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and products, and for the holding of field meetings, and for such other purposes as may be considered advisable and profitable by the executive committee of the association, and for the payment of all expenses incurred in carrying out the purpose of this resolve. An itemized account of all money expended shall be rendered each year to the commissioner of agriculture and upon his approval and presentation of proper vouchers said appropriation shall be paid.

Approved April 4, 1919.

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## Chapter 167.

Resolve, in Favor of the Bank Commissioner for the Administration and Enforcement of Sections Eleven to Twenty-three, Inclusive, of Chapter Forty of the Revised Statutes.

**Bank commissioner, enforcement of law relative to dealers in securities.**

**Resolved:** That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred nineteen be, and hereby is, appropriated to be used under the direction of the bank commissioner for the administration and enforcement of sections eleven to twenty-three inclusive of chapter forty of the revised statutes.

Approved April 4, 1919.

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## Chapter 168.

Resolve, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, as Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution, Increasing the Amount of Bonds to be Issued for the purpose of Building State Highways and Providing for the Building of Intrastate, Interstate and International Bridges.

**Constitutional amendment proposed. Resolved:** Two-thirds of the legislature concurring the following amendment to the constitution of the state be proposed:

**Article IX, § 14, constitution amended.** Section fourteen of article nine of the constitution, as amended by article thirty-five of the constitution, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "and maintaining of" in the sixth line thereof and by adding after the word "highways" in the sixth line thereof the words 'intrastate, interstate and international bridges,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 14. Provision as to maintaining state highways eliminated; intrastate, interstate and international bridges included in exceptions.** The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building state highways,

intrastate, interstate and international bridges, to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion or for purposes of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States; or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

**Article IX, § 17, constitution amended.** Section seventeen of said article is amended by striking out after the word "exceeding" in the first and second lines thereof the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten' and by striking out after the word "exceeding" in the third line thereof the word "four" and inserting in place thereof the word 'five' and by striking out in the fifth line thereof the words "and maintaining" and by adding after the word "highways" in the fifth line the words 'and intrastate, interstate and international bridges,' and by striking out after the word "exceed" in the seventh line thereof the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 17. Bond issue for roads increased from two to ten million; maintenance of highways eliminated; intrastate, interstate and international bridges included in purposes for which proceeds of bonds may be used.** The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within forty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of state highways, and intrastate, interstate and international bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten million dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the state.'

**Date of special election and form of question. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution and the question shall be:

Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing for an increase in the amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state highways and intrastate, interstate and international bridges?

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And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

**Secretary of state to furnish municipalities with copy of resolve. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

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## Chapter 169.

Resolve, Authorizing the Governor and Council to Pay all Outstanding Bills for Material Furnished and Labor in the Construction of Stevens' Cottage at Skowhegan for the Reformatory for Women.

**Stevens' Cottage, Reformatory for women, authorizing payment of outstanding bills. Resolved:** That the treasurer of state shall honor and pay any orders or assignments made by George H. Wilbur & Sons to any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of paying for any labor or materials furnished for the construction of the women's reformatory to the extent of the money now in the hands of the treasurer due and owing George H. Wilbur & Sons on account of such construction. And upon warrant of the governor and council, the treasurer of state shall pay from the state contingent fund the amount of the claim of any person, firm or corporation for labor or material furnished and used in the construction of the women's reformatory for which no order has been made and for which George H. Wilbur & Sons is liable but has failed to pay and by reason of bankruptcy or otherwise is unable to pay. And there is hereby appropriated from the state contingent fund a sufficient sum to meet the foregoing provisions.

Approved April 4, 1919.

## Chapter 170.

Resolve, for the Repair and Construction of Roads and Bridges and for Other Purposes.

**Third class highways, bridges, ferries, claims, etc. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, provided from the unexpended balance of money