

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 439

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE CHAMBER,

Augusta, Maine, February 2, 1909.

*Whereas*, Maine is more distant from the coal field of the United States than any other State east of the Mississippi River, and that thereby the cost of coal is correspondingly higher than in most other States; and

*Whereas*, our State is engaged largely in manufacturing, coal in large quantities for steam purposes to enable them to compete on equal terms with those States which afford cheap coal; and

*Whereas*, There is near to us geographically in Nova Scotia an abundant supply of steam coal, which may be cheaply mined and sent to our ports by comparatively inexpensive water transportation; and

*Whereas*, We deem this Nova Scotia coal as the natural supply for our State and the other States of New England, and that no

duty on this coal should be levied unless absolutely necessary for revenue, in which case this revenue is a direct tax upon our industries.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED: That we request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence for the repeal of such duty as now exists on all coal brought into the United States from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and from such other sources as their judgment may indicate.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

March 18, 1909.

Reported by Mr. GOWELL from Committee on Federal Relations and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*