

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 92

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE of the legislature of the State of Maine, requesting the repeal by Congress of section 20 of Title XXXIII of the Revised Statutes of the United States, admitting certain lumber manufactured in New Brunswick into the ports of the United States free of duty.

Whereas for a period of more than seventy-five years, and
2 for a period of forty years, by virtue of a special act of the
3 Congress of the United States, lumber grown in the forests
4 of Maine, to an amount exceeding one hundred millions per
5 year has been driven down the Saint John river into the prov-
6 ince of New Brunswick and after being manufactured has
7 been admitted to the markets of the United States free of
8 duty, to the great advantage of the inhabitants of New Bruns-
9 wick and with the effect of building up the city of St. John,
10 N. B., and the provincial cities and towns, at the expense of,

11 and to the detriment of, the inhabitants of northern Maine
12 especially of those living in the St. John and Aroostook val-
13 leys; and whereas the inhabitants of New Brunswick and
14 especially those interested in the lumber business in said
15 province and more especially those residing in the city of
16 St. John, which city has been chiefly benefited and enriched
17 as a result of said special act of Congress, have proven them-
18 selves utterly ungrateful, and disposed to harass and annoy
19 those who are engaged in the manufacture of lumber on the
20 upper St. John in Maine, as shown by measures presented
21 in the legislature of New Brunswick at the two last sessions
22 and further indicated by numerous newspaper articles pub-
23 lished in the New Brunswick papers, and by various other
24 acts and circumstances; therefore

Resolved, That it is the earnest wish of the legislature of
2 Maine that the act of Congress hereinbefore referred to be
3 repealed, and our senators and representatives in Congress
4 are requested to use all reasonable efforts to obtain a repeal
5 of said law in the interests of and as a measure of justice to
6 our own citizens engaged in the lumber business on the
7 northern border and of all of the citizens of that region gen-
8 erally, and further

Resolved that the secretary of the Senate be requested to
2 forward a copy of these resolutions to our senators and Rep-
3 resentatives in Congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 9, 1905.

Tabled pending reference to committee by Mr. LALIBERTE of Fort
Kent and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*