

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 145

H. P. 121

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, to Provide Funds to Convert Ferry Terminal at North Haven.

Funds to convert ferry terminal at North Haven. Resolved: That there is appropriated the sum of \$55,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Port Authority for the purpose of converting the present Maine State Ferry Terminal Dock at North Haven, Maine to a bow and stern loading dock.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

When plans were being made to construct a new dock and ferryboat to service the Island of North Haven, Maine, it was the opinion of the selectmen of the Town of North Haven and the appointed member of the ferry advisory committee, representing North Haven, that a side loading facility to service the new boat would be adequate for the island's needs.

This recommendation was made to the directors of the Maine Port Authority and after much discussion and negotiation the directors of the Port Authority accepted the recommendations of the representatives of the Town of North Haven.

The present method of side loading and unloading at the North Haven terminal poses great danger to the deck forces on the Maine state ferries inasmuch as it is now necessary to reorient the axes of trucks and passenger cars by 90 degrees on the decks of the ferries immediately following loading or just prior to unloading. The latter is a hazardous procedure which exposes the deck force

to peril of crushing between the vehicles and the steel guard rails of the vessels. In addition, the foregoing method of loading and unloading limits the size of the trucks that can service the island community.

Converting this terminal to a bow and stern loading terminal will make for better operating efficiency.

An engineering conversion plan that is acceptable to the Port Authority and to the community has been prepared.