

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 189

House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1915.

Reported by Mr. Small from Committee on Pensions and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of Lester Patten.

Resolved, That there be paid to Lester Patten of Hermon
2 a pension of \$12.00 per month, beginning with the first day
3 of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and continuing
4 during the pleasure of the legislature, and until otherwise
5 ordered.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Lester Patten of Hermon is the son of the late Peter K. Patten, who served in Co. E, Coast Guards Infantry, Maine Volunteers, during the Civil war.

Lester Patten has been ill for years, now has locomoter ataxia, can only move with the aid of crutches, cannot stand or move except he can see his feet. His arms and hands are affected and he is confined to his bed a considerable part of the time. His stomach is affected, his right hip is much higher than the other, thus shortening that leg. He is entirely incapacitated from performing manual labor. His family consists of a wife and five children, only one of which is of an age to be of much aid in supporting the family.

He occupies a small farm formerly owned by his father, and now mortgaged for all it is worth. His wife is now ill and unless some State aid is granted to him this son of a soldier must soon become a town charge.