

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 131

House of Representatives, February 17, 1921.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, Reappropriating Funds Heretofore Provided and
Authorizing New Funds to Pay for One-half the cost of an
International Bridge Between Madawaska, Maine, and Ed-
mundston, New Brunswick.

Whereas, the building of the international bridge between
Madawaska, Maine, and Edmundston, New Brunswick, is an
emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, and

Whereas, the legislature of nineteen hundred and fifteen,
by chapter three hundred and ten of the resolves of that year,
appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars, to be expended
under certain conditions to aid in the construction of the sub-
structure of a highway bridge across the St. John river between

the town of Madawaska, Maine, and the city of Edmundston, New Brunswick, and

Whereas, the legislature of nineteen hundred and seventeen, by chapter eighty-five of the resolves of nineteen hundred and seventeen, provided that said money should remain in the state treasury during the years nineteen hundred and seventeen and nineteen hundred and eighteen to be used for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated during the said years nineteen hundred and seventeen and nineteen hundred and eighteen, and

Whereas, the legislature of nineteen hundred and nineteen, by chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of the resolves of nineteen hundred and nineteen, provided that said money should remain in the state treasury during the years nineteen hundred and nineteen and nineteen hundred and twenty to be used for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated during the said years nineteen hundred and nineteen and nineteen hundred and twenty, and

Whereas, the legislature of nineteen hundred and nineteen, by chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the resolves of that year, authorized the governor and council to provide from the proceeds of the state highway and bridge loan the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amounts above provided, and

Whereas, all of said money was not expended but the major portion thereof remains in the state treasury, now therefore be it

Resolved: That provided the conditions of said chapter
2 three hundred and ten of the resolves of nineteen hundred
3 and fifteen and the conditions of said chapter one hundred
4 and seventy-two of the resolves of nineteen hundred and
5 nineteen are complied with during the years nineteen hun-
6 dred and twenty-one and nineteen hundred and twenty-two,
7 such part of said money so unexpended shall remain in the
8 state treasury during those years to be used for the pur-
9 pose for which it was originally appropriated and shall be
10 available for such use until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
11 and twenty-three, for the payment of bills contracted for
12 the same during the years nineteen hundred and twenty-one
13 and nineteen hundred and twenty-two, to be expended as
14 directed under the said original resolve.

Be it further Resolved: That the governor and council
2 are hereby authorized and directed to provide from the
3 proceeds of the state highway and bridge loan in addition
4 to the above amounts, such sum as may be necessary in
5 addition to the above amounts to pay one-half the cost of
6 the construction of an international highway bridge between
7 Madawaska, Maine, and Edmundston, New Brunswick.

This resolve is contingent upon the Dominion of Canada
2 or the province of New Brunswick making an appropriation
3 to meet one-half the cost of said bridge. All sums provided
4 under this resolve shall be expended under the supervision
5 of and in accordance with plans and specifications approved

6 by the state highway commission. In view of the emer-
7 gency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when
8 approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The resolve originally passed in 1915 provided for one-half the cost of building masonry piers and abutments to support a steel bridge, provided the other half of the cost should be forthcoming from the Dominion of Canada or the province of New Brunswick. On account of war conditions nothing was done. This resolve was revived in 1917 and again nothing was done.

The resolve was again revived in 1919. Complete plans and specifications were made for the bridge—piers and abutments and superstructure—and bids were taken in August of 1920. The bids were all in excess of funds available and no contracts were let. The Canadian Government is prepared to furnish funds for their half of the cost of the work.