

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1241

H. P. 833

House of Representatives, March 1, 1967

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent up for concurrence and 1,500 copies ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for a Cost-Estimate Study of an East-West Multi-Purpose Highway Through Maine.

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

Sec. 1. East-west multi-purpose highway. The State Highway Commission shall arrange for a cost-estimate study of the following east-west highway construction and the estimated time of completing this system.

This system would consist of a main east-west route and 3 spurs all being 4-lane, double-barreled-limited-access construction of the interstate highway design.

The main route would be from a 4-lane International Bridge across the St. Croix River near the Calais Country Club and proceeding west via Charlotte, Northfield, Deblois and East Holden connecting with a new 4-lane bridge over the Penobscot River which would connect with Route 395. This route would use Routes 395 and 95 as far as a point 1½ miles south of the Pittsfield interchange. It would then proceed west via Skowhegan, Norridgewock, Farmington Falls, Livermore Falls, West Paris, Norway and Fryeburg.

A spur would extend from East Holden to the Mt. Desert Island Bridge.

A spur would extend from Farmington Falls to Rangeley and terminate at the Quebec border in the Town of Bowmantown, which is the northwest corner of Maine. A spur would run from Fryeburg to Gorham and Portland.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is allocated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$1,000 to carry out the purpose of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This road system would do the following :

1. Allow Maine 2 markets instead of one market which we now have.
2. Increase the tourist business of the State by 50%.
3. Save every manufacturer in Maine a minimum of 100 miles on all truck shipments west of Amsterdam, New York.
4. Tie Maine into the fastest growing part of the United States (East-north-central states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois).
5. Create more economic good for Maine than any other way Maine could spend money on development.
6. Allow Canadians a 4-lane road from Montreal to St. Stephens, New Brunswick saving the Canadians 200 miles over their present all Canadian road.
7. Allow Montreal's summer visitors a 4-lane road from Montreal to Portland and the coastal beaches.
8. Increase the year around recreation business for the Rangeley Lake area.