

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 61.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of French Spoliation Claims.

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WHEREAS, The commerce of the United States  
2 was unlawfully preyed upon by the French gov-  
3 ernment previous to A. D. eighteen hundred, at a  
4 time when said nation and the United States were  
5 at peace, thereby destroying the property of citi-  
6 zens of this state as well as of several other states  
7 of the nation, to the amount of several millions of  
8 dollars; and whereas, in the treaty of September  
9 thirty, A. D. eighteen hundred, the United States,  
10 in accordance with previous demands, received  
11 compensation for said property, known as the  
12 "French Spoliation Claims," with the positive  
13 agreement that the indemnities due by France to  
14 the citizens of the United States should be paid by  
15 the United States; and whereas, said claims have  
16 never been paid to these sufferers or their heirs; and

17 whereas, said claims have been and are now uni-  
18 versally acknowledged justly due these claimants,  
19 and a bill praying said claims having twice passed  
20 both branches of Congress, lacking only the sig-  
21 nature of the President to become a law; therefore

*Resolved*, That we earnestly urge Congress and  
2 our own legislators there, especially, to bring the  
3 matter up for action during the present congress

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent  
2 to each of our congressional legislators.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 10, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. MCKELLAR from Committee on Federal  
Relations, and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*