

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 365

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 25, 1915.*

*Reported by Mr. Besse 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, in favor of repairing the main highway leading  
from the town of Franklin in Hancock county to the town  
of Cherryfield in Washington county.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum  
2 of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to aid in repairing that  
3 part of the highway, leading from the town of Franklin in  
4 Hancock county to the town of Cherryfield in Washington  
5 county, which is located in townships 9 and 10, county of  
6 Hancock; provided that there be raised by said county of  
7 Hancock the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the  
8 same purpose; and said county is hereby authorized and re-  
9 quired to raise the sum herein provided<sup>d</sup> for it to raise, by tax-  
10 ation or otherwise, within two years from the date of the  
11 approval of this resolve: the expenditure of both sums to be  
12 under the supervision of the State Highway Commission.

13 And further provided that said county in accepting this ap-  
14 propriation thereby and in consideration thereof shall un-  
15 dertake that all road material, including clay, gravel, sand  
16 and rock, necessary for the improvement contemplated by  
17 this resolve shall be furnished without expense to the state,  
18 and that said county shall assume and pay all damages what-  
19 soever arising from the taking of land or from the change  
20 of grade, drainage or alignment deemed by the State High-  
21 way Commission as necessary for said improvement. Said  
22 way when so improved shall be thereafter continually main-  
23 tained under the direction and control of said commission  
24 at the joint expense of the state and said county; the charge  
25 against said county for maintenance of said way shall not  
26 exceed fifty per centum of the actual cost of such maintenance  
27 nor an average of thirty dollars per mile per annum, and  
28 the payment by said county of its said share of said main-  
29 tenance shall be enforced in the same manner as provided in  
30 sections ten and twenty-five of chapter one hundred thirty  
31 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen.

The share of the state in said maintenance shall be paid out  
33 of the fund for administration and maintenance created by  
34 virtue of section thirty-three of said chapter one hundred  
35 and thirty.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This appropriation is asked for to extend work already begun on this road under an appropriation granted by the last Legislature. Since the introduction of the automobile this road is very extensively used, it being the most direct road from Ellsworth to Machias, and as it is in unincorporated townships, without the assistance of the state, it is impossible to make and keep the road in a safe condition. This road is about ten miles in length and the amount available to be expended on it annually is less than four hundred dollars. While in the summer time the road bed is in fairly good condition, the road is narrow, crooked and hilly and positively dangerous in many places. The work will be done under the direction of the State Highway Commission.

The appropriation made in 1913 was used for reconstructing the eastern half of this road which at that time was the most dangerous portion on account of Catherine's Hill. It is now planned to reconstruct and make safe the western half of the road, on which nothing was done during the last two years.