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AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1929

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## Chapter 176.

Resolve, to Provide a Committee to Investigate and Recommend Regarding Sales Tax.

**Sales tax; provision made for investigating committee to recommend concerning. Resolved:** That a committee consisting of the chairman of the board of state assessors, who shall be the chairman hereof and four members of the present legislature, two from the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate, and two from the house to be appointed by the speaker of the house, which committee shall, during the recess of the present legislature, investigate the advisability of an excise tax on certain or all sales of merchandise with particular reference to the advisability of an excise tax applicable to any retail mercantile business divided into separate units conducted as branch mercantile establishments. Said committee is authorized to investigate the laws of the other states and is to report to the next legislature its recommendations together with suggested legislation. The governor and council are hereby authorized to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, all such expense as may be incurred by said committee in their investigation and report, but not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars.

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## Chapter 177.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for an Additional Issue of Highway and Bridge Bonds.

**Constitutional amendment proposed for additional issue of highway and bridge bonds. Resolved:** That section seventeen of article nine of the constitution as amended by the forty-eighth and forty-ninth amendments to the constitution is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 17.** The state, under proper enactment of the legislature, may issue its bonds not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-one million dollars in amount at any one time, and all bonds issued during and after the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine shall be payable serially within twenty-five years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding under authority of this section to the extent of ten million dollars shall be devoted solely to the construction of the present system of state highways designated prior to April first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine; provided, however, that not exceeding two mil-

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lion five hundred thousand dollars of such proceeds may be used for the reconstruction of state highways forming a part of that system heretofore constructed, and provided further that not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars of such proceeds may be used for the construction of state highways hereafter to be designated. The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding, under authority of this section, to the extent of five million dollars shall be devoted solely to the building of interstate, intrastate, and international bridges. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be re-issued. All bonds issued under the authority of this section of the constitution shall be in addition to the bonds heretofore authorized and issued in the amount of three million dollars, the proceeds of which were devoted to the building of a combination highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich.'

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing for an increase in the amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state highways and intrastate, interstate and international bridges?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

**Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plan-

tations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

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### Chapter 178.

Resolve, in Favor of a Memorial for William Pitt Fessenden.

**Memorial for William Pitt Fessenden, appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars for the erection of a statue in the city of Portland for a memorial for William Pitt Fessenden, formerly United States Senator, providing an equal amount shall be raised by private contributions, the entire sum to be expended under the direction of the governor and council and the committee to be appointed by the city council of Portland; the aforesaid appropriation shall not lapse but shall continue until the erection of said statue, same to come out of Surplus Revenue Construction Funds.

Approved April 13, 1929.

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### Chapter 179.

Resolve, in Favor of the Chaplains of the House of the Eighty-fourth Legislature.

**Chaplains of the house of representatives, appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of one hundred fifty dollars to be paid to the chaplains of the house of representatives of the eighty-fourth legislature, in accordance with the list filed with the treasurer of state by the clerk of the house.

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