

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 506

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in favor of repairing the road between Patten and  
Trout Brook Farm, in Penobscot County.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum  
2 of five hundred dollars to aid in repairing the road leading  
3 from Patten, in Penobscot County, to Trout Brook Farm ;  
4 the same to be expended upon that portion of the road which  
5 lies between the town of Mount Chase and Trout Brook  
6 Farm, under the direction of an agent to be appointed for  
7 that purpose by the Governor and Council.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

*Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee:*

This road leads from Patten to Trout Brook Farm, a distance of 32 miles, 21 miles of the road from Shin Pond is in the portion for which this appropriation is asked.

In 1907 the people who live along this road and the inhabitants of Patten and adjoining towns presented a petition to Penobscot County Commissioners to lay out a county road over this route. The formal proceedings were taken, notices posted, hearings advertised, and at the proper time the land owners represented by their attorneys, Penobscot County Commissioners and others interested in having a county road laid out, met at Patten and had a hearing. They then took teams and went in over this road to Grand Lake, 28 miles distant. After making this trip there was another hearing held in Bangor. After hearing all the evidence the commissioners decided that it was not possible to locate a county road at that time. There are inhabitants along this road who have large farms, and the State is maintaining a school twenty weeks in the year for the instruction of public who live along this road in the unorganized towns. One of these schools is at Grand Lake, 28 miles in from Patten. At said Grand Lake there is a United States post office and general store; there is also an established mail route over this road from Patten to Grand Lake, or Mataggmon, which is the name of the post office. The mail comes in over this route every day in the week. The transportation that goes over this road in the summer and fall runs up into the hundreds of tons, and that of game takes the third position in the State. and as to fishing, there is no better locality in the State, as the figures given by the proprietor of the Patten House as to the number of fishermen and sportsmen who stopped with him in 1908 on their way in over this road, will show.

You will also note the number of petitioners from Bangor in favor of this resolve, most of whom are prominent lumber

men, wholesale merchants and land owners, also those from Patten, Millinocket and the inhabitants along this road, three-fourths represent the business and lumber interests of northern Penobscot. As I remember, there are over 400 names on these petitions. Annexed to this are statements as to shipments for the last eight years; also statement of H. W. Brawn and N. B. Brawn about transportation of sportsmen.

This road is not, as has been stated by some, just a common woods tote road. Over eight miles of this road the trees have been cleared away to the width of four rods, and there are several turnpike roads in this section. There are, however, two tote roads which extend in different directions 30 miles from Trout Brook Farm and also one from Sebois Farm, 50 miles to Eagle Lake on the Allegash Stream. The petitioners submit that this road is as much used as any road in the State and is entitled to the aid asked for.

I thank you for re-opening this matter, and trust you will decide to report "ought to pass."

STATE OF MAINE.

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,**

Augusta, March 6, 1909.

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

**E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.**