

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 429

In Senate, March 23, 1915.

*Reported by five members from Committee on Ways and
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of building a State Road from Jackman
in Somerset County, to Rockwood, on Moosehead Lake.

Resolved, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be
2 paid out of any funds of the state not otherwise appro-
3 priated, the sum of \$22,500, to wit: \$10,000 in the year
4 1915 and \$12,500 in the year 1916, for the purpose of build-
5 ing a state road from Jackman, in the County of Somerset,
6 through Long Pond Plantation, to Rockwood, on Moosehead
7 Lake. This appropriation is made conditional on an ap-
8 propriation for the same purpose being made by the County
9 of Somerset of \$7500, by the town of Jackman of \$3000,
10 by the Long Pond Plantation of \$3000 and by the citizens
11 of Rockwood of \$10,000, which said various sums of money
12 shall be appropriated and raised and placed at the disposal
13 of the State Highway Commission, one-half in 1915 and

14 one-half in 1916; and is further conditional upon the State
15 Highway Commission procuring from the abutting land
16 owners a right of way for said road, free of charge to the
17 state, together with a free use of materials for road build-
18 ing within and along said right of way.

Sect. 2. Provided said road is built, the state shall take
2 over, as a part thereof, a section of road beginning at Tar-
3 ratine Station, and running westerly about three miles, which
4 said road was built and is owned by the Hollingsworth &
5 Whitney Company; and the State Highway Commission-
6 ers shall procure a release of said three miles of road from
7 said company to the state, free of charge to the state, before
8 proceeding to build the road herein provided for; and this
9 appropriation shall be conditional upon said release being
10 given.

Sect. 3. The appropriation herein provided shall be ex-
2 pended under the direction of the State Highway Com-
3 missioners.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This proposed road begins at the town of Jackman and runs easterly through Long Pond Plantation, thence following the Moose River valley to Rockwood, the distance being about thirty miles. From Long Pond Plantation to Tarratine for a distance of about five miles there is a rough road which is impassable at certain periods. From Jackman to Long Pond Plantation there is already a fairly good highway. From Tarratine on the proposed course of the road for about seven miles, there is at present no road. From this point for a distance of two and one-half miles is a good road terminating at Rockwood. It will be necessary to build two forty-foot bridges to complete the undertaking. These bridges are located, one near Long Pond and one where the road crosses Misery Stream. The opening up of this road would be of great value to the manufacturing industries now located at Long Pond Plantation and would be of much commercial value to the people of Jackman. It would also open up a good agricultural country now sparsely settled for lack of proper transportation facilities. It would likewise provide a connecting highway between the main travelled road from western and central Maine to Rockwood on the shore of Moosehead Lake.