

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 937

S.P. 272

In Senate, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Improve Washington County's Economy by Promoting
Natural, Historical and Cultural Tourism.**

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield and
Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of
Kossuth Township, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MORRISON of Baileyville, PARADIS of
Frenchville, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SOCTOMAH of Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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

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Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
4 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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2001-02

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CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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Bureau of Parks and Lands

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All Other

\$2,000,000

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Provides state funds to match a \$2,000,000
federal grant to provide assistance in the
16 planning and construction of the Downeast
Heritage Center on the St. Croix River in
18 Calais to promote tourism and economic
growth in Washington County.

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SUMMARY

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This bill appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to
match \$2,000,000 in federal National Park Service funds for the
26 construction of a regional heritage center in Calais. St. Croix
Island on the St. Croix River is one of only 2 international
28 historic sites in the National Park System and was the first
permanent European settlement in the New World in 1604. The
30 heritage center is proposed for completion before the 400th
anniversary of the settlement in 2004.