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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 83.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in aid of repairing the Bridge across the Narraguagus river in the Town of Milbridge.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for  
2 the year 1897 and five hundred dollars (\$500) for the year  
3 1898 be and is hereby appropriated to aid in repairing a  
4 bridge across the Narraguagus river in the town of Mil-  
5 bridge, said bridge to be repaired under the direction of  
6 the county commissioners of Washington county, and the  
7 amounts herein appropriated is to be paid when the gov-  
8 ernor and council are satisfied that the sum of two thou-  
9 sand dollars has been actually expended for repairs of said  
10 bridge by the town of Milbridge.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In the matter of aid asked for assistance of the town of Milbridge in repairing the "Great Bridge" so called, in said town, the petitioners respectfully represent: That said bridge is eight hundred and seventy-one (871) feet long, and lies wholly within said town.

That it was originally built by the Salt Water Lumber Company for the purpose of holding water by means of flood gates for operating a tide mill erected adjoining said bridge on the lower side.

That said mill being abandoned and removed, the town in the year 1863 purchased said bridge (which hitherto had been used as a toll bridge by said company) and opened it to the public travel.

That the expense of said bridge from that time to the present has been approximately \$25,000, and from the year 1882 to 1896, \$9,615.

That said bridge being the only one across Narraguagus river near its mouth is the main thoroughfare for travel of the shore towns from Bar Harbor, Sullivan, Sorrento, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Steuben, easterly to Machias and the East, on the main county road along the shore.

That there is a length of 600 feet between the draw at the western end and a new iron span at the eastern end, that now needs immediate and extensive repair to the extent of at least \$3,000, to renderit temporarily safe and passable.

That the construction of this portion being of mud and gravel piled upon logs reaching from pier to pier necessitates considerable additional expense in rebuilding same.

That the town of Milbridge has suffered great loss in valuation by the depression and loss of shipping and has now a debt of \$10,000.

That it will require at least \$15,000 to rebuild this portion of the bridge as proposed.

Therefore, for the reasons above stated, and the fact that this bridge is rather for the convenience and use of all the shore towns using this main county road, your petitioners respectfully ask that the sum of \$1,000 annually for the term of five years be granted to the town of Milbridge in aid for the repair and rebuilding of said bridge.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 17, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SALLEY, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

**KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.**