

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1847.

AUGUSTA:

Wm. T. JOHNSON,.....PRINTER TO THE STATE

1848.

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 2.]

HOUSE.

S T A T E O F M A I N E .

RESOLVES relating to the construction of a Rail Road
from lake Michigan to the Pacific coast.

Resolved, That a Rail Road from Lake Michigan to
2 the Pacific coast, is highly desirable, and if practicable,
3 should be constructed. Such a work would open a
4 vast and unbroken wilderness for improvement and
5 cultivation—would unite and bind together the people
6 of the Atlantic and Pacific slopes, by connecting their
7 interests and associations—would extend our com-
8 merce, advance the welfare of our manufactures,
9 and elevate the dignity of man.

Resolved, That in our opinion, the only plan by
2 which so stupendous a work can be accomplished,
3 is to appropriate and set apart the public lands along
4 the line of the same, and to pledge the proceeds of

5 sale, to that object, thus making the sale and settlement
6 of these lands, subservient to this great enterprize.

Resolved, That the plan of Asa Whitney, Esq., of
2 New York, as explained by himself, meets our cordial
3 approval, and we concur in recommending it.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instruct-
2 ed, and our representatives be requested, by their
3 votes and acts to promote said object, by granting
4 the right and power to Asa Whitney, Esq., to con-
5 struct said road, and to pledge the public lands along
6 the line of said work, to erect the same, in such man-
7 ner as will promote and secure the rights and inter-
8 ests of the whole Union, and best serve to accomplish
9 the desired result.

Resolved, That the Governor cause copies of these
2 Resolutions to be furnished to the Governors of each
3 of the States respectively, and also to each of our
4 senators and representatives in Congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 2, 1847.

. ORDERED, That three hundred and fifty copies of the foregoing Resolves, laid on the table by Mr. Hamlin, of Hampden, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk.*