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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 294

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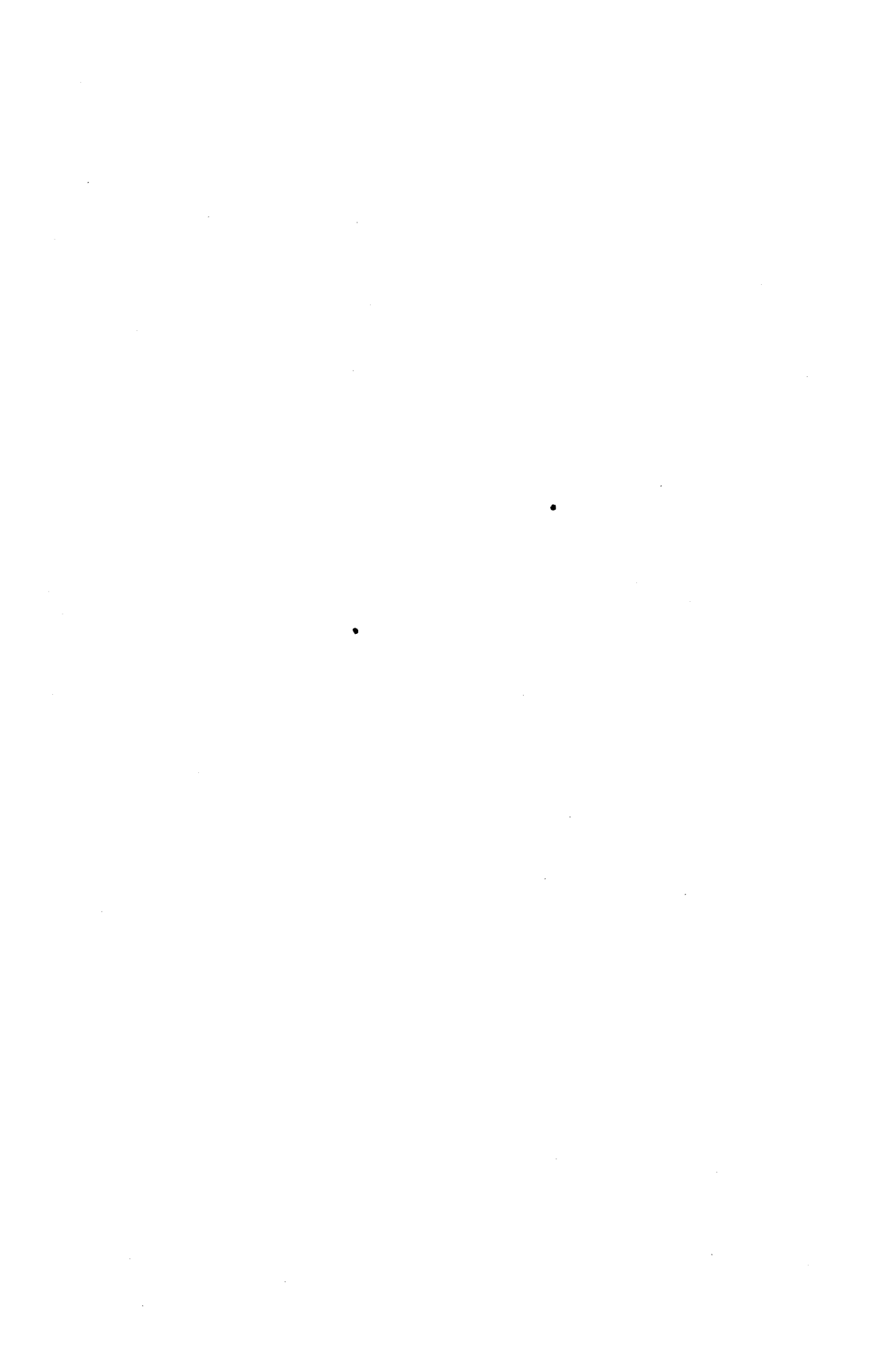
STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in favor of the town of Frankfort, in Waldo
County.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of two thousand dollars to be applied on rebuilding and re-
3 pairing bridges in the town of Frankfort in the County of
4 Waldo across Marsh River in Frankfort.

To be accompanied by a Statement of Facts.



STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF
THE TOWN OF FRANKFORT, JANUARY, 1909.

Valuation in 1901,	\$234,760 00
Valuation in 1908,	285,620 00
Increase in valuation,	50,860 00
Rate of taxation in 1901, 16 mills.	
Rate of taxation in 1908, 26 mills.	
Outstanding town orders, Feb. 15, 1904,	\$4,414 63
On account bridge going away in 1901 was ob- liged to build a new one at the expense of ...	6,000 00
Outstanding town orders, Feb. 15, 1908,	8,494 72
Cost of bridge built in 1908,	4,773 23
	\$13,267 95

The town of Frankfort is situated in the County of Waldo on both sides of Marsh River, across which it is obliged to keep and maintain five bridges, varying from 55 to 350 feet in length.

The town of Frankfort now owes the Belfast Savings Bank \$6,500.00 on which it pays interest at the rate of 5% per annum, for money borrowed to pay for necessary bridges carried away by the freshets of 1901 and 1908.

As shown by the foregoing financial statement, the town has been obliged to raise its valuation above what is a safe figure in order that it may not extend its debt limit.

It is absolutely necessary that the town repair its bridges in the immediate future, as they are now out of repair and the town is running great risk in not repairing them, but owing the close approach to its debt limit cannot do so.

The large bridge built in 1902 is the main bridge across Marsh River, and 85% of the travel across the same is by persons having no interest in the town, being travellers on the way to Belfast, Bangor and all the coast towns and cities. As a guide to the amount of traffic over this bridge, it may be stated that it is covered with 3-inch hemlock planking and it is necessary to replank it each year and largely by reason of the non-resident travel.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 24, 1909.

Reported by Mr. ROBBINS from Committee on Ways and
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*