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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 37.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Detroit.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars to the town of Detroit for aid in building a bridge across the Sebasticook river.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 4, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. GOULD of Ken-duskeag from Committee on Ways
and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE
DOCUMENT No. 37.

The town of Detroit is located in the eastern part of Somerset county adjoining the county of Waldo. The town comprises only a half township, has 590 inhabitants and a valuation of \$117,000. In 1888, upon petition of the inhabitants of the town of Pittsfield an agent was appointed by the county commissioners of Somerset county, and under their direction a bridge was built across the Sebasticook river between the towns of Pittsfield and Detroit costing \$8,000 one-half assessed to the town of Pittsfield and one-half to the town of Detroit.

The bridge merely touches an extreme corner of the town of Detroit and is of no benefit whatever to said town but of great value to Pittsfield and the towns in Waldo and Penobscot counties opening up a direct thoroughfare to Belfast and that section. The bridge being of no benefit to the town of Detroit she has for years successfully delayed its construction but is finally by decision of the supreme court of this State obliged to pay about \$5,200, including costs, etc., as her part of said bridge.

Unless relieved by the State, *this* together with the indebtedness of the town and the annual expenditures will make it necessary to raise over \$7,000.00 the coming year, which the inhabitants feel is a grievous burden, since the State is reaping the benefits and the greater part of the inhabitants of said town being farmers in very moderate circumstances and barely able to meet the usual annual expenditures.