

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 437

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, to aid in the extension of the Kineo road from the  
Smith Farm to the North East Carry.

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*Resolved:* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of two thousand dollars to aid in the extension of the  
3 Kineo road. The same to be expended upon that portion of  
4 the road between the Smith farm and North East Carry at  
5 the head of Moosehead Lake in Piscataquis County, under  
6 the direction of an agent to be appointed by the governor and  
7 council.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The distance from Kineo to the North East Carry at the head of Moosehead Lake is 19 miles. Seven miles of this road from Kineo to the Smith Farm is already built and is now in good condition for teams and carriages. This has been done by the Kineo Company, at an expense of about \$5,000.00 The road has been cut through and partially grubbed out as far as the Ross farm, which is twelve miles from the Smith farm, and the expense for this cutting and grubbing has been borne by private parties.

A very large amount of freight for lumber camps has to be carried from the terminus of the Somerest Railroad to the North East Carry, and hundreds of woodsmen and others will have to travel that way by stages.

While this freight and these passengers can with more or less difficulty be carried by teams on the ice when the lake is frozen over and in good condition, there are several weeks in the months of November and December of each year and also in the months of March, April and May when it is impossible for teams to travel on the lake. Mr. Amos H. Walker who for many years has run stages during the winter months states that since the building of the Somerset road the travel has increased to a considerable extent and that there is now an average of more than twenty passengers per day.

The freighting has also increased very much.

For the months of January, February, March, April and May, 1907, 1,938 passenger tickets were sold at the Kineo Station, and the amount of freight that arrives at that station during the same period destined for the head of the lake and points beyond was 1,342,142 lbs.

This business is increasing to such an extent that it cannot longer be done on the ice without great disadvantages, as there are in the winter months many dangerous places in the ice, mak-

ing travel dangerous, besides submitting passengers and horses to great suffering from inclement weather.

This is a dense forest where there is only an occasional squatter and settler and no one to bear the burdens of building and maintaining highways.

The land owners over which the road would pass would receive practically no benefit from it besides, and to undertake to compel them to build would mean a long, expensive and tedious struggle in the courts with probable defeat in the end.

The road is a public necessity and is demanded by the general public.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

March 18, 1909.

Reported by Mr. HOWES from Committee on State Lands  
and State Roads and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.