

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 46.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of bridge in the town of Lyndon.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of five thousand dollars be  
2 appropriated in aid of the construction of a bridge over  
3 the Aroostook river at Caribou village, in the town of  
4 Lyndon, to be expended under the direction of the  
5 county commissioners of Aroostook county.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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The bridge is an absolute necessity, as the old one, upon which Lyndon has expended large sums, is now supported upon trestles which will go out with the ice.

On the opposite side of the river from Caribou village is the terminus of A. R. Railroad, which has cost the town of Lyndon, and for which it is in debt, a very large sum of money, having constructed twelve miles ready for the rails. The town is also in debt on account of large expenditure in construction and repairs of the old bridge.

The large tracts of country west and north west of Lyndon, embracing many towns and plantations, are furnished by said railroad an outlet for surplus products, and enabled to obtain a very much lower rate of freights upon every article they have to purchase outside the county, making several car-loads of freight each way every day. And in order to reach the depot at Caribou, they must cross the river at Caribou. The town is absolutely unable to build said bridge, having become so largely indebted as aforesaid. The length of said bridge is four hundred and twenty-four feet across the Aroostook river, and will probably cost from eight to twelve thousand dollars.

By inducing immigration, and enhancing value of taxable property, said railroad is a very great benefit to the State, therefore, the State should build said bridge, as the towns and plantations cannot be reached to be legally taxed for the purpose.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 26, 1877. }

Reported from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, by Mr. KNOWLES  
of Cambridge, and ordered printed, with Statement of Facts, under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*