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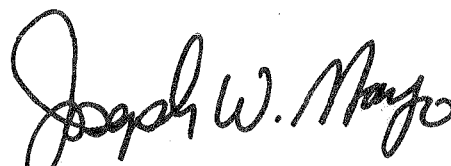
H.P. 309

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Improve the Rail Lines in Washington County and Establish
an Intermodal Railroad Facility.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, DRISCOLL of Calais, LAYTON of Cherryfield.

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

4 Whereas, Washington County is one of the areas of the State
6 most in need of immediate economic development; and

8 Whereas, the port of Eastport could be developed more
effectively if improved rail and other transportation facilities
10 were available; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. Maine Port Authority; Department of Transportation;**
intermodal railroad facility in Calais. The Maine Port Authority and
22 the Department of Transportation shall acquire, develop and
construct an intermodal railroad facility in Calais for the
24 purpose of serving the port of Eastport. For the purpose of
fulfilling the requirements of this Act, the authority and the
26 department may issue bonds and perform any other activities
authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter
28 412, subchapter II, including making improvements to railroad
lines in Washington County.

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
32 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill requires the Maine Port Authority and the
Department of Transportation to establish an intermodal railroad
facility in Calais to serve the port of Eastport.