

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1907.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of
June 28, 1820, February 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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"STATE OF MAINE,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

"To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have examined the House bill entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 92 of the Laws of 1905 entitled 'An Act to provide for the better enforcement of the laws against the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors,'" and respectfully return the same herewith without my approval.

This bill seeks to repeal that piece of legislation commonly known as the Sturgis Law. I was nominated for and elected to the office of Governor by a political party that in its platform made the following declaration: 'Good citizenship seeks the enforcement of all law at all times; nullification never.' A repeal of the Sturgis law without substituting any similar or equally effective measure takes from the Executive all power to enforce the prohibitory law when necessary and in my judgment protects and encourages the nullification of all law.

I cannot assent to this proposition and therefore I decline to sign the bill.

WILLIAM T. COBB,
Governor of the State of Maine."

March 28, 1907.

AUGUSTA, March 28, 1907.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a list of the Acts and Resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering six hundred and thirty-nine Acts and two hundred and forty-three Resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

WILLIAM T. COBB.