

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 205

In House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1915.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of rebuilding a road through Lowell's
woods, so-called, in the town of Penobscot.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of
3 rebuilding portions of the road through Lowell's woods, so-
4 called, in the town of Penobscot, provided there be appro-
5 priated by the town of Penobscot the sum of five hundred
6 dollars (\$500) for the same purpose; both sums to be ex-
7 pended under the supervision of the State Highway Depart-
8 ment, and further provided that this resolve shall be void
9 and of no effect unless said town in accepting this appro-
10 priation thereby and in consideration thereof shall undertake
11 that all road material, including clay, gravel, sand and rock,
12 necessary for the improvement contemplated by this resolve

13 shall be furnished without expense to the State, and that
14 said town shall assume and pay all damages whatsoever
15 arising from the taking of land or from the change of grade,
16 drainage, or alignment deemed by the State Highway Com-
17 mission as necessary for said improvement. Said way when
18 so improved shall be thereafter continually maintained un-
19 der the direction and control of said commission at the joint
20 expense of the state and said town; the charge against said
21 town for maintenance of said way shall not exceed fifty per-
22 centum of the actual cost of such maintenance nor an aver-
23 age of thirty dollars per mile per annum, and the payment
24 by said town of its said share of said maintenance shall be
25 enforced in the same manner as provided in sections ten
26 and twenty-five of chapter one hundred thirty of the public
27 laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen. The share of the
28 state in said maintenance shall be paid out of the fund for
29 administration and maintenance created by virtue of sec-
30 tion thirty-three of said chapter one hundred and thirty.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The above section highway is in a very dangerous condition. There is a large traffic over this road, particularly in the summer season, and it is mostly tourist traffic, originating outside of the town of Penobscot. It is agreed by all familiar with these conditions that this is the worst piece of road between Bucksport and Blue Hill.

The town of Penobscot is a very poor town; it has an excessive tax rate and high valuation. It is impossible for the town of its own resources to re-construct this section of road.