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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 627

House of Representatives, March 10, 1915.

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

FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk pro tem.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of repairing road in the Town of Cooper.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for improving a section
3 of state highway in Cooper leading from Cooper Four Cor-
4 ners to Township 19, past Love Lake, and connecting with
5 the "Air Line" road, so-called, in Crawford. Said amount
6 to be expended under the supervision of the State Highway
7 Commission; and provided that this resolve shall be void
8 and of no effect unless said town in accepting this appropria-
9 tion thereby and in consideration thereof shall undertake
10 that all road material, including clay, gravel, sand and rock,
11 necessary for the improvement contemplated by this resolve
12 shall be furnished without expense to the state, and that
13 said town shall assume and pay all damages whatsoever
14 arising from the taking of land or from the change of

15 grade, drainage or alignment deemed by the State Highway
16 Commission as necessary for said improvement. Said way
17 when so improved shall be thereafter continually maintained
18 under the direction and control of said commission at the
19 joint expense of the state and said town; the charge against
20 said town for maintenance of said way shall not exceed fifty
21 percentum of the actual cost of such maintenance nor an
22 average of thirty dollars per mile per annum, and the pay-
23 ment by said town of its said share of said maintenance shall
24 be enforced in the same manner as provided in sections ten
25 and twenty-five of chapter one hundred thirty of the pub-
26 lic laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen. The share of the
27 state in said maintenance shall be paid out of the fund for
28 administration and maintenance created by virtue of section
29 thirty-three of said chapter one hundred and thirty.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Cooper has 35 miles of road, a low valuation and a high tax rate ; in fact the tax rate some years runs considerably in excess of 1% for road purposes alone. The town is unable to keep all of its roads in a proper state of repair. A portion of the highway mentioned above is maintained by the county commissioners and it is thought the appropriation herein provided for will put that section of the road located in Cooper in condition which will compare favorably with the rest of the road.