

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 504

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of Machiasport Bridge.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of five hundred dollars to aid in the completion of a  
3 bridge between the towns of Machiasport and East Machias,  
4 and that the same be expended under the direction of the  
5 trustees of Machiasport bridge.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The so-called Machiasport bridge crosses the Machias river between Machiasport and East Machias. It is about 649 feet long, provided with a draw for the navigation of the river from the sea to Machias. It was formerly a toll bridge paying nothing to its owners. Several years ago it was carried away and there were no conveniences for public travel between the towns of East Machias and Machiasport. All travelers were obliged to go up the river to Machias and thence down the river to Machiasport, a distance of some eight miles.

In 1907 the citizens of Machiasport and of East Machias were incorporated as a bridge company under the name of "Trustees of Machiasport Bridge." The State appropriated eight thousand dollars. The two towns were given authority to raise money for the purposes of the bridge. Machiasport has raised and paid in one thousand dollars. The town of East Machias has voted to raise its one thousand dollars. The amount is not yet paid in but the trustees on their personal responsibility have hired the amount and have expended it upon the bridge.

An additional sum of one thousand dollars is needed to complete the construction. There are quite a lot of piling to be taken out of one of the passage ways and a fill at the end of East Machias Bridge and some finishing work to be done. The trustees report that with the amount asked for they will be able to have the bridge in first class shape. Both these towns are small towns with substantially no manufacturing and the burden of raising this one thousand dollars would be for them comparatively heavy. The town of East Machias has recently lost its mills by disastrous fires, with little or no prospect of rebuilding.

FRED W. THURLOW,  
*Representative.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Augusta, March 6, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*