

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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### **RESOLVE, Reimbursing the City of Calais for Housing and Detaining Certain Prisoners.**

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**City of Calais; reimbursed. Resolved:** That there is appropriated from the General Fund out of the District Court Account to the City of Calais the sum of \$7,572 for the purpose of partially reimbursing the City of Calais for its costs incurred in housing prisoners and detainees in its detention facilities who have been arrested at the International Border in Calais.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The City of Calais is in a unique position because of its location on the International Border, it being at a point where people leaving the Province of New Brunswick enter U. S. Route 1 to move south through the State of Maine and New England.

Due to the large increase in drug traffic through this point of entry, the number of persons who have been arrested at the border and who have been detained at the City of Calais facilities has increased astronomically during the last 3 years, the Calais detention facilities being the only facility of this kind within a large area. Obviously, therefore, persons arrested at this point are turned over to the Calais Police Department which must not only guard and feed the prisoners, but in many instances attend to processing the prisoners in the local District Court.

In 1970, there were only 10 arrests resulting in total fines to the District Court of \$1,700. In 1971, the arrests had increased to 98, resulting in a total

of \$11,200 in fines and \$1,605 in court costs received by the local District Court. In 1972, as compared with 1971, the figure had nearly tripled to 262 arrests, most of whom were not Maine residents. As a result of these arrests, the District Court received a total of \$30,025 in fines, plus \$3,500 in court costs, for a total as of January 1, 1973 of \$33,525. Further, at this time there are still 25 pending cases which should produce additional revenue for the District Court.