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Sixty - Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 89.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE for Repairing Bridge at Fort Kent,  
Aroostook County.

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*Resolved*, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Governor and Council, in repairing the bridge across Fish River, near its mouth, in the town of Fort Kent.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The population of Fort Kent is 1500. Territory, nearly two townships of broken and mountainous surface, with large mileage of roads and constantly new and expensive roads to be opened, with the largest road tax of any town in proportion to the valuation; to wit, \$1,900. The valuation of the town is but \$72,000 with two expensive bridges on Fish river of more than 300 feet in length with many smaller bridges. That more than one-half of our population *live as squatters on proprietors' lands* and pay but a nominal tax. That neither of these large bridges can be dispensed with.

HOULTON, Jan. 10, 1885.

*To the Hon. Legislature of Maine:*

We, the county commissioners of Aroostook, would say that we are well acquainted with the town of Fort Kent and its large and broken territory and great mileage of roads; that nearly all its inhabitants are poor; that they have many miles of new roads to make; that on the St. John River road they have many new bridges to make and keep in repair; that they have two large bridges to build on Fish River, and neither can be dispensed with, and that both must be immediately rebuilt. We know of no town with so small a valuation with so great an outlay for roads and bridges, and we hope the Legislature will grant assistance.

JOHN BURNHAM,  
M. V. HALL,  
JOSEPH D. EMERY.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 13, 1885. }

Reported from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, by Mr.  
GOODWIN; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*