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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 462

House of Representatives, January 24, 1961

Referred to the Committee on Claims, 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

RESOLVE, in Favor of James E. Woods of Calais.

James E. Woods; compensated. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$6,000 to compensate James E. Woods for damages to his dwelling house and lot as a result of the reconstruction of State Highway #44 in Calais, during the years 1959 and 1960.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Prior to the new construction, Mr. Woods' property was very slightly below the grade. After the new construction his house and lot are 11 feet below the grade. Before any construction work was begun, a right-of-way agent informed Mr. Woods that the grade would be increased not more than one foot and thereupon Mr. Woods signed a release for \$500. After the new grade was established Mr. Woods objected to the Highway Commission and was then offered an additional \$200 and the commission stated this total of \$700 was the original appraisal. The change in grade has placed the Woods' home in a veritable hole. The once attractive home is now a dismal place close under the shadow of the highway embankment. The property, just before the highway change, was of a fair market value of \$10,000 and just afterwards of a fair market value of \$4,000.