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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 2160

S.P. 811 In Senate, March 2, 1984

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Danton of York.

Cosponsors: Representative Melendy of Rockland, Representative Cahill of Woolwich and Representative Kane of So. Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Allow the Department of
Transportation to Assume Responsibility for
100% of the Maintenance and Operation Costs
of the Carleton Bridge Between Bath and
Woolwich and to Allocate and Appropriate
the Funds Necessary to Assume this
Additional Responsibility.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Central Railroad Company has indicated that they are losing a substantial amount of money providing service on the Rockland Branch line between Brunswick and Rockland; and

Whereas, a substantial portion of the cost associated with the operation of this line is to maintain and operate the Carleton Bridge between Bath and Woolwich; and

1 All Other \$150,000

2 **Sec. 3. Maintenance; operation costs; contracts.**
3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State
4 is authorized to pay for the cost of maintenance and
5 operation of the bridge, and to enter into contracts
6 with the Maine Central Railroad, its successors and
7 assigns, concerning the sharing of the costs of main-
8 tenance and operation, provided that nothing in this
9 section shall prohibit the State from assuming all
10 costs of maintenance and operation of the bridge af-
11 ter January 31, 1984.

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
13 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
14 proved.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill allows the Department of Transportation
17 to assume responsibility for 100% of the costs for
18 the maintenance and operation of the Carleton Bridge
19 between Bath and Woolwich and to provide the neces-
20 sary funds to carry out this purpose.

21 The Department of Transportation has been ap-
22 proached by representatives of the Maine Central
23 Railroad Company indicating that if the department,
24 in the name of the State, will take over the opera-
25 tion and maintenance of the bridge, the railroad will
26 continue to provide service on the branch for a peri-
27 od of at least 18 additional months.

28 The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of
29 \$100,000 for bridge maintenance in fiscal year 1984.
30 The bill also requires an additional allocation from
31 the Highway Fund for bridge maintenance in fiscal
32 year 1985.

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