shall be just and equitable to the people of all the states, and also, to compel the builders of the suspension bridge across East river, in the state of New York, to place the roadway at such a height as shall not obstruct or impede the navigation of said East river.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the above preamble and resolution, when approved, be forwarded to our delegation in congress by the secretary of state.

Approved March 9, 1880.

Attention of senators and representatives in congress, called to unjust laws.

Copies forwarded to delegation.

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## Chapter 180.

Resolve relating to the Fishway on Kennebec Dam.

*Resolved*, That Zechariah Chaffee, of Providence, Rhode Island, and the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company, a corporation established by law, and having its place of business at Augusta, are hereby relieved from all penalties and forfeitures incurred under the revised statutes, chapter forty, and chapter seventy-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, by reason of not constructing a fishway through the dam on the Kennebec river, at Augusta, within the time prescribed by the commissioners of fisheries; *provided*, a suitable fishway shall be constructed on said dam, to the reasonable satisfaction of the commissioners of fisheries, on or before the fifteenth day of next May, or within such

Proprietors of Kennebec dam, relieved from liabilities, if they construct suitable fishway.

CHAP. 181 further time as the commissioners of fisheries shall allow and prescribe in writing.

Approved March 9, 1880.

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### Chapter 181.

Resolve in favor of Printing the Insurance Laws.

Commissioner  
authorized to  
compile insur-  
ance laws.

*Resolved*, That the insurance commissioner be authorized, free of cost to the state, to compile the insurance laws now in force in this state, and cause not more than fifteen hundred copies thereof to be printed, for the use of his department.

Approved March 9, 1880.

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### Chapter 182.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School.

Committee on  
reform school, in  
favor of.

*Resolved*, That there be and hereby is appropriated, the sum of thirty-eight dollars, to pay the expenses of the committee on Reform School, in visiting said institution, according to the order of the legislature.

Approved March 9, 1880.

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### Chapter 183.

Resolve in favor of an act of Congress granting Pensions to veterans of the Mexican and Aroostook Wars.

Pensions to vete-  
rans, act of con-  
gress commended

*Resolved*, That the legislature of Maine joins with the legislatures of other states, which have heretofore taken action upon the subject, in commending the proposed act of congress to grant pensions to the veterans of the Mexican and Aroostook wars, as a just and beneficial measure.

Approved March 11, 1880.