

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 106

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 10, 1915.*

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

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, favoring an appropriation for widening the turn-  
pike road in Camden and Lincolnville.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) in the year 1915 and  
3 six hundred dollars (\$600) in the year 1916 for the purpose  
4 of widening the turnpike road in the towns of Camden in  
5 the county of Knox and Lincolnville in the county of Waldo,  
6 five hundred dollars (\$500) to be expended in the town of  
7 Camden each year and one hundred dollars (\$100) in the  
8 town of Lincolnville each year, provided said towns shall  
9 respectively raise by appropriation or otherwise an equal  
10 amount for the same purpose; both sums to be expended  
11 under the supervision of the state highway commission.

Provided further that this resolve shall be void and of no  
13 effect unless said town in accepting this appropriation there-

14 by and in consideration thereof shall undertake that all road  
15 material, including clay, gravel, sand and rock, necessary for  
16 the improvement contemplated by this resolve shall be fur-  
17 nished without expense to the state, and that said town shall  
18 assume and pay all damages whatsoever arising from the  
19 taking of land or from the change of grade, drainage or  
20 alignment deemed by the state highway commission as nec-  
21 essary for said improvement. Said way when so improved  
22 shall be thereafter continually maintained under the direc-  
23 tion and control of said commission at the joint expense of  
24 the state and said town; the charge against said town for  
25 maintenance of said way shall not exceed fifty per centum  
26 of the actual cost of such maintenance nor an average of  
27 thirty dollars per mile per annum, and the payment by said  
28 town of its said share of said maintenance shall be enforced  
29 in the same manner as provided in sections ten and twenty-  
30 five of chapter one hundred thirty of the public laws of  
31 nineteen hundred and thirteen. The share of the state in  
32 said maintenance shall be paid out of the fund for adminis-  
33 tration and maintenance created by virtue of section thirty-  
34 three of said chapter one hundred and thirty.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The "Turnpike" road, so called, is the direct road from Centre Lincolnville to Camden, being partly in each town and hence partly in Knox and partly in Waldo counties. It lies between the mountain and lake and in many places is so narrow that two vehicles of any kind on wheels cannot pass each other. The only way to widen this road is by removing ledge and boulders on the mountain side of the road, which is expensive. There is much local business traffic over this road, as it is the main thoroughfare between a large country district and Camden, Rockport and Rockland. It is also an important through road between Camden and Belfast on which automobile traffic is rapidly increasing and in line with state aid road work in the towns of Lincolnville and Northport. The towns of Camden and Lincolnville are unable of themselves to make this necessary improvement, the first named town being heavily in debt and the second named town already having a heavy tax rate. Nor should they be expected to do so, as the improvement would be a great benefit to the whole state.