

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

---

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

---

---

HOUSE

NO. 78

---

---

*House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro.*

---

---

STATE OF MAINE

---

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

---

RESOLVE in favor of an appropriation for the construction of a bridge across the Taunton River, between the towns of Sullivan and Hancock, in the county of Hancock.

---

*Resolved,* That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars 2 be, and hereby is, appropriated for the year nineteen hun- 3 dred seventeen and a like sum for the year nineteen hun- 4 dred eighteen, for the purpose of constructing a bridge 5 across the Taunton river between the towns of Sullivan and 6 Hancock, in the county of Hancock, such sum to be ex- 7 pended under the supervision of the State Highway Com- 8 mission and upon such site as said commission shall de- 9 termine.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Legislature of 1915 appropriated money for a survey of possible sites for the above bridge. It appears that of several possible sites the one which will probably meet the convenience of the traveling public the best is the site between West Sullivan and Waukeag Station, substantially on the location of the present ferry. The estimated cost of a bridge at this site is \$150,000.00.

The construction of this bridge would save seven miles of travel for all travel going from Ellsworth to the eastern part of Hancock county and any part of the state lying east of it and the same distance for all travel coming west. It would save twelve miles in the distance from Hancock to West Sullivan.

The importance of this bridge may be established from the following statement of automobiles carried across the ferry during the last five years:

1913 .....	599
1914 .....	821
1915 .....	1,101
1916 .....	1,549
	<hr/>
	4,070

This statement takes no account of the local team and foot passenger travel handled by the ferry.

Undoubtedly the construction of the bridge would quadruple traffic at that point.