

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 155.

STATE OF MAINE.

Joint resolution relating to national expenses.

WHEREAS, By reason of the deranged financial
2 condition of the country, during the late war, and
3 other causes therewith combining during said war
4 and since its close, and habits of extravagance,
5 public and private, contracted by all classes of the
6 people, by municipalities and states, and for which
7 all are alike responsible, grave mistakes have been
8 committed, all have shared alike in the error and
9 have alike suffered the consequences, and all should
10 unite to retrieve these errors; and

WHEREAS, During said period, extravagancies
2 were permitted, irrespective of party, in the admin-
3 istration of all branches of the national govern-
4 ment, the salaries of all officials and employees of
5 the government doubled or largely increased, the

6 current expenses of the government increased
7 unreasonably and unnecessarily, as we believe; and
8 this condition of affairs remains at this time, to the
9 great burden of the people, who pay all these
10 unnecessary expenses by direct or indirect taxation,
11 and who now call for reorganization and retrench-
12 ment in municipal, state and national expenses.
13 Therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled:*

That our senators be instructed and our repre-
2 sentatives in congress be requested, to use their
3 best endeavors and influence to cause a restoration
4 of the management of the financial affairs of the
5 government to a more economical basis. That the
6 salary of the president of the United States be
7 reduced from fifty thousand dollars to twenty-five
8 thousand dollars per annum, and the salaries of
9 senators and members of congress be reduced to
10 three thousand dollars per annum, and that the
11 salaries of all other government officials, and pay
12 of all government employees, be correspondingly
13 reduced; and that all useless and unnecessary
14 offices be abolished. That all national expenses
15 be reduced to conform to the present condition of

16 the property and business affairs of the country,
17 and the burdens of taxation caused thereby be
18 lifted from the people.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be requested
2 to transmit a copy of this preamble and these reso-
3 lutions to each of our senators and representatives
4 in congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 22, 1879. }

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BROWN of Bangor, and ordered printed.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*