

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 129

In Senate, March 16, 1921.

Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Military Affairs 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, Urging that November
Eleventh Be Designated as Thanksgiving Day.

Whereas, Armistice Day, November eleventh, is a day of great rejoicing throughout the civilized world on account of hard-won deliverance from the withering blight of autocracy, the greatest menace to civilization, and therefore a day of heartfelt thanksgiving to the God of battles and to all the brave soldiers who made the victory possible; and

Whereas, On November eleventh was signed the Mayflower Compact, the very beginning and foundation in this country of free government which, spreading abroad, was saved on the fields of France on that later November eleventh; and

Whereas, November eleventh should therefore be made a public holiday, uniting in its observance free peoples the world around; and

Whereas, Thanksgiving Day, the day first established by the Pilgrims as a day of thanks for bountiful harvests, is usually observed on the last Thursday of November; and

Whereas, it is undesirable because of the requirements of modern industry unduly to multiply holidays, and especially for two holidays to occur so near together; and

Whereas, the date of Thanksgiving has never been definitely fixed, but has varied at various times in the past, and is still subject to selection by the President and by governors of states; now therefore be it

Resolved: That the Eightieth legislature of the State of
2 Maine respectfully urges the congress of the United States
3 to designate November eleventh as Thanksgiving Day; and
4 be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to trans-
2 mit copies of this memorial to the President of the United
3 States and to the senators and representatives of the State
4 of Maine in the congress of the United States.