

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 214

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House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1923.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, in Favor of the Erection of a State of Maine Building on the Grounds of the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, Inc., at West Springfield, Massachusetts.

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Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the  
2 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), for the con-  
3 struction, including all necessary expenses incident thereto,  
4 of a building upon the grounds of the Eastern States Agri-  
5 cultural and Industrial Exposition, Inc., at West Spring-  
6 field, Massachusetts, said building to be known as the state  
7 of Maine building, and to be designed and constructed for  
8 the purpose of exhibiting the products of Maine farms and

9 its industries, and the advertising of its possibilities vaca-  
10 tionally and in all other respects. The said appropriation  
11 is conditioned upon the raising of a like sum of twenty-  
12 five thousand dollars (\$25,000) independent of this appro-  
13 priation, and its payment to the treasurer of the state of  
14 Maine, on or before the last day of December, 1924. Said  
15 sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is to be expended  
16 in the erection and completion of said building under the  
17 direction of a committee consisting of the following: one  
18 member recommended by the Associated Industries of  
19 Maine, another member recommended by the executive  
20 committee of the Maine Federation of Agricultural Asso-  
21 ciations, a third member recommended by the Maine Pub-  
22 licity Bureau, a fourth member to be the commissioner of  
23 agriculture, and a fifth member to be recommended by the  
24 publicity committee of the Maine legislature, each member  
25 of said committee to be appointed by the governor and coun-  
26 cil, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years,  
27 one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years,  
28 and one for a term of five years, from the date of his ap-  
29 pointment, and thereafter, at the expiration of the term  
30 of any member of said committee, his successor is to be  
31 appointed for a term of five years, and in each instance  
32 is to be some citizen of Maine recommended by the same  
33 group from which the retiring member was chosen. This  
34 committee shall have full charge of the erection and com-  
35 pletion of said state of Maine building, and after its com-

36 pletion full charge of its operation and management. Said  
37 building is to be erected upon a lot of land to be deeded  
38 to the state of Maine by said Eastern States Agricultural  
39 and Industrial Exposition, Inc., and no work upon said  
40 building is to be begun until such deed has been passed.  
41 The committee above referred to shall serve without com-  
42 pensation, except that each member thereof shall be paid  
43 actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties  
44 as a member of said committee.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Pursuant to an order of the 79th legislature of Maine, at its special session of 1920, a committee was appointed and authorized to attend the meeting of the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, Inc., at West Springfield, Massachusetts, for the purpose of determining the advisability of the erection of a building by the state of Maine for the annual display of the agricultural and industrial products of the state, and to further advertise its vocational and other possibilities. This committee performed its duty, and its report was presented to the legislature. After careful consideration of conditions existing at West Springfield, and in view of the fact that this exposition has become a great advertising medium for the products of New England, and in view of the further fact that the exposition is annually attended by great and ever increasing numbers of people (in September, 1922, the attendance was more than a quarter of a million), the committee unanimously recommended the erection of a building suitable for the purposes above referred to. A resolve (House No. 409) was presented to the 80th legislature, and received a passage by both branches of the legislature. His Excellency, Governor Baxter, vetoed the resolve, and it was not passed over his veto.

It is believed that if the citizens of Maine will contribute the somewhat substantial sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of erecting this building, the state may well afford to make the investment of a like sum for the purpose of advertising our state to this very large number of people. The agriculturists and the vacationists hired space in the main exhibition hall of the Exposition in nineteen hundred twenty-one and nineteen hundred twenty-two, for which the expense to the state was approximately two thousand dollars. With a building of its own, this amount will be annually saved.

There are many other facts and reasons to be presented at the time and place of hearing upon this resolve.