

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 70.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES relating to reconstruction.

Resolved, That the permanent peace of the nation
2 can be secured only by a firm adherence to the self-
3 evident truth that all men are created equal.

Resolved, That political power being an inherent right
2 of the citizen, impartial suffrage should be made the
3 uniform rule of all the states of the Union, either by
4 the authority already possessed by congress or by the
5 necessary amendment of the constitution of the United
6 States.

Resolved, That the present state governments of the
2 recently rebel states of Virginia, North Carolina, South
3 Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana,
4 Florida, Texas and Arkansas, were established outside
5 of the legal authority of the nation and without the
6 sanction of the people whom they assume to represent,

7 and that it is the duty of congress to annul them and
8 adopt the necessary steps for instituting loyal state
9 governments which shall afford liberty and protection
10 to all the people over whom they exercise authority.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 13, 1867. }

Reported by Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, from the Committee on
Federal Relations.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, *Clerk.*