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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 (New Draft of S.P. 811, L.D. 2160)
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 2392

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9 S.P.. 884

In Senate, March 29, 1984

10 Reported by Majority Report from the Committee on Transportation and
11 printed under Joint Rule 2.

12 Original bill presented by Senator Danton of York and cosponsored by
Representative Melendy of Rockland, Representative Cahill of Woolwich and
Representative Kane of So. Portland.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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19 AN ACT to Allow the Department of
20 Transportation to Assume Responsibility for
21 100% of the Maintenance and Operation Costs
22 of the Carleton Bridge Between Bath and
23 Woolwich and to Allocate and Appropriate
24 the Funds Necessary to Assume this
25 Additional Responsibility.
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27 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
28 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
29 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

30 Whereas, the Maine Central Railroad Company has
31 indicated that it is losing a substantial amount of
32 money providing service on the Rockland Branch line
33 between Brunswick and Rockland; and

34 Whereas, a substantial portion of the cost asso-
35 ciated with the operation of this line is to maintain
36 and operate the Carleton Bridge between Bath and
37 Woolwich; and

1 Whereas, the continued operation of this line de-
2 pends on relief from the maintenance and operation
3 costs of the bridge; and

4 Whereas, the Maine Central Railroad Company has
5 expressed a willingness to guarantee service on the
6 line at least until 1985, provided that the State re-
7 sumes the responsibility for the cost of maintenance
8 and operation of the bridge by February 1, 1984; and

9 Whereas, the responsibility for the maintenance
10 and operation of the bridge would, upon abandonment,
11 revert wholly to the Department of Transportation;
12 and

13 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
14 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
15 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
16 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
17 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
18 therefore,

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

21 Sec. 1. Allocation. The following funds are al-
22 located from the Highway Fund to carry out the pur-
23 poses of this Act.

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
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25	<u>TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
26	Bridge Maintenance	
27	All Other	\$100,000 \$150,000

28 Sec. 2. Maintenance; operation costs; con-
29 tracts. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
30 the State may pay for the cost of maintenance and op-
31 eration of the Carleton Bridge, and shall enter into
32 a contract with the Maine Central Railroad, after
33 January 31, 1984, for an amount not to exceed the al-
34 location in this bill. The contract may remain in
35 effect with successions and assigns of the Maine Cen-
36 tral Railroad, provided that the State continue to

