

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 290

H. P. 877. House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, for the Erection of an Entrance Gate to the State Park in Commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Laying of the Corner Stone of the State House.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated for
2 the state park commission the sum of thirteen thousand
3 dollars for the construction of an entrance gate to the state
4 park, with steps or other suitable construction leading into
5 the park, on State street, directly opposite the entrance gate
6 to the State House, the same to be erected in commemora-
7 tion of the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the
8 corner stone of the State House.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On July 4, 1829, the laying of the corner stone of the State House was observed with unusual ceremonies and festivity. At ten o'clock on that date a procession was formed at Palmer's Hotel consisting of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the governor and council, secretary of state, commissioner of public buildings, distinguished guests, and a large concourse of citizens of Augusta and neighboring towns. The procession moved under the escort of the Augusta Light Infantry, Capt. Rufus C. Vose, to Capitol Hill, where the corner stone of the State House was laid with imposing Masonic ceremonies. Under the stone were deposited the Constitution of the State; various publications of the day; the coins of the country; and a plate with the following inscription:

“STATE OF MAINE

On the fifty-third Anniversary of the Independence of the
United States,

THIS CORNER STONE

Of a building to be erected for the accommodation of the
LEGISLATURE and EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
of the Government, is laid by the
GRAND LODGE

In presence of Enoch Lincoln, Governor.

ANDREW JACKSON,

President of the United States.

JOHN C. CALHOUN,

Vice President.

JOHN MARSHALL,

Chief Justice.”

The present entrance to the State Park is not in keeping with the dignified and beautiful capitol building and park. For several years the plans of the State Park commission have called for the erection of a new entrance when funds were available.

It is fitting that the one hundredth year of the state capitol building at this spot should be commemorated in a lasting manner. The proposed entrance serves to celebrate the anniversary and to beautify the capitol and park. There will be presented to the legislative committee detailed plans including sketches and financial estimates of what is desired.