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Neither for Nor Against LD 2028

***Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation
the Gordan Clifton Berry, Sr. Bridge***

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Meghan Russo, Director of Government Affairs at MaineDOT. MaineDOT is neither for nor against LD 2028.

MaineDOT considers the naming of bridges, roadways, and other state transportation infrastructure to be within the purview of the Legislature. Simply put, we build them and you name them. Accordingly, we generally do not take positions on so-called "naming bills." However, we usually submit written testimony regarding whether the particular infrastructure under consideration has been named before, and if so what those name(s) are. In this case, we are not aware of any previous legislatively-sanctioned names for this bridge. MaineDOT's current inventory number for this structure is 2841.

Thank you.