

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 57.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of Moose River bridge.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of two thousand dollars be  
2 and the same is hereby appropriated for rebuilding  
3 the bridge across Moose river in the county of Somer-  
4 set, the same to be expended under the direction of  
5 the county commissioners of said county, whose ser-  
6 vices while in the discharge of said duty shall be paid  
7 by the county of Somerset.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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Moose River bridge is situated on the State road leading from the valley of the Kennebec through to Canada, and is the only road from northern Maine to that province. The travel both summer and winter is very considerable. The United States mail is carried over this route twice a week through to Quebec.

This bridge was built by the State of Massachusetts in 1817, since which time there has been no direct appropriation by the State for rebuilding or repairing it. The piers, which were built of pine logs, and the main timbers of the bridge are so much decayed as to render the bridge unsafe. Three years ago the Land Agent gave it a careful examination and recommended that an appropriation be made at that time to repair it. A short time after the separation of Maine from Massachusetts, the State of Massachusetts conveyed to the State of Maine a township of land, then known as No. 5, range 2, now called Dennis town plantation, the proceeds of which were to be used in rebuilding and keeping in repair Moose river bridge. About 1831 the above named township of land was sold and the proceeds were expended in erecting the present State capitol.

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 12, 1875. }

Reported from Committee on Ways and Bridges, by Mr. LANE  
of Monson, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*