

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 372

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the inhabitants of Whitneyville.

Resolved: That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of two thousand dollars to aid the inhabitants of Whit-
3 neyville in repairing the bridge that crosses the Machias
4 river in said Whitneyville; said sum to be expended under
5 the direction of the State Commissioner of Highways, and
6 to be paid upon vouchers satisfactory to the Governor and
7 Council. Any part of the above appropriation remaining
8 unexpended will revert to the State Treasury.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Machias river at Whitneyville is more than three hundred feet in width, divided by a small island.

On the eastern side of said island the stream is about two hundred feet in width, and on the western side about one hundred feet.

The bridge is badly out of repair and a large sum must be expended at once to make it safe.

The bridge affords the only means of travel through or from the town and is therefore an absolute necessity.

The valuation of the property of the town is fully up to the market value and in many instances above it.

The tax rate of the town on this valuation in 1904 was thirty-five dollars on a thousand.

The rate of appropriation for ways and bridges for the same year was six and two-tenths mills or about fifty per cent. higher than the average for the whole State.

This high rate, on a full valuation, only afforded three hundred dollars for all highway purposes, a sum entirely inadequate for repairs of this bridge were it all used there.

The town is heavily in debt for former repairs necessitated by the carrying away of a span of the bridge in a freshet a few years ago.

The town, being utterly unable to build the permanent structure needed, asks for an appropriation of two thousand dollars to be expended under the direction of the State Commissioner of Highways.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 2, 1909.

Reported by Mr. DOBLE from Committee on Ways and
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*