

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 297.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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That they have made a careful and thorough examination with a view to ascertaining the feasibility of enlarging and refurnishing the hall of the House of Representatives.

That in their opinion such enlargement is entirely feasible and the best method of making the same is in connection with the enlargement of the whole building by the erection of a fire-proof addition on the western side, so constructed as to give a commodious and well-ventilated hall of Representatives, eight new committee rooms of ample size, a convenient and safe library room with a capacity of 75,000 volumes, apartments for the Treasurer and Secretary of State, with fire-proof vaults for the safe keeping of the valuable archives and documents and property belonging to the State; with an elevator connecting the various floors.

That comparatively full plans of such proposed addition have been prepared by Brigham & Spofford, a well-known firm of architects of Boston, which are submitted herewith; that the cost of the proposed addition is estimated at \$134,000; and that your committee estimate that \$16,000 will make such changes in the old building as are needed.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following resolve:

*Resolved*, That the governor of the State and four (4) others to be appointed by him are hereby constituted a commission, and are directed to take immediate steps to obtain plans and specifications for such an enlargement and alteration of the State House as will provide ample, convenient and fire-proof apartments for the State library, and for the records and documents of the various departments of the State Government, and for the use and accommodation of the legislature and its committees; and shall thereupon proceed to contract for, prosecute and superintend the construction and completion of said enlargement and alterations; and that the sum of \$150,000 be and hereby is appropriated for said enlargements and alterations, to be expended under the direction of said commission, and for the reasonable expenses of said commission, to be audited by the governor and council.

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Public Buildings, which was instructed by an order of the legislature to inquire into the expediency of enlarging and refurnishing this House of Representatives, and to whom a resolve was recommitted, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the accompanying resolve.

E. P. WALKER,  
J. C. NICHOLS,  
F. MARION SIMPSON,  
I. W. PARKER,  
CHARLES TAYLOR,  
PARKER SPOFFORD,

*of the Committee.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 6, 1889. }

Tabled and ordered printed, pending acceptance of report, on motion  
of Mr. SPOFFORD of Bucksport.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*