

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 872

Senate Order

In Senate, March 17, 1931.

Tabled by Senator Carter of Androscoggin pending passage and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

WHEREAS, it appears to the Senate of the Eighty-fifth Legislature that the following is an important question of law, and the occasion a solemn one, and

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives, and is now before the Senate providing for a tax of thirty mills on stock of trust companies and banking institutions, and

WHEREAS, the question of the power of a legislature to enact such a law according to the terms of said bill, under the constitution of this state has been raised:

ORDERED, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court are hereby requested to give to the Senate, according to the provisions of the Constitution in this behalf, their opinion on the following question, to wit: Has the legislature the right and authority under the Constitution to enact a law according to the terms of the following bill, "An Act Relating to Taxation of Stock of Trust and Banking Companies." H. P. 135, L. D.

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