

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 653**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1931.

Read and on motion of Mr. Leonard of Hampden, tabled pending passage and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leonard of Hampden.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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ORDERED:

Whereas, the laws of the State demand that the Highway Commission shall file a report with the Governor and Council and the Secretary of State before the 31st day of December of each year,

And, Whereas, no such report has been made for the last two years,

And, Whereas, the report on our State Survey says "The reports of the Highway Department leave much to be desired as a means of public information",

And, Whereas, this Legislature would like the matter cleared up, be it therefore ordered,—That the State Auditor shall audit all the books of the Highway Department so that said Highway Department can be cleared of these charges and receive the confidence of the people.

This audit shall show each year separate, 1929 and 1930.

The cost of all bridges built or being built.

The contract price of each and whole cost when completed,

The engineering cost and cost of supervision for each bridge and other items, if any, that make up the difference between the contract price and the final cost.

The size and kind of bridge and how the cost was shared by state, county and town.

The amount of money expended by the Commission on all roads.

The cost of repairs separate from new construction.

The contract price and whole cost of each job giving the kind of construction and distance built.

The cost of engineering and supervision for each, and other items, if any, that make up the difference between the contract price and final cost.

The cost of that part that deals with motor trucks, cars and machinery. Wages paid; cost of repairs; cost of tires separate, with date of purchase, amount bought, sizes, cost of each size, and where purchased.

And aid the Highway Department in making two good yearly reports.