

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 309

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*In House of Representatives, Feb. 23, 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, to provide for improvement of highway in the  
towns of Greenwood and Woodstock.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum  
2 of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the year 1915 and the  
3 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the year 1916, to aid  
4 the towns of Greenwood and Woodstock in repairing the  
5 road between the north and south ponds, leading from  
6 Locke's Mills in the town of Greenwood to Bryant's Pond  
7 in the town of Woodstock; provided said towns of Green-  
8 wood and Woodstock appropriate, each, the sum of two  
9 hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the year 1915 and  
10 a like sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, each, for the  
11 year 1916, the expenditure of all money to be under the su-  
12 pervision of the State Highway Commission; and further

13 provided that this resolve shall be void and of no effect un-  
14 less said towns in accepting this appropriation thereby and  
15 in consideration thereof shall undertake that all road mate-  
16 rial, including clay, gravel, sand and rock, necessary for the  
17 improvement contemplated by this resolve shall be fur-  
18 nished without expense to the State, and that said towns  
19 shall assume and pay all damages whatsoever arising from  
20 the taking of land or from the change of grade, drainage  
21 or alignment deemed by the State Highway Commission  
22 as necessary for said improvement. Said way when so im-  
23 proved shall be thereafter continually maintained under  
24 the direction and control of said commission at the joint  
25 expense of the state and said towns; the charge against  
26 said towns for maintenance of said way shall not exceed  
27 fifty percentum of the actual cost of such maintenance nor  
28 an average of thirty dollars per mile per annum, and the  
29 payment by said town of its said share of said maintenance  
30 shall be enforced in the same manner as provided in sec-  
31 tion ten and twenty-five of chapter one hundred thirty of the  
32 public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen. The share  
33 of the state in said maintenance shall be paid out of the  
34 fund for administration and maintenance created by virtue  
35 of section thirty-three of said chapter one hundred and  
36 thirty.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

That part of the highway for which this appropriation is asked traverses a section of swamp land and is nearly impassable for several weeks in the spring. This road is used much by tourists to the White Mountains, is a mail road and is of much greater importance to through travel than to local. For this reason these towns, having a comparatively small valuation and a high tax rate, believe that the State should bear a part of the cost of keeping this road in proper condition.