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House of Representatives, March 4, 1949

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carville of Stratton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE to Continue Construction of International Highway.**

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**International Highway; construction of. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$200,000 from the general highway fund to continue construction of the Arnold Trail, a portion of approximately 10 miles of the International Highway, from the lower end of Chain-of-Ponds on route No. 16 to connect with the Canadian highway now under construction; said sum to be expended under the supervision of the state highway commission.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

This appropriation will complete the International Highway from Eustis to the Canadian border. About 14 miles are already completed and this will also facilitate through-traffic out of Maine into the Province of Quebec.

This connection of international highway between the State of Maine and Province of Quebec was promised to the Canadian government by our highway commission some 20 years ago. It was again promised by our highway commission 2 years ago.

A good start was made on this highway last year. Right of way cut and burned for approximately 2 miles beyond improved part of road as it now stands. Drilling nearly completed for entire distance.

Canada will have 3 black top roads merging at Megantic this year, expecting our part of the contract to be finished at the same time, as promised.

One of the above through highways is a Provincial highway crossing Canada from Vancouver and when completed, Canadian officials estimate that 220,000 cars from Canada will cross into Maine each year over this highway.