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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 301

In Senate, March 10, 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. for aid in repairing highway in the town of Orneville, Piscataquis County.

Resolved. That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the year nineteen
3 hundred and fifteen and five hundred dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and sixteen to aid in repairing the high-
5 way leading from the south line of the town of Milo in the
6 county of Piscataquis to Boyd lake in the town of Orneville
7 in said county. The same to be expended upon that por-
8 tion of the highway which lies between said Milo town line
9 and the point where the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad
10 crosses said highway, all of said portion being within said
11 town of Orneville. The same to be expended under the
12 direction of the state highway commission, provided that

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Orneville has a valuation as follows: real estate \$104,090, personal estate \$22,021, total valuation \$126,111. The number of polls, 85; exempt, 18. The tax rate in 1914 was .025. The town maintains thirty-six miles of highway which is very costly by reason of the hard, stony nature of the soil and its hilly formation. The pauper bills of this town have been very large in past years, and still continue to be. With all the other necessary charges, it is impossible to raise and expend the amount necessary to maintain its highways in the condition they should be to make travel over them safe and comfortable.