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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 395

House of Representatives, March 3, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of Highway in Town of Ripley.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum 2 of one thousand dollars (\$1000) to aid in the repair and per-3 manent improvement of the highway leading in an easterly 4 direction from Upper Mainstream bridge, across the north-5 erly part of the town of Ripley in Somerset county to the 6 town line of Dexter in Penobscot county, provided there be 7 appropriated by the town of Ripley or otherwise, the sum 8 of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the same purpose: both 9 sums to be expended under the supervision of the State 10 Highway Department.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This piece of road is a part of the direct travelled route between Cambridge village and Dexter. It accommodates not only the people of Cambridge, but those of Wellington and the south part of Parkman. Over this route the inhabitants of these prosperous communities must haul all their produce to market and bring back all their phosphate, feed, etc. The road does not go into Ripley village, nor does it afford any accommodation to the people of Ripley.

There is about three-fourths (3-4) of a mile of this road in the town of Ripley for which this appropriation is asked. This road is across a flat meadow, composed of a black muck soil from two to five feet deep, which renders it almost impossible to drain by the ordinary means. For a period in the spring and fall this road is now nearly impassable, which works a great hardship on the people of Cambridge, Wellington, Parkman and Dexter. The town of Ripley is not able financially to make the permanent rebuilding of this road without assistance from the State; and as it derives no benefit from the road, the town feels justified in asking for this assistance.