

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Third Legislature.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 20, 1887. }

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to enquire into the expediency of amending chapter six of the Revised Statutes entitled "Taxes", so that the real and personal property of all literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions, incorporated by the State, used or held or that may be purchased and so used or held or obtained for commercial purposes or for the deriving of a rental or other income, may be made liable to taxation the same as other property.

### A PETITION.

*To the members of the Maine Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature, assembled :*

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Maine in relation to the taxation of church and educational property are unjust, inasmuch as they permit property used for business purposes to be exempt from taxation, and thereby increase the taxes on other property, thus affording a discrimination that is highly injurious to the legitimate business interest of a community ; therefore, we, citizens and tax-payers of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, hereby respectfully petition your

## TAXATION.

honorable body that a bill be passed at the present session which shall embody substantially the following provisions, viz: That all church and educational property used or rented for business purposes or other purposes than educational or religious, shall be taxed the same as private property.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 20, 1887.

Read and passed and subsequently ordered tabled and printed, together with the "Heading" of accompanying petitions, on motion of Mr. LOONEY of Portland.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*