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corporation or body created by the federal government, or pledge any such capital notes or debentures as security for any loan or loans of money from any such officer, board, commission, corporation or body, and may, from time to time, extend, refund or renew any such capital notes or debentures; provided, that such capital notes or debentures may, in whole or in part or to any degree, be subordinated to claims of the depositors or other creditors of any such savings bank or institution for savings, and/or be made prior to the claims or interests of depositors in and to the surplus of any such savings bank or institution for savings; further provided, that no such capital notes or debentures shall be so issued, sold or pledged without the approval of the bank commissioner; and further provided, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed or construed to require the approval by the bank commissioner of the acceptance by any such savings bank or institution for savings of such loans, secured or unsecured, from any such officer, board, commission, corporation or body, or other source, as it may from time to time require in the transaction of its business in the usual course.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency created as recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved December 15, 1933.

Chapter 272.

AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to Acquiring of Stocks, Bonds and Other Securities by Savings Banks, Institutions for Savings, Trust Companies and Loan and Building Associations.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Congress passed an act, approved June 13, 1933, entitled Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, for the purpose of providing emergency relief with respect to home mortgage indebtedness, to refinance home mortgages, and to extend relief to the owners of homes who are unable to amortize their debt elsewhere; and,

Whereas, loan and building associations and trust companies appear to have no authority under the existing laws to accept in exchange for mortgages bonds issued by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation created under authority of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, and

Whereas, such lack of authority is impeding the progress of the work of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in the state of Maine, and preventing the Home Owners' Loan Corporation from saving homes in accordance with the intent and purposes of the Act of Congress, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an

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emergency under the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety,

Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 57, § 28, amended. Section 28 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 28. May acquire and hold stocks, bonds and other securities not authorized by law, to avoid loss. Savings banks, and institutions for savings, loan and building associations, and trust companies organized under provisions of this chapter, may acquire and hold stocks, bonds, and other securities not authorized by law, hereafter acquired in settlements and reorganizations and accepted to reduce or avoid loss on defaulted loans and investments held by said banks, and institutions, associations and trust companies, and may continue to hold such stocks, bonds, and other securities heretofore so acquired, and all other investments lawfully acquired, and shall not be obliged to sell or dispose of the same except at such times and in such manner as will prevent unnecessary loss or embarrassment to the business of the bank, or institution, association or trust company.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency as set forth in the above preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved December 15, 1933.

Chapter 273.

AN ACT Authorizing Loan and Building Associations to Assign or Exchange Home Mortgages for Bonds Issued by Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the existing financial depression has resulted in greatly restricted credit for home mortgage financing, and

Whereas, many home owners throughout the state of Maine, are now in distress with their mortgage indebtedness by reason of such depression, unemployment and other conditions beyond their control, and are thereby in immediate danger of losing their homes by foreclosure or other process of law, and

Whereas, Congress passed an act approved June 13, 1933, entitled Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, for the purpose of providing emergency relief with respect to home mortgage indebtedness, to refinance home mort-