

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 62.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE relating to the defence of the State of Maine.

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is peculiarly exposed
2 to invasion, being, in geographical position, but an
3 outpost of our nation, open to attack on nearly the
4 whole extent of its frontier, not easily defended, and
5 so situated that a sudden incursion from any quarter
6 might at any time overrun and disconnect it from its
7 sister states ; and whereas, the most efficient means
8 for the defence of the state, in addition to its fortifica-
9 tions, would be a completion of its present and pro-
10 posed lines of railroads, to be used as military connec-
11 tions, not only for an easy transportation of soldiers to
12 any point of attack, but also for its internal prosperity
13 as a state ; also, the location in the state of a naval
14 depot for iron-clad vessels of war, connecting with it

15 or by itself a strong fortress as a naval and military
16 centre from which to repel any invasion that may be
17 made on its frontier ; therefore,

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in
2 congress be hereby requested to lay the necessities
3 and claims of the state before congress, for the pur-
4 pose of obtaining aid for our railroads, and also to ob-
5 tain an examination of our harbors for a location of the
6 proposed naval, or a military depot.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 15, 1867.

Reported by Mr. HOBSON, from the Committee on Frontier
and Coast Defences.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*