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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 555

STATE OF MAINE.

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE DOCUMENT No. 219.

In the matter of Harry B. Conway of Calais, Maine, the following statement of facts is made:

Mr. Conway is now about twenty-four years of age, born in the city of Calais, where he has always resided; a graduate of the High school of that city, bright and intelligent, one of the finest specimens of physical vigor and of manhood in the entire State of Maine. He enlisted in the navy of the United States during the Spanish-American war, so called, and was discharged therefrom, the discharge dating May twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, but prior to that time he had re-enlisted on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. He was discharged from this second service on the second day of May, nineteen hundred and two. Returning to his home, he again re-enlisted on the thirtieth day of July, nineteen hundred and two, and was discharged on the eighteenth of July, nineteen hundred and four in accordance with article eight hundred and eighty-two, paragraph three, United States Navy Regulations, on the recommendation of a medical board of survey. The dis-

ability which existed and caused this discharge was a deformity of the left hand and arm caused by an injury received in the performance of duty on the United States ship Colgoa.

Mr. Conway was with the Seymour Relief Expedition in nineteen hundred at the time of the Boxer uprising in China and was with the force that relieved Peking and Tien Sien in China.

He served during his different terms of service on the following ships in the United States navy: The Wabash, U. S. torpedo boat Roger, Mary Flower, the Vermont, the Newark, Isle de Cuba, Manilla and Brooklyn. Mr. Conway since his return from the service has met with an unfortunate accident which has further crippled him. At the time of his discharge he was a boatswain in the United States navy. He had taken such an interest in the performance of his duty that he had taken two examinations for promotion, both of which he passed with a very high rank, nearly the maximum. He received letters of commendation from Admiral Chadwick and other commanding officers under which he has served. Without doubt had he not been disabled by this injury he would have received a commission in the navy. He is a young man of the highest character and standing and I have known him from boyhood. He has applied for a United States pension; he is now in need of assistance and asks that his native State may render him some assistance until such time as the United States may grant him the desired relief.

GEO. A. MURCHIE.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*