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Legislative Document

No. 1617

S. P. 622

In Senate, October 28, 1957

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lessard of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Authorizing Preliminary Surveys of Ferry Service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island, and Operational Expenses of Advisory Committee.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, the people of Maine on September 9, 1957 approved an act of the Legislature authorizing ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island; and

Whereas, surveys for such ferry service are essential to determine traffic and other factors; and

Whereas, it is essential that the determination of the traffic and other factors is essential to determine the number, type and size of boats and other facilities required for the ferry service; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Preliminary surveys of ferry service, authorized. Resolved: That the Maine Port Authority be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to make or cause to be made preliminary surveys of the traffic and other aspects of the ferry service between the mainland and the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island. Such surveys shall include but not be limited to determinations with respect to suitable boats, wharves, landing places and other essential ap-

purtenances and the cost thereof and shall also include the traffic aspects of the service; and be it further

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$35,000 to carry out the purposes of this resolve and expenses necessary or incidental thereto and to provide for the actual and necessary operating expenses of the Advisory Committee in the performance of their duties. The money so appropriated shall be a continuing carrying account but any unexpended balances shall lapse June 30, 1959.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The ferry bill as enacted at the regular session provided, subject to voters' ratification, for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the ferry installation.

The immediate task confronting the authority is the employment of engineers, architects, etc., essential for the planning and design of the ferries and the essential terminal facilities.

The purpose of this resolve is to appropriate \$35,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund so as to eliminate the need of a small bond issue. The intent once the expenditure of this small amount as given to the authority such facts and estimates as they may require, then the ultimate amount of the bond issue may have been determined and the bonds issued after this survey work has been completed.

The more exact nature of the contemplated work is as follows:

(1) A determination of the traffic that may be expected between the mainland and the various islands, based on an overall study of the islands, including the present and probable future population, both permanent and summer, and their needs as to passenger, freight and mail service.

(2) The determination of the number, type and size of boats required for these services and of the wharves, landing places and other facilities essential to such service; the estimated first cost of each type of boat, wharf and other facility, and cost of their yearly operation, taking into account the more frequent service required during the summer than in the winter months.

(3) The determination of the location and adaptability for construction of various sites for the necessary ferry terminals, including slips and appurtenances.