

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 17, 1963

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cyr of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
AND SIXTY-THREE

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS RECOMMENDING
FULL DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC POWER POTENTIAL OF
PASSAMAQUODDY BAY AND UPPER SAINT JOHN RIVER.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and First Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the people of Maine throughout the years have supported the concept of developing Passamaquoddy Bay for electric power purposes as indicated by a great number of favorable and sometimes unanimous acts of the State Legislature, and earlier by a statewide referendum that favored Quoddy by nearly ten to one; and

Whereas, the need for vast quantities of reasonably priced power to satisfy the future needs of Maine, the Northeastern States, and the Eastern Provinces of Canada has been established without question; and

Whereas, electric power from Rankin Rapids and Passamaquoddy Bay developed to a magnitude of over one million kilowatts can be very valuable as peaking power and for base load power; and

Whereas, other substantial benefits such as increased numbers of tourists, increased recreational uses of the Bay and River, down stream power benefits on the St. John River, flood control benefits, and much needed construction job opportunities in the site areas will result, now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That this 101st Legislature recommends the full development of the electric power potential of Passamaquoddy Bay and the upper Saint John River together with the required interconnecting transmission facilities be-

tween the projects and the load centers of the Northeast, providing that the final detailed studies now underway by the Department of Interior sustains the finding of feasibility indicated in the preliminary report dated December 13, 1961; and be it further

Resolved: That this 101st Legislature respectfully asks that required action be taken to start the project at the earliest possible time in the most economic and practical sequence of development; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State.