

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 542

H. P. 369

House of Representatives, January 23, 1963

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Authorizing a Review of Maine Highway User Tax Study.

Maine Highway User Tax Study; State Highway Commission authorized to review. Resolved: That the State Highway Commission arrange to have a review made of the Maine Highway User Tax Study, which study was made by Wilbur Smith and Associates, Consulting Engineers, of New Haven, Connecticut and filed with the Legislative Research Committee by the State Highway Commission on December 7, 1960, the review to be made by the Planning and Traffic Division of the Maine State Highway Commission or by consulting engineers to be employed by the Commission. The State Highway Commission is to file with the Legislative Research Committee a report containing a review of the Maine Highway User Tax Study before November 1, 1964. The Legislative Research Committee is directed to transmit the report, with any recommendations it wishes to make in regard to the review, to the 102nd Legislature before January 15, 1965.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Acting under chapter 98 of the Resolves of 1957, the State Highway Commission employed Wilbur Smith and Associates of New Haven, Connecticut, consulting engineers, to prepare a report in regard to highway financing. This report was filed by Wilbur Smith and Associates with the State Highway Commission in November, 1960. Also in accordance with the provisions of the Resolve, the State Highway Commission transmitted the report to the Legisla-

tive Research Committee which, in turn, made it available to the 100th Legislature in January, 1961.

Since the report was filed, the American Association of State Highway Officials has completed the so-called Test Road Experiment at Ottawa, Illinois and the results in regard to various types of loading of vehicles and the effect on pavement design are available. Furthermore, the Federal Bureau of Public Roads has made certain recommendations to the Federal Congress in regard to highway user costs and benefits. It is believed desirable that the Maine Highway User Tax Study, filed with the 100th Legislature, be brought up to date in view of the additional data in regard to highway costs and benefits which is available from the test road and other sources. The review of the study would be financed from highway funds.