

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 120

House of Representatives, January 14, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Repair Runway of Rockland Airport.

Funds to repair the main runway of Rockland Airport. Resolved: That there is appropriated the sum of \$59,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Aeronautics Commission to repair the main runway of the airport located at Ashpoint, Maine (Rockland Airport), with a like amount of federal funds being available.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Rockland Airport is the main airport servicing the coastal region of Maine between Brunswick and Bar Harbor. It is a terminal for Northeast Airlines. During the summer months, it is used mainly by tourists coming into the area.

Due to the conflict between the airport's custody, location and utilization, no governmental authority either town, city, county, state, or federal government is ready to assume financial responsibility for the airport's maintenance. The airport was built by the Federal Government during World War II. It is located within the Township of Owls Head. The City of Rockland has custody by means of a quit claim deed; however, Rockland claims only 40% utilization of the airport with the surrounding towns and counties being by far the heaviest users. Consequently, the 2 main runways of the airport are rapidly deteriorating. Should a pothole develop in one of the runways which would result in an air disaster to a Northeast airliner during the coming summer season, the tourist industry of Maine would suffer a devastating blow.

The sum of \$118,000 is needed to provide 3 inches of macadam overlay for one runway, together with the necessary drainage facilities and the clearing of approaches. Matching federal funds are available to meet whatever funds the State appropriates for this purpose.