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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 102

In Senate, Feb. 16, 1915.

Reported by Sen. Conant from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of aid in repairing highway in the town of Otisfield.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the 2 sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) to aid the town of 3 Otisfield in repairing the Coon road, so called, in said town 4 of Otisfield, provided that said town of Otisfield appropriates the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the 6 same purpose; both sums to be expended under the super-7 vision of the state highway commission; and further pro-8 vided that this resolve shall be void and of no effect unless 9 said town in accepting this appropriation thereby and in 10 consideration thereof shall undertake that all road material, 11 including clay, gravel, sand and rock, necessary for the im-12 provement contemplated by this resolve shall be furnished

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The fact that there are more than eighty miles of road in the town of Otisfield, to be maintained by the town, that the town has a debt, and the tax rate is as high as can consistently be stood by the tax-payers of the town.

The Coon road is a much-traveled piece of road two and one-half miles in length, is a direct automobile route to the towns of Naples, Casco and Oxford and the Grand Trunk R. R. station. It is a piece of road over which much lumber and canned goods are hauled, others receiving benefit by traveling this route outside of the town of Otisfield, and is an expensive piece of road for the town to keep up.