

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 77

In Senate, February 23, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Garcelon of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS, Relating to the Adoption of
the Metric System by the United States Congress.

WHEREAS, there is in the United States a deplorable lack of uniformity in weights and measures, and the units used are unscientific, cumbersome and unrelated, constituting an actual hindrance to education, industry, world trade, and the activities of daily life; and

WHEREAS, the metric system of weights and measures is a decimal system, simple, logical, and easy to use, so that its adoption will result in an incalculable saving in time and energy; and

WHEREAS, the metric system has been adopted by the vast majority of enlightened nations, and its adoption by the United States is calculated to promote friendly relations and commerce with all the world; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, by reason of its great commercial and industrial activities, is vitally interested, both as a state and in behalf of its citizens, in the speedy adoption of world-wide uniform standards of weights and measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the
2 Eightieth Legislature of the State of Maine respectfully
3 urges that the units of the metric system be adopted by the
4 Congress of the United States as the legal standards of
5 weights and measures after a transition period of ten years,
6 as proposed in bills now before Congress; and be it further

Resolved: That copies hereof be forwarded to the Presi-
2 dent of the United States of America and to the Senators
3 and Representatives of the State of Maine in the Congress
4 of the United States.