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In Senate, November 29, 1961

Reported by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook from Committee on Public Utilities and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating a State Committee on Transportation Needs in Casco Bay.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. State Committee on Transportation Needs in Casco Bay. A State Committee on Transportation Needs in Casco Bay is created. The committee shall consist of 3 members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, 4 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and 4 citizens of Maine to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate the chairman. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 2. Duties of the committee. The committee shall study the present adequacy of public transportation in Casco Bay, and the extent to which improvements must be provided to meet the region's present and future transportation needs.

Sec. 3. Authority of the committee. In the discharge of any duty herein imposed the committee shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and to cause deposition of witnesses, either residing within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the Superior Court. In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of the committee, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of

the Superior Court of any county, or of the judge thereof, on application of a member of the committee, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein. Each witness who appears before the committee by its order, other than a state officer or employee, shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such witness and approved by the secretary and chairman of the committee.

Sec. 4. Report. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 101st Legislature.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$2,000 to carry out the purposes of this act. Said appropriations shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1963.