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Legislative Document

No. 1258

H. P. 884

House of Representatives, March 13, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Relating to Non-lapsing Moneys for Construction of Eastport-Perry Causeway-Dam.

Resolves, 1957, c. 164, amended. Resolved: That chapter 164 of the resolves of 1957 be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

'Eastport-Perry causeway-dam; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$275,000 for the construction of a ~~causeway causeway-dam~~ between the City of Eastport and the Town of Perry at the location of the abandoned Eastport Bridge. The construction of the ~~causeway causeway-dam~~ shall be under the direction and supervision of the Bureau of Public Improvements of the Department of Finance and Administration. It is the intent of this resolve that if the sum hereby appropriated is insufficient for the purposes denominated then the project shall not be undertaken and the appropriation shall lapse. The Bureau of Public Improvements, however, is authorized to accept from any individual or corporation such donations as may be needed to complete the project. The City of Eastport or the Town of Perry, or both, shall supply the land necessary for the placement of such causeway.

The moneys appropriated by this resolve shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.'

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the 98th Legislature the sum of \$275,000 was appropriated from the Un-appropriated Surplus of the General Fund for the purpose of constructing a causeway between Perry and Eastport which would provide a substantial warm salt water pool to promote the recreational attractions of the area. Because this structure spans tidal and navigable water, it requires a federal permit before the work may be initiated. In addition, the structure is within the limits of the proposed Passamaquoddy Tidal Power project lower pool. An application for a permit has been filed by the Bureau of Public Improvements with the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, and is currently being processed. Since it appears that the survey report of the Passamaquoddy project will not be available until October, 1959, it is not presently possible to determine accurately what effect, if any, this structure might have upon the proposed power project.

Federal engineers have also raised a question as to whether this structure should be interpreted as being a causeway or a dam. Since actually the structure will be in the nature of both a causeway and a dam, the word "dam" has been inserted in this amended resolve.