

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 333**

S. P. 673

In Senate, March 12, 1929.

Introduced by unanimous consent. Tabled by Senator Spear of Cumberland pending consideration. 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, in Favor of the Adoption of an Address to the Governor for the Removal of Clyde H. Smith, Chas. H. Murray and Edwin T. Clifford.

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Whereas, a letter has been received by the governor of Maine from the former secretary of agriculture in which serious charges, based upon an alleged investigation, are made against a part of the personnel of the state highway commission in which, however, the specifications are indefinite, and

Whereas, as a consequence of said letter the governor has requested the resignation of the entire present state highway commission, and

Whereas, when the integrity of any person is brought into

question in all fairness and justice, he has the right to be heard and face his accusers, and

Whereas, this legislature representing the people of the state of Maine cannot afford to enter hasty judgment,

Therefore, that injustice be done no man, but that a full hearing may be had, be it

Resolved: That both branches of the legislature, after due notice given according to the constitution, will proceed to consider the adoption of an address to the governor for the removal of Clyde H. Smith, Chas. H. Murray and Edwin T. Clifford for the following cause:

Because the said Smith, Murray and Clifford, who hold the office of state highway commissioners, defrauded the state of Maine of forty-five hundred bags of cement which was supposed to have been used in the construction of certain state highways.

Be it further resolved: That the department of agriculture and the department of justice be requested to send to the joint convention which may hear this cause, Mr. MacDonald of the federal road department and also the same investigators who made an investigation into the doings of said commission; that all original data in the possession of Mr. MacDonald and said investigators or which may have been made by them; that said federal departments be requested to transmit to the secretary of the senate of Maine for use before said convention, copies of all correspondence to and from said departments relative to said subject matter.

Be it further resolved: That the secretary of the senate  
2 be directed to issue due subpoenas for the summoning of  
3 witnesses to be present and testify at such hearing upon  
4 the application of either prosecution or defense, and that  
5 counsel be furnished either party.