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House of Representatives, February 15, 1949

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Thompson of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution for Authorization
of Bond Issue in Favor of Bangor-Brewer Bridge.**

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state is hereby proposed:

Article IX of the constitution amended. Article IX of the constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following section to be numbered section 23 and to read as follows:

‘Sec. 23. The state, under authority of proper enactment of the legislature, may issue its bonds not to exceed the amount of \$3,000,000 payable within 20 years, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4% per annum, payable semi-annually, the proceeds to be disbursed for the building of a highway bridge across the Penobscot river, between the cities of Bangor and Brewer. Said bonds shall be designated “Bangor-Brewer Bridge Bonds,” and when paid at maturity or otherwise retired, shall not be reissued.’

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plan-

tations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature for authorization of bond issue in favor of Bangor-Brewer Bridge?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.