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Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

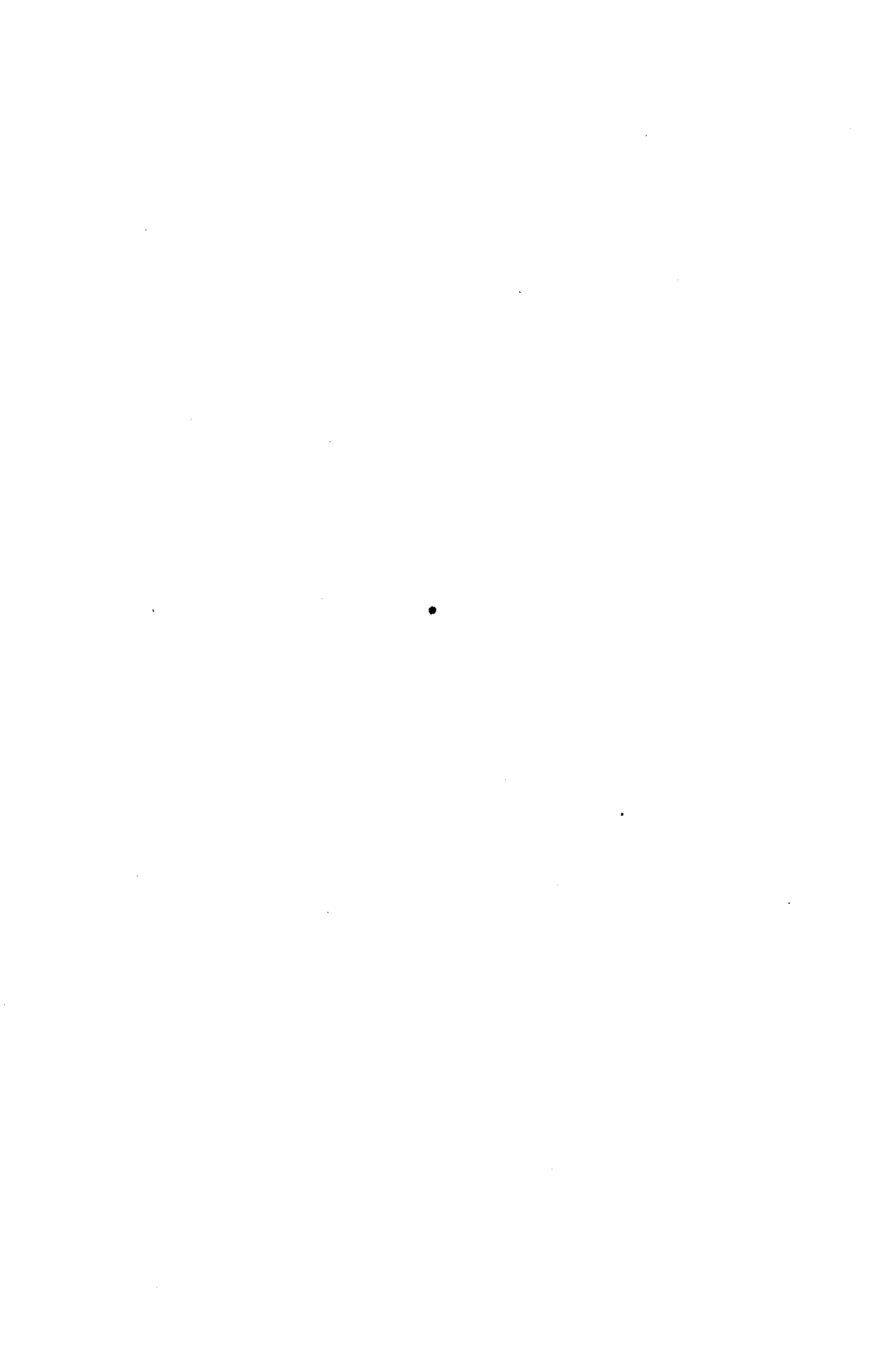
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STATE OF MAINE.

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE
DOCUMENT No. 159, ENTITLED "RESOLVE TO
PROVIDE MEANS FOR EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS
FOR STATE PENSION."

This resolve asking for authority to use an amount of the appropriation for state pensions not exceeding four hundred dollars yearly, as the governor and council may direct, is following the precedent of years in providing funds for the proper examination of claims presented. All applications have to be renewed each year, and as circumstances and conditions are constantly changing, new applicants applying, new boards of town officers being elected not familiar with the provisions of the law, applications made where an investigation will show that necessity for this aid does not exist, other cases where either through neglect or ignorance the condition and needs of applicants are not set forth, these reasons and many others, have shown the absolute necessity of personal investigation that justice may be done both the pensioner and the state, and it has been found that

keeping the office closely in touch with the applicants and boards of town officers during the year has been of material benefit to all concerned. Requests are frequently received from town officers to visit a town and look over the applicants. Only so much of this amount would be expended as was necessary to a proper adjudication of the claims.



STATE OF MAINE.

• IN SENATE, February 27, 1901.

Presented by Mr. McFADDEN of Lincoln, and on motion by Mr. WEEKS of Somerset, laid on table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*