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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mayo of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT Creating a Committee to Study Effects of St. Lawrence
Seaway on Economy of Maine.**

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

Sec. 1. Committee on St. Lawrence Seaway. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a committee of 3 members, who shall be citizens of the State, and shall designate the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of committee. The committee, in the interests of determining and evaluating the impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the economy of the State of Maine, shall make a comprehensive study of the problem, together with its essential ramifications, including, but not limited to, such matters as overland transportation facilities to the Seaway; projected new port facilities; possible effect on existing Maine ports; markets for Maine products and materials, with regard to goods marketed in the midwest, freight costs and the future use of the Seaway in providing a more economical means of shipment; the future possibilities for processing materials produced in the midwest or central Canada; possible diversifications which the Seaway may stimulate in the future economy of the State, and such other matters as may be useful and necessary in accomplishing the purposes of this section.

The committee shall prepare a report of its activities and findings, including the recommendations made and the reasons therefor; said report to be delivered to the Legislative Research Committee, which shall distribute the same to the members of the 100th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Time of meetings; expenses. The committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than once each month,

for the promotion of its activities. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 4. Expert assistance, employment. The committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional advisors and counsel as in its judgment it may deem necessary within the limits of the funds provided.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 to the committee, to be expended in carrying out its functions. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.