

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Belanger of Madison.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Central Maine Airport at Norridgewock.**

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

**Central Maine Airport at Norridgewock; funds for.** There is appropriated the sum of \$15,500 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Aeronautics Commission for the following purposes at Central Maine Airport at Norridgewock. Such appropriation shall not be available until a matching sum in the amount of \$15,000 is available from the County of Somerset.

Night light system, including	
rotating beacon and power supply	\$12,500
Radio homing beacon	2,500
Unicom radio station	500
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	\$15,500

STATEMENT OF FACTS

**Need:**

1. Low cost air transportation to and from Somerset County.
2. F.A.A. Drawnup Industrial Area would materialize if airport was operational.

3. Fog free airport on natural plateau only 28 miles from Maine's largest ski area, also located in some of Maine's best fishing, hunting and fall foliage viewing area.

4. If 1976 Olympics were to come to this area, Norridgewock would be prepared.

5. Necessary for an "All Season" recreational airport in Central Maine.

6. Norridgewock Airport's 4,000 ft. runways are needed as an auxiliary to all area airports.

**Use:**

1. Small aircraft center.

2. Instruction area for future pilots.

3. Arbor Acres will be using it to fly transportation of poultry.

4. An aid to Eaton Mountain for skiers at Skowhegan.

5. Used by executives of Norrwock Shoe Company, Medway Shoe Company, Kennebec River Pulp & Paper Co., Redmond Industries, W. H. Hinman, Inc., Oxford Paper Co., etc.

6. Used by funeral directors.

7. Coast to coast air freight for industries and manufacturers of lightweight products. The industries would be handpicked for location around the airport.