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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Apr. 11, 1927.

Reported by Mr. Foster from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of International Bridge over St. John River, Madawaska, Maine-Edmundston, New Brunswick, for a Combined Immigration and Customs Office.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) to
3 be expended under the direction and supervision of the State
4 Highway Commission in the construction of a combined im-
5 migration and customs office to be located at the Maine end
6 of the existing international bridge over St. John river, be-
7 tween the town of Madawaska, Maine, and the city of Ed-
8 mundston, New Brunswick.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Federal laws and regulations governing the United States Custom and Immigration services provide that whenever an international bridge is built over a river or lake forming the boundary between the United States and Canada or Mexico, the owner of the bridge shall provide without cost to the Federal government proper and adequate service buildings at or near the end of the bridge.

The existing building provides only two small rooms which were originally intended to serve only the local officers of the U. S. Immigration Service whereas they must now be used by the officials of both the Immigration and the Customs services. The floor space provided is entirely inadequate for the storage of accumulated correspondence and records and the office space required for the work of the station. This appropriation contemplates the construction of a building approximately of the same design as the building erected at the international bridge in Van Buren in 1925 and will provide separate quarters for each service and ample storage space for documents. The existing building will be connected with the new building and will be used as a detention quarters for the Immigration Service.