

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 45.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the bridge across Shin Pond  
Stream, in Mount Chase, Penobscot County.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of five hundred dollars  
2 be and is hereby appropriated to aid in building  
3 and repairing the bridge across Shin Pond Stream,  
4 in the town of Mount Chase, to be expended by  
5 some person designated by the Governor and  
6 Council, provided said town of Mount Chase shall  
7 expend an equal sum in cash or labor, and shall  
8 build a bridge with stone abutments.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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The town of Mount Chase is a very poor town and quite unable to rebuild the bridge, which, from estimates carefully made, will cost at least one thousand dollars. There are but fifty-nine polls in the town, and not a rich or even a well-to-do man in it. The last town valuation, including the lands of non-residents, was less than thirty-four thousand dollars. The town has a debt of one thousand dollars.

The bridge is located near the west line of the town, and is used but little by the inhabitants of Mount Chase, but mainly by lumbermen operating on the upper waters of the east branch of the Penobscot and the Sebois, and their tributaries.

The present bridge is built of wood, and is getting very rotten and unsafe for the passage of heavy loads, which must necessarily pass over it; and must, in the course of events, go down entirely within a few years, if not thoroughly repaired or rebuilt.

If it should become impassible, the loss of it would be severely felt by the lumbermen and business men of that section of the county, as well as by the farmers of that whole section, who use it for the purpose of hauling their surplus farm products to the lumber camps.

This bridge was built about twenty-five years ago, and the State appropriated about three hundred dollars in aid of the same. It has been partially re-built once by the town.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 31, 1885. }

Reported from Committee on Ways and Bridges by Mr. FREEMAN;  
ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*