

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 214

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### REPORT "A."

The Committee on Legal Affairs to whom were referred petitions praying for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law in Cumberland county have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report as follows: That from the evidence presented, the committee find that the sheriff of Cumberland county permits various persons to sell intoxicating liquors in a manner not authorized by law; that this condition of things is open and a matter of common knowledge, and was not in any way controverted at the hearing; that in the opinion of the committee this is a clear violation of duty. In view of the foregoing the committee consider that further investigation is unnecessary and so recommend.

PIERCE,  
MILLS,  
OAKES,  
HOLMES,  
TRACY,  
GRAY,  
WEATHERBEE.

## REPORT "B."

The Committee on Legal Affairs to whom were referred petitions asking for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law in Cumberland county have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report as follows:

That the evidence presented at the hearing was no more than hearsay and common report and not such as would be legally admissible in judicial proceedings.

That so far as we are informed the degree of enforcement in Cumberland county appears not to be materially different from that in several of the other counties of this State.

That under these conditions a legislative investigation of the nature suggested should not be confined to a single county as requested by these petitioners.

That the constitution of the State makes ample provision for the trial and impeachment of public officers accused of malfeasance in office which remedy was and still is available to these petitioners.

We are therefore of the opinion that no further action by this committee is necessary or justifiable and we recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

PERCIVAL P. BAXTER,  
JOSEPH B. REED.

#### REPORT "C."

The Committee on Legal Affairs to whom were referred the petitions for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law in Cumberland county have the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

L. M. STAPLES.

STATE OF MAINE

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IN SENATE, March 10, 1905.

Pending acceptance of either report, laid on table to be printed, on motion by Mr. SIMPSON of York.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.