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H. P. 822

House of Representatives, March 1, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Darey of Livermore Falls.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Providing Funds for Relocating of Maine Central Railroad Tracks in  
Livermore Falls.**

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Town of Livermore Falls from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$30,000 to help defray the cost of relocating Maine Central Railroad tracks to eliminate 2 grade crossings on Maine and Depot Streets. Such appropriation shall be a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1969.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The Maine Central Railroad use and maintain crossings in the Town of Livermore Falls, crossing both Maine and Depot Streets said crossings being within approximately 500 feet of each other, and these crossings are over the principal streets located in a complex area, traffic volumes are heavy, trains using these crossings are serving the International Paper Co. in the adjoining Town of Jay and the Oxford Paper Company in Rumford.

These crossing sites present traffic problems and hazards, a decline in the value of the downtown area and the isolation of fire fighting equipment at certain periods each day caused by the trains which block all exits from the business area, along with numerous ailments.

The recently constructed Androscoggin mill of the International Paper Company estimates its demands for transportation facilities over these tracks to have tripled.

The crossings elimination could be made possible by relocating the main line track so as to by-pass the said business area by utilizing the lower Bridge Street crossing continuing over International Paper Company property, now available, south of Depot Street, and reconnecting said main tracks south of the business area and west of Route 17. In so doing 3 railroad grade crossings would be eliminated, Main Street, Depot Street and Upper Bridge Street. The train crossing Bridge Street would be transferred to the adjacent lower crossing, now existing.