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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
97th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to House Order relative to "Report by the State Highway Commission to the 97th Legislature before March 1, 1955 on questions submitted."

Amend said Order by inserting after the word "material" in that part designated "8." the words 'purchased directly by the State, if any,'

Further amend said Order by inserting before the "." at the end of that part designated "9." the words 'where these charges are allocated to specific projects'.

Further amend said Order by inserting before the "." at the end of that part designated "10." the words 'where these charges are allocated to specific projects'.

Further amend said Order by striking out that part designated "11." and "12." and inserting in place thereof, the following:

- '11. Has a record been kept of the particular amounts of regular State funds, bond issue funds and Federal funds that have been expended in each State Project, Federal Aid Secondary and Federal Aid Primary Projects?'

Further amend said Order by renumbering paragraphs "13." "14." "15." "16." and "17." as '12.' '13.' '14.' '15.' and '16.'

Further amend said Order by adding thereto, the following paragraph:

- '17. Give any additional information that the Commission may feel would be helpful to the Legislature.'

So that the said Order as amended shall read as follows:

ORDERED, that the State Highway Commission submit to the 97th Legislature on or before March 1, 1955, in writing, a report providing the information described and answering the questions posed in Items Nos. 1 - 17, set forth herein, with respect to the period of time beginning July 1, 1950 and ending January 1, 1955.

1. Show in a copy of the Accelerated Highway Program the location, extent, cost and original estimates and type, whether reconstruction or betterment, of each improvement accomplished under the bond issue program.
2. Was full advantage taken of all possible Federal Aid available for the accelerated highway program?
3. Was the backlog of Federal Aid Matching Funds completely absorbed in the Bond Issue Program?
4. Was full advantage taken of all possible Federal Aid available for grants and reconstruction for the hurricane disaster of 1954?
5. Outline the department's procedure in arriving at their estimates.

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6. Show the cost of each Federal - State road to the State of Maine and to the Federal Government.
7. Show miles of each and all Federal - State road constructed.
8. Show cost of material purchased directly by the State, if any, and from whom purchased for all Federal - State road projects.
9. Show cost of all engineering for each Federal - State road project and name of engineer in charge of each project where these charges are allocated to specific projects.
10. Show cost of all supervising of Federal - State road projects where these charges are allocated to specific projects.
11. Has a record been kept of the particular amounts of regular State funds, bond issue funds and Federal funds that have been expended in each State Project, Federal Aid Secondary and Federal Aid Primary Projects?
12. Show to what extent the orders of priority for the various counties were adhered to, not only as outlined in the original program but also as reconfirmed in answer to a House Order on April 1, 1953 during the 96th Legislature.
13. Does the department have any regulation in regard to bidders on a contract being related to one another or having any inter-ownership of stock?
14. In regard to the Accelerated Program, how much of the funds originally allocated to their program was diverted to other projects?
15. List the projects where changes in specifications were made by the Highway Department on projects after the contracts had been awarded.
16. A. List all projects either Federal or State that required a second submission of bids in those cases where the initial bid exceeded State estimates.
B. How many of the above resulted in a lowering of specifications or in the letting of partial contracts?
17. Give any additional information that the Commission may feel would be helpful to the Legislature.

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Filed by Mr. Cook of Portage Lake.

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