

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 497

STATE OF MAINE.

Memorial to Congress, relating to the Requirement of Wireless Telegraphy on Passenger Steam Ships and Tug Boats on Ocean Voyages.

It is universally recognized that the ocean passage along the coast of Massachusetts and Maine, to and from their respective ports, is among the most stormy and disastrous of coastwise ocean voyages for steam vessels carrying passengers.

To the measures now pending before Congress to promote the safety of passengers on such voyages by means of wireless telegraphy, designated, respectively, H. R. 21689, H. R. 27318 and H. R. 27480, the people of the State of Maine take great interest, and especially are they interested that passengers and employees on steam vessels plying between the ports of Maine and Massachusetts shall have the greatest possible protection provided by modern invention.

The coast of Maine, with its inland forests, lakes and mountains, is the great playground for the many outside its borders seeking recreation and rest, from early spring time to late in autumn, the greatest proportion of whom travel to and from it by steam ships. If such steam ships are properly equipped with wireless telegraphy, encouragement will be given to travel and commerce seeking the advantages natural to the State of Maine, by the assurance against accident, stress of weather and the impenetrable fogs that frequently invest its coast.

We ask our countrymen to remember the fact that passage by ocean travel is one of Maine's greatest assets as a means of affording opportunities to participate in its commerce, and to enjoy its natural advantages of climate and scenery.

Resolved, That in the name of the State of Maine, united in its progress and welfare, we express our earnest desire for the passage of such a law regarding wireless telegraphy on steam ships carrying passengers, and on tug boats, plying between the ports of Maine and Massachusetts, as will insure the greatest safety and security at all times; and that a copy of this resolve be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the State's Delegation in Congress.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 25, 1909.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.