

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 32

In Senate, Jan. 24, 1917.

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Oxford and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee and one thousand copies ordered printed.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money to Aid in the Repair and Construction of a State Aid Highway from Westbrook to the New Hampshire State Line through the Counties of Cumberland, York and Oxford and providing for the future maintenance thereof.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the year nineteen
3 hundred and seventeen and the sum of twenty-five thou-
4 sand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen
5 for the purpose of aiding in the repair and construction

6 of the highway leading from Westbrook city line on the
7 main street in Westbrook by way of Mosher's Corner to
8 Gorham Village; thence by way of West Gorham to Stand-
9 ish Village; thence by way of the Watchic Pond road to
10 Steep Falls; thence through East Baldwin by way of the
11 designated state aid road and Cornish Station to Cornish
12 Village; thence through Cornish and Parsonsfield to Kezar
13 Falls; thence through Porter, by way of Porter Village,
14 to the New Hampshire state line at East Freedom to be
15 known as the Ossipee Trail. The sums hereby appropri-
16 ated to be paid from the funds otherwise available for the
17 building of state aid highways and the same, together with
18 the amounts, appropriated by the several towns through
19 which said highway extends to be expended under the direc-
20 tion of the State Highway Commission. Subject to the fol-
21 lowing provisions, restrictions and conditions.

If any town through which said highway extends shall in
2 the years nineteen hundred and seventeen and nineteen hun-
3 dred and eighteen appropriate for the purpose contemplated
4 by this Resolve sums amounting to one thousand dollars
5 or less, there shall be thereby made available for expendi-
6 ture from the sums hereby appropriated an equal amount;
7 if any such town shall in said years appropriate for said
8 purpose sums amounting to more than one thousand dol-
9 lars, up to two thousand dollars, there shall be thereby made
10 available for expenditure from the sums hereby appropri-
11 ated an amount equal to twice the amount of such sums; if

12 any such town shall in said years appropriate for said pur-
13 pose sums in amount exceeding two thousand dollars there
14 shall be thereby made available for expenditure from the
15 sums hereby appropriated an amount equal to three times
16 the amount of such sums, and any portion of the sum here-
17 by appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and seven-
18 teen remaining unexpended at the end of said year shall
19 remain in the treasury and be available for expenditure in
20 the year nineteen hundred and eighteen in addition to the
21 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars hereby appropriated for
22 said year ; but the total amount to be expended for the two
23 years shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars in
24 addition to such sums as may be appropriated therefor by
25 the towns through which said highway extends.

All sums appropriated for the said purpose by the several
2 towns through which said highway extends shall be ex-
3 pended upon the respective portions of said highway lying
4 within such towns, and the amount made available from
5 the sums hereby appropriated, in consequence of the appro-
6 priation made by any of said towns shall be expended upon
7 that portion of said highway lying within such town, pro-
8 vided that, if not all of such amount be needed for the
9 completion of said portion, such sums as are not so needed
10 may be expended upon such other portions of such high-
11 way as in the judgment of the State Highway Commission
12 may most advantageously promote the completion of the
13 entire highway.

Said highway, when so improved, shall be thereafter continually maintained under the direction and control of said commission at the joint expense of the state and the several towns through which said highway runs; the charge against said towns for the maintenance of said highway shall not exceed fifty per centum of the actual cost of said maintenance nor an average of thirty dollars per mile per annum to each of said towns for that portion of said highway located within the limits of said towns; and the payment of the share of said maintenance of each of said towns shall be enforced in the same manner as provided in sections nine and twenty-four of chapter ninety-five of the Revised Statutes.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The highway, for the construction of which this Resolve is intended, is a direct route of travel in a northwesterly direction from the city of Portland to the most convenient point of contact with the New Hampshire system of state highways and when completed would form a direct avenue of travel between the White Mountain resorts and Portland, shorter by many miles as well as of better construction than any route now in existence or in contemplation. It would relieve the Portsmouth-Portland highway to a great extent by opening up an independent line of entry into Maine by way of the White Mountains, which would be certain to result in its use by a very large proportion of tourists either for entering or leaving the state. It would afford a shorter route to Boston than by way of Portland for all points west of Standish. It would also open up to the Portland markets a rich and populous territory of wide extent which is now without convenient means of access, either by trolley or improved highway. The route designated is a little over thirty-five miles in length, substantially one-third of which has already been constructed as state aid road, and the appropriation called for is but slightly in excess of what would be available under the general law, provided there were to be no pro rata reduction as permitted by Section 24 of Chapter 130 of the Laws of 1913.