

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 119

In Senate, Feb. 17, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Committee on Reference. Presented by Mr. Chatto of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, for an Investigation of the Hancock Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Resolved, That the Governor, with the advice of the Coun-2 cil, appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be an 3 attorney, whose duty it shall be to take all necessary and 4 suitable measures to ascertain the method of said Hancock 5 Mutual Fire Insurance Company in conducting its business 6 affairs, the amount of all money received, and paid out, for 7 what purpose, and by whom, the amount of all its losses, 8 and all expenses incurred by said company, and by whom, 9 from the date of its organization to the date of its suspen-10 sion of business by the appointment of a receiver and to 11 include all acts of said receiver. Said commissioner to re-

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12 port the result of such investigation to the Governor and 13 Council, on or before the first day of October, A. D. 1915, 14 and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars shall be, and 15 the same is, hereby appropriated for the purpose of said 16 investigation.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Statement of the Hancock Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Bar Harbor, Maine, at the close of business, February 1, 1912:

ASSETS.		
Cash in office	\$134	58
Cash in bank	329	78
Note of C. E. Tolman & Co	200	00
Note of C. E. Tolman & Co	140	00
Note of I. L. Sprague	20	80
	\$825	16
Agents' balances	\$1,005	68
Unpaid assessments	4,763	43
Cash premiums uncollected (estimated)	50	00
Cash received February 2nd	10	20
Furniture and fixtures	5	00
	\$6,659	47
Gross assets, except premium notes	6,659	47
Premium notes in force \$58,264 36		
Balance uncollected (estimated) 40,000 00		

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid	\$10,416 41
Due for borrowed money	7,500 00
F. E. Walls' salary	329 00
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Printing bill	IO 00
50% cash premiums in force	2,343 33
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Total liabilities \$20,7	23	74
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Company organized July 26, 1906. Receiver appointed February 20, 1912.

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Since the appointment of the receiver of the company, two assessments have been made. The first of which in 1912, many of the policy-holders believing that it settled their total indebtedness, as no motive was given at the time of the first assessment that there were further debts of the company remaining unpaid, but in 1914 a final assessment was sent to the policyholders calling for a larger amount than that of the 1912 assessment.