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Legislative Document

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House of Representatives, February 8, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cowan of Portland.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Creating a Recess Committee on Adjusting Conflicts in the Laws Relating to The Boards of County Commissioners and the State Highway Commission.

Recess committee on revision of certain statutes in regard to the rights, powers and duties of the boards of county commissioners and the board of highway commissioners; and appeals. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, created a legislative recess committee to consist of 2 members of the senate and 3 members of the house of representatives, all of whom shall be lawyers in active practice and who are to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, which committee shall be known as "The Recess Committee on Adjusting Conflicts In The Laws Relating To The Boards of County Commissioners and The State Highway Commission." Said committee shall hold its first meeting at the state house in Augusta, unless some other place is mutually agreed upon, within 30 days after its appointment and shall organize by electing a chairman and secretary.

Said committee shall make a study of the statutes and the decisions of the courts of the state of Maine covering the powers and the duties of the county commissioners and the state highway commission, in relation to the laying out, widening and altering of roads and ways; the methods of

acquiring title to land for highway purposes; the procedure for holding hearings in condemnation proceedings; the making of returns in connection with said proceedings and the making of appeals from the findings of said commissioners; the conflict between the powers of county commissioners and state highway commissioners in defining the boundaries of highways and such other matters collateral or pertaining to any of the above subjects as may in the opinion of a majority of said committee need attention. Said committee shall prepare a written report on the result of its studies and submit said report to the governor and council before December 31, 1940; and shall prepare amendments to the statutes to clarify the law on the subjects in connection with which said study and report are made, which amendments it shall submit to the 90th legislature.

The members of said committee shall receive their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as members thereof, including such reasonable amounts as may be expended by each member of said committee for stenographic assistance, said expenses to be approved by the governor and council.