

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 395

In Senate, February 25, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Robbins of Aroostook.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLUTION**

Whereas, building of roads and highways since the inception of our government has been primarily a state responsibility; and

Whereas, every state of the Union has tremendous problems in maintaining, extending and building highways and bridges due to the lack of building program during the war year period; and

Whereas, the federal government has always collected much more than they have sent back to the states for road building purposes; and

Whereas, the costs of building and maintaining roads and highways have increased tremendously; and

Whereas, states have demonstrated they are willing, have, and do cooperate in building the federally designated highways; and

Whereas, the states sensed the responsibility of an integrated highway system as it relates to the national welfare; and

Whereas, the states have demonstrated that they can build adequate highways; and

Whereas, in many instances, many economies can be effected through sole state responsibility of building highways; and

Whereas, because of the foregoing facts and after due consideration, the Council of State Governments in the national meeting December 7, in Chicago passed a resolution supporting this proposition, and the governors' conference in the national meeting in July, 1952, unanimously passed a resolution supporting this proposition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of the state of Maine, that application is hereby made to the congress of the United States to give serious consideration to the question of eliminating the federal gasoline tax and leaving that area of taxation entirely to the states; and be it further

Resolved, that attested copies of this concurrent resolution be sent to the presiding officers of each house of the congress and to each member of the Maine delegation in congress, and that printed copies thereof, showing that said concurrent resolution was adopted by the legislature of Maine, be sent to each house of each legislature of each state of the United States.