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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 914

House of Representatives, March 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

RESOLVE to Reimburse Clifford V. Tracy of Skowhegan for Well Damage by Highway Maintenance.

Clifford V. Tracy; reimbursed. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$1388.80 to be paid to Clifford V. Tracy of Skowhegan for salt damage to his well caused by maintenance on Route 2 in Skowhegan.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Salt used on Route 2 drains into Mr. Tracy's land and this has entered his water supply. In 1965 Mr. Tracy had a well drilled to supply his home with water. Salt entered this well and on a test of June 1966 the Department of Health and Welfare returned a report stating that the water from this well was unsatisfactory for use due to the high chloride content. This well was 100 feet deep. Mr. Tracy attempted to correct this with a water conditioner but the results of this attempt were unsatisfactory. In April of 1967 Mr. Tracy had another well drilled 200 feet from the edge of the highway; this well is 115 feet deep and is cased to a depth of 21 feet; ledge was hit 9 feet below the ground surface. Salt has now entered this well and a report of the water sample dated October 9, 1969, shows 240 ppm and that the water is questionable due to the high salt content. The high salt content has caused the internal coil in the boiler that heats the domestic hot water to leak and has also caused the water storage tank to leak.

Mr. Tracy cannot afford to go to any more expense as he is now paying for 2 wells and still has a salt problem.