

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 300

In Senate, March 28, 1923.

Senate voted to substitute bill for report and laid on table to be printed under the joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Spencer of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Reading of the Bible in the
Public Schools.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

To insure greater security in the faith of our fathers, to
2 inculcate into the lives of the rising generation the spiritual
3 values necessary to the well being of our and future civili-
4 zations, to develop those high moral and religious principles
5 essential to human happiness, to make available to the youth
6 of our land the book which has been the inspiration of the
7 greatest master pieces of literature, art and music and which
8 have been the strength of the great men and women of the
9 christian era, there shall be, in all the public schools of the

10 state, daily, or at suitable intervals, readings from the
11 scriptures with special emphasis upon the Ten Command-
12 ments, the Psalms of David, the Proverbs of Solomon, the
13 sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer. It is provided
14 further, that there shall be no denominational or sectarian
15 comment or teaching and each student shall give respectful
16 attention but shall be free in his own forms of worship.