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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 551

H. P. 376

House of Representatives, January 19, 1961

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Transfer of Moneys from Eastport-Perry Causeway to Eastport Public Landing and Washington County Development Authority.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the United States Government has appropriated \$595,000 for the construction of a breakwater at Eastport; and

Whereas, the United States Government requires local interests to construct a public landing connecting thereto at a cost of \$150,000; and

Whereas, the United States Government by its Corps of Army Engineers has stated that for construction to be accomplished this year the sum of \$150,000 must be available by April 1, 1961; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Eastport Public Landing and Washington County Development Authority; transfer of money to. The Treasurer of State is directed to transfer to the City of Eastport from the unexpended balance of the moneys appropriated for the Eastport-Perry Causeway, the sum of \$150,000 for the construction of a public landing at Eastport, and the City of Eastport is authorized to accept said moneys for such purposes.

The Treasurer of State is further directed to transfer to the Washington County Development Authority the sum of \$122,750 for the construction of rec-

reational facilities in Washington County, and the Washington County Development Authority is authorized to accept said moneys for such purposes.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The sum of \$275,000 was appropriated at the 1957 legislative session to construct the Eastport-Perry Causeway thus creating a large salt-water pool around which a recreational area was to be developed by the Washington County Recreation Authority. Since then the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, has refused to grant a federal permit because of the adverse effect this causeway would have on waters included in the proposed Passamaquoddy Tidal Power Project. The transfer would permit use of the funds for similar purposes on projects which can be completed in the near future. The intent of the original appropriation was to establish a facility which would aid the failing economy of Washington County. The present proposals would accomplish the same ends.