

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 683

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in favor of the town of Jonesboro.

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*Resolved:* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of one thousand dollars for the repair of the Drisko  
3 bridge in the town of Jonesboro, said sum to be expended un-  
4 der the direction of the State Commissioner of Highways,  
5 Any part of this sum that shall remain unexpended after  
6 necessary repairs are made shall revert to the treasury of  
7 the State.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Jonesboro has many miles of road and several bridges to keep in repair, including two long bridges across the Chandler's River.

The tax rate of the town in 1908 was 23 mills on the dollar.

The rate of expenditures for roads and bridges was above the average.

The Drisko bridge is in immediate need of repairs, and being on the main road between the village, and the Railway Station and other towns on the otherside, is an absolute necessity.

The town is carrying a large indebtedness for the erection of a steel bridge with granite piers recently erected, which indebtedness is being gradually reduced.

The principal business of the town which was formerly the quarrying of granite, and which gave employment to a large number of men, is at a standstill, every quarry in the town being closed down with no prospect of their being opened.

The principal business at the present time, lumbering, gives employment to a small number of men for a part of the year.

The town has never asked for or received aid from the State.

While a much larger sum is needed to repair the Drisko bridge, an appropriation of one thousand dollars would tide the town over the present crisis, until the indebtedness could be reduced and the town be in the position to assume the burden of further repairs.

The bridge in question is a wooden structure, 150 to 175 feet in length, and needs granite piers, new stringers, and planking, for a part of the length.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 18, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*