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House of Representatives, March 9, 1949

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Grant of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the New Portland-South Portland Bridge on Route I.

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

Sec. 1. State highway commission authorized to construct bridge. The state highway commission is hereby authorized to construct a highway bridge across Fore river between the cities of Portland and South Portland in the county of Cumberland, with necessary highway approaches thereto, at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000, to be located at the location of Vaughan bridge and to be constructed without a draw and in accordance with plans approved by the War Department of the United States. Said bridge shall be designed to provide 4 lanes for highway traffic. The cost of said bridge, with the highway approaches thereto, shall be defrayed from the joint state and federal funds consisting in part of sums apportioned to the state under the Federal Aid Highway Acts of 1944 and 1948 to the extent of \$1,000,000 and the balance and remainder of such cost shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to an amendment of Article IX of the constitution proposed by a resolve of the legislature, if adopted.

Sec. 2. Vaughan bridge to be removed. The commission shall cause

the existing highway draw-bridge across Fore river known as Vaughan bridge to be wholly removed.

Sec. 3. Bond issue; disbursement of proceeds. From the proceeds of bonds issued by the state of Maine to provide for the construction of highway and combination highway and railroad bridges authorized by the legislature, as embodied in a resolution of the legislature proposing an amendment to Article IX of the constitution, if said amendment shall be adopted, the treasurer is hereby authorized, on warrants issued therefor by said commission, with the approval of the governor and council, to disburse and pay said moneys as are herein authorized for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. The said treasurer is further empowered to issue bonds as authorized by said proposed amendment, if the same be adopted, in such form and in such amounts, not exceeding the total set forth in said proposed amendment from time to time, as the governor and council shall determine.

Sec. 4. Action under provisions of this act contingent upon adoption of constitutional amendment. No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this act unless and until the people of Maine shall have adopted an amendment to the constitution of the state of Maine authorizing the issuing of bonds for the construction of highway and combination highway and railroad bridges as embodied in the resolution of the legislature as aforesaid.