

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 579

H. D. No. 511

House of Representatives, April 3, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Deering from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, in Favor of International Bridge, Van Buren, Maine, St. Leonards, New Brunswick, Combined Immigration and Customs Office.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) to be
3 expended under the direction and supervision of the state
4 highway commission in the construction of a combined im-
5 migration and customs office to be located at the Maine
6 end of the existing international bridge over the St. John
7 river between the town of Van Buren, Maine, and the
8 parish of St. Leonards, New Brunswick.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The federal laws and regulations governing the United States Immigration and Customs Services provide that whenever an international bridge is built over a river or lake forming the boundary between the United States and Canada or Mexico the owner of the bridge shall provide without cost to the Federal Government proper and adequate service buildings at or near the end of the bridge.

The existing building provides two small rooms which were originally intended to serve only the local officers of the U. S. Immigration Service whereas they must now be used by the officials of both the Immigration and the Customs Services. In consequence of this condition the floor space provided is entirely inadequate for the storage of the accumulated correspondence files and the general office room required. This appropriation contemplates the removal of the present building to the opposite side of the road to serve as a storage and Immigration Service office and the construction upon its present site of a building providing separate offices for each service together with a third room to be used by both.