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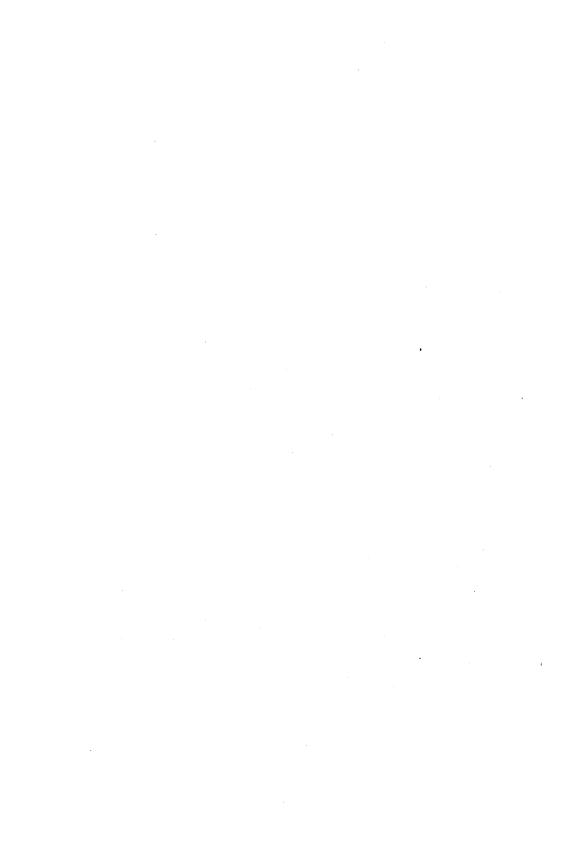
W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE, in favor of Mary Allen.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of $192.00 per annum for each of the years 1917 and
3 1918; the said sum for each of said years to be paid to Mary
4 Allen of Bowdoinham in quarterly payments of $48.00 each
5 and to continue during the pleasure of the legislature and
6 until otherwise ordered.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This resolve asks for a renewal of Chapter 92 of the Resolves of 1915, p. 786, providing a state pension for Mary Allen, in the town of Bowdoinham.

The Committee on Pensions of the last legislature reported favorably after a hearing on the merits of the case, which facts will be presented in due form, if desired, at the proper time to the present Committee on Pensions.

Her father died in the service during the Civil War, leaving her a young girl with other children. She drew a small pension from the government till she was sixteen years old.

Under the present pension laws, she would have been clearly entitled to a pension after this age, as she was a cripple and not capable of self-support. But she married, and this fact cut her off from the Federal aid.

Her husband lived but a short time, never was much good and left her as poorly off as when she took him. She is crippled, and dependent to some extent on charity. She is worthy, has earned in the past, and will continue to earn in the future all she can, and has no relatives to come to her aid.