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House of Representatives, March 21, 1947.

Received by unanimous consent and referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Webber of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**RESOLVE, To Provide Funds for Construction and Improvement of
Bangor Airport in Old Town.**

Bangor airport in Old Town; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$35,000 to provide for construction and improvement of an airport, located on land in the city of Old Town, such airport to be owned and controlled by the city of Bangor; and be it further

Resolved: That such appropriation shall be expended under the control and supervision of the city of Bangor; and be it further

Resolved: That the county commissioners of the county of Penobscot be and hereby are authorized to appropriate from county funds for the city of Bangor an additional sum of \$20,000 to carry out the provisions of this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The only available Commercial Airline service to eastern Maine is afforded by the facilities at Dow Field situated in Bangor. The United States Army, who owns and operates Dow Field, have announced the assignment to the field of a group of Jet Propelled Fighter Planes. Policies established by the United States Army prohibit the accommodations of Commercial Airlines at military bases where Jet Propelled Fighter Planes are in operation, and authorities have notified the commercial airline serving eastern Maine that it must discontinue its use of Dow Field by midnight of June 30, 1947. If the city of Bangor and eastern Maine are to continue to have air service beyond that date, facilities must be provided at some other location.

Northeast Airlines, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and the State of Maine Aeronautics Commission agree that the airport in Old Town offers the best solution to the problem of re-location. It is estimated that it will cost \$120,000 to provide for the minimum requirements of commercial air service at this new location. This amount of money will be necessary to provide for the paving of 1 runway, taxiway and parking area; to provide for the installation of runway and obstruction lights, to provide for the construction of a terminal building; and other minor improvements and additions.

The city of Old Town agrees as its contribution to convey title of the existing plant to the city of Bangor. The city of Bangor will undertake the responsibility for providing necessary facilities at this new location and will arrange for the operation and maintenance of the port; but, because this is an area responsibility even more than it is a municipal responsibility, the city of Bangor requests assistance.

It is expected that the federal government will make available matching funds to the extent of \$60,000. The city of Bangor will contribute \$5,000 and request assistance from the state and county as provided in this resolve. If the city of Bangor's responsibility seems modest, consideration should be given to the fact that the city expended \$72,000 of its funds to acquire title to a portion of Dow Field and conveyed that title to the federal government for \$1, thereby sacrificing its investment in the interest of the area.

Federal funds,	\$ 60,000
State funds,	35,000
County of Penobscot funds,	20,000
City of Bangor funds,	5,000
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	\$120,000