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Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dorr of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize the State Highway Commission to Cooperate with the Public Roads Administration of the United States in the Construction and Maintenance of Flight Strips and of Certain Classes of Highways, in Order to Facilitate the War Effort.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan, and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, flight strips, roads, and bridges to provide access to military and naval reservations are urgently needed to facilitate the war effort; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. State highway commission to cooperate with commissioner of public roads of the United States; contracts. The state highway commission, upon request of the commissioner of public roads of the United States, is hereby authorized to cooperate with the Public Roads Adminis-

tration in the making of surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates for, and in the construction and maintenance of, flight strips and of roads and bridges necessary to provide access to military and naval reservations, to defense industries and defense-industry sites, and to sources of raw materials, and for replacing existing highways and highway connections shut off from general public use at military and naval reservations and defense-industry sites, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may enter into contracts in any manner approved by the commissioner of public roads for the construction of any such flight strips or roads, or may perform such construction and maintenance work by force account, whether such construction and maintenance work is paid for in whole by federal funds or in part by federal funds and in part by funds provided by the state or any of its subdivisions.

Sec. 2. Duration of act. This act shall remain in force during the present war and for 6 months after the termination of said war.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.