

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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**S. P. No. 49**

**S. D. No. 34**

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In Senate, Jan. 28, 1925.

Presented by Senator Wadsworth of Kennebec and on motion by Senator Allen of York was laid on the table pending reference to a committee. 1000 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Wadsworth of Kennebec.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, Providing for a Commission to investigate and Make Report to the Governor and Council to be Transmitted to the Legislature not Later Than February 1, 1927, Relative to the Necessity or Advisability of Changing the Existing Method of Taxing Railroads and Railroad Corporations Operating in the State of Maine.

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*Resolved:* That the Governor, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, a commission consisting of seven persons to investigate the condition and situation of the railroads and railroad companies (except electric street and interurban railroads) operated and operating within the State of Maine, including an examination of their physical,

8 financial and operating conditions, the rate schedules, the  
9 inter-company, branch and leased line relations and the  
10 management thereof and otherwise for the purpose of, and  
11 so far as required in, determining whether or not it is neces-  
12 sary or advisable to enact legislation, designed to afford  
13 relief to said railroads and railroad companies by altering  
14 the existing method of assessing and levying franchise and  
15 other taxes against the same.

Sect. 2. Said commission shall compile a report of their  
2 findings which in such form, such number of copies, and at  
3 such expense, as the Governor and Council shall approve,  
4 shall be filed with the Governor and Council, shall be printed  
5 and shall be transmitted to the Legislature not later than  
6 February 1, 1927.

Sect. 3. The members of the commission shall serve with-  
2 out compensation, but shall be paid their actual expenses  
3 upon approval of the Governor and Council.

Sect. 4. Before entering upon any plan of investigation,  
2 said commission shall submit to the Governor and Council  
3 for their approval, such a plan as they propose, indicating the  
4 scope thereof and the probable cost thereof and shall from  
5 time to time also submit for like approval any changes there-  
6 in or extension thereof.

Sect. 5. Money in such amount as the Governor and  
2 Council shall approve is hereby appropriated for the pur-  
3 pose of paying the expense of said investigation including  
4 the expenses specified in sections two and three hereof, to be  
5 charged to the Contingent Fund.

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# EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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S. P. No. 58

S. D. No. 35

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In Senate, Jan. 29, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Library and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for Concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Allen of York.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, for Double Stacking the State Library.

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*Resolved:* That the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars  
2 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the purpose of  
3 erecting an additional floor of stacks in the Maine State  
4 Library. This amount shall be expended under the direc-  
5 tion of the Trustees of the Library.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

The State Library is urgently in need of more room. The shelving space is exhausted and books are piled on the floor. Much material is so inaccessible as to be nearly useless and there is working room for neither public nor staff.

A floor can be laid on top of the present stacks and additional stacks erected thereon. This would relieve the present congestion.

The Commission on Enlargement of the State House in 1911 in speaking of the new Library quarters said, "The main room is, of course, designed, when properly stacked, to be two stacks high, as before."

The accompanying resolve, therefore, asks only for the carrying out of the plans made fourteen years ago.

There is no doubt but that \$26,000 will be sufficient to complete the work of restacking and making such other alterations as will be required, tentative bids having been received from three of the largest houses in the United States which build library stacks.