

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 139

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Conners of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the Great Northern Paper Company.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated to be
2 *paid to the Great Northern Paper Company the sum of one*
3 *thousand forty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents to reim-*
4 *burse that company for the amount of money, in excess of*
5 *one-half the total amount expended, furnished by it and so*
6 *expended under the supervision of the State Highway Com-*
7 *mission in constructing a bridge across Moose River near*
8 *its mouth in pursuance of chapter 164 of resolves of 1913.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Legislature of 1913 passed the following resolve:

Chapter 164, Resolves of the State of Maine, 1913.

“Resolve, for Aid in Building a Bridge Across Moose River Near its Mouth.”

“*Resolved*, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of four thousand dollars, (\$4,000) to aid in building a bridge across Moose River near its mouth in the township of Rockwood, provided, that the Great Northern Paper Company shall appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the same purpose. The location of said bridge shall be determined by, and the expenditure of both sums of money shall be under the supervision of the state highway department.”

Under the authority of the foregoing resolve a bridge has been constructed across Moose River near its mouth at a location designated by the State Highway Commission and the expenditure of all sums of money has been under the supervision of the commission.

When investigation was made by the engineer of the commission and the Great Northern Paper Company, it was ascertained that a larger sum of money than Eight Thousand (\$8,000) Dollars was necessary to construct such a bridge as the traffic and common convenience required. The bridge as constructed under the supervision and direction of the State Highway Commission with the assistance of the Great Northern Paper Company has actually cost Ten Thousand Ninety-seven Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents. Of this amount the State of Maine has contributed Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars and the Great Northern Paper Company Six Thousand Ninety-seven Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents. The latter now seeks the passage of this resolve in order that the total cost of this structure shall be borne in equal proportions by the State of Maine and the Great Northern Paper Company, viz: State of Maine Five Thousand Forty-eight Dollars and Eighty-three Cents (\$5,048.83), Great Northern Paper Company Five Thousand Forty-eight Dollars and Eighty-three Cents (\$5,048.83).

The bridge itself spans Moose River at a point less than three miles from Kineo Station. An excellent highway has been constructed by the Great Northern Paper Company from

Kineo Station to this bridge. This highway has been laid out by the County Commissioners for Somerset County as a county road. On the other side of the river there is likewise a county road. These two highways are now connected by the bridge. Both bridges and highway are largely travelled by the public. It seems to have been the intention of the Legislature in passing the resolve above quoted to make the State and the Great Northern Paper Company equal partners in the enterprise. Under these circumstances it would seem but fair and reasonable for the state to bear one-half of the expense above Eight Thousand Dollars incurred and to pass the accompanying resolve for that purpose.