

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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S. P. No. 25

S. D. No. 19

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In Senate, Jan. 22, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Morrison of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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RESOLVE, for an Appropriation for Rebuilding the Unimproved Section of the Weld Road in the Town of Phillips.

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*Resolved:* That there be and is hereby appropriated the  
2 sum of ten thousand dollars to aid in the repair and re-  
3 building of the unimproved section of the Weld road, so  
4 called, in said town of Phillips.

The expenditure of said sum to be under the supervision  
2 of the state highway department.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

### RE WELD ROAD IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPS.

The Weld road, so called, in the town of Phillips, is on the direct route for summer tourists from the White Mountains to the Rangeley Lakes. In the summer time hundreds of automobiles pass over this road almost daily. The Weld road comes into the main highway from Phillips to Rangeley about two miles above Phillips Village, so that Phillips Village and the town of Phillips derive but small benefit from all of this travel.

The road has been all improved with the exception of about one and one-half miles which commences near the brow of the hill at the Truman Fairbanks place and extends westerly about the distance aforesaid to near the J. Indice Harnden place.

This part of the road is very narrow, extremely rocky and there are several ledges. There is a high bank a great part of the distance on the lower side. It is very dangerous at the present time and especially where there is such an amount of auto travel in the summer time. The physical conditions are such that it is a most expensive road to improve.

The town of Phillips is burdened with nearly one hundred miles of highway, its bridges, not including culverts, if placed end to end would extend a distance of more than one-half mile. It has but little non-resident property and its taxable property is not increasing, while the expense of maintaining its schools and roads has increased during the past few years by leaps and bounds.

As stated, the town itself derives but little benefit from travel over the Weld road. The total tax received from owners of farms along this highway, would but little more than pay for keeping the road open through the winter.