

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 51.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES in relation to equality of civil and political  
rights.

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*Resolved*, That the grand result of a truly republican  
2 government can never be fully attained until equality  
3 of civil and political rights be permanently secured  
4 irrespective of differences of race or color.

*Resolved*, That so long as the elective franchise shall  
2 be denied or abridged in any state on account of race  
3 or color, none therein of such race or color should be  
4 included in the basis of representation of such state in  
5 the congress of the United States, and we approve of  
6 the efforts of the senators and representatives from this  
7 state in the congress of the United States to secure  
8 such an amendment of the constitution as would effect  
9 this result, believing that the tendency, and hoping

10 that the ultimate effect of the amendment, if adopted,  
11 will be to secure equality of political as well as of  
12 civil rights for all.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 13, 1866. }

Reported by Mr. SHEPLEY, from Committee on Federal Relations.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*