

State of Maine,

Resolved relative to secret political  
associations, &

Resolved, That secret oath bound  
political associations are hostile to a  
republican form of government, des-  
tructive of the rights of minorities, and  
the independence of the citizen, corruption  
of the purity of the ballot box, and become  
"potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious  
and unprincipled men are enabled to  
subvert the power of the people, and  
usurp for themselves the reins of  
government."

Resolves relating  
Secret Societies

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House of Reps.  
March 24. 1856.

Referred to the  
Joint Select  
Comm. on Kansas  
Affairs.

Sent up for con.  
David Dunn  
Clerk

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In Senate, March 24. 1856  
Concurred  
Wm. Clark, Sec'y

Bohnson  
March 29 6.