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**Veto Message: Governor  
1886 (H.329)**

**An act to to legalize the grand list of Newport for the years 1884, 1885, and 1886.**

STATE OF VERMONT  
Executive Department.  
Montpelier, Vt., November 20, 1886

Hon. Josiah Grout,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR: — I herewith return to the house of representatives, without my approval, house bill No. 329, entitled "an act to legalize the grand list of the town of Newport for the years 1884, 1885, and 1886."

An examination and enquiry as to the purpose of the proposed legalization of the grand lists in question fails to disclose any sufficient reason for this legislation and reveals the fact that one of the reasons why this proposed legislation is desired is, for that the listers of the said town did not make oath to these lists on one or more of them. I respectfully suggest that the legislation covered or sought by the proposed act is unwise and would furnish an unwholesome precedent and would furnish listers of the future an excuse for a neglect of a sworn and important public duty.

EBENEZER J. ORMSBEE,  
Governor

**Governor's Veto Sustained  
H.329 1886**

The Governor's veto was sustained in the House:  
**Yeas 6 Nays 142**

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Sources: *Journal of the House*, November 22, 1886 (pages 360, and 377)