

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 136.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Town of Ashland.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars for aid in building a bridge across the Aroostook river in said town, and that said appropriation shall be expended under the supervision of the county commissioners.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Ashland is a small poor municipality in the county of Aroostook remote from railroads and markets and sparsely populated. Its population but little exceeds five hundred, and its valuation but little over \$125,000. The land available for agricultural purposes, is nearly all occupied, and the unsettled, timbered portion is badly burnt, so that there is little prospect of future growth. Within the town are three great streams all of which are bridged and over which bridges must be maintained. Namely, the Aroostook, and two of its largest tributaries, the Big and Little Machias. The Aroostook is a turbid, rapid river, and at the point where bridged is nearly four hundred feet wide. The bridge there, which has been maintained many years by the town, was in great part swept away in the floods of last spring, and the town feels itself unable to bear entirely the great burden of rebuilding. The highway of which the bridge is a part is the old mail route between the towns of Patten and Fort Kent and as a part of such highway is indispensable. At quite a distance from the little village of Ashland, it is more used by and important to the people of other towns and places than Ashland itself.

E. G. DUNN, JR.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 21. 1891. }

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*