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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

MEMORIAL

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled.

**JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATIVE
TO THE TREATY MAKING POWER.**

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the Ninety-Seventh Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States provides that Treaties made under the authority of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land irrespective of anything in the Constitution or the Laws of any State; and

Whereas, treaties and executive agreements are becoming more commonplace in the relationship between Nations of the World; and

Whereas, treaties and executive agreements are endangering the American form of government and the traditional rights of Sovereign States and the citizens thereof; and

Whereas, we, your Memorialists, do hereby reaffirm our faith in the United States Constitution and the rights, privileges and immunities granted and the form of Government secured by that instrument; and

Whereas, we, your Memorialists, wish to condemn government by executive agreements or treaties with foreign nations to the extent that they conflict with

the provisions of the Constitution of the United States or undertake to make domestic law for the people of the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, recommend to the Congress the adoption of an appropriate amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prevent treaties from becoming internal and domestic law without implementing legislation enacted by the Congress; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State, by registered mail, to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress, to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State, and to the presiding officers for each of the Legislatures in the several States.