

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 488

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*House of Representatives, Mar. 9, 1911.*

*On motion of Mr. Pattangall of Waterville, House Doc. 238  
tabled pending receipt of printed Statement of Facts.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE  
RESOLVE NO. 238 IN FAVOR OF REPAIRING MAT-  
TAWAMKEAG BRIDGE.

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Mattawamkeag bridge, spanning the Mattawamkeag river, in Mattawamkeag, Maine, was erected by the United States of America, just before the so-called Aroostook war, and this bridge was a part of the old Military road leading from Lincoln, Penobscot county, to Mars Hill, in Aroostook county. At the close of this war, the United States ceded this Military road to the State of Maine, upon the express condition that the state would ever afterwards keep the way open and in good repair. The state by act of legislature accepted the way upon this condition. As towns were incorporated along the route, they accepted the state's burden of maintenance of the way; but when the town of Mattawamkeag was incorporated, its charter specifically relieved it of any duty to keep this great bridge in repair.

The state has always recognized its duty to maintain this bridge and has ever kept it in repair since it accepted the Military road of the United States government.