

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 67

S. P. 162

In Senate, Feb. 10, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morrison of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money to Aid in Building a Highway from Eustis in Franklin County to the Boundary Line Between the State of Maine and the Dominion of Canada, at a Place Near the Village of Woburn, in Said Canada.

Resolved:

Section 1. That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be paid out of any funds of the State not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, to wit: Fifteen thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-seven and fifteen thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, for the purpose of building a highway from the town of Eustis in the county of Franklin and state of Maine, through No. 1, Range 5, W.

9 B. K. P., (Jim Pond) ; No. 2, Range 5, W. B. K. P. (Alder
10 Stream) ; No. 2, Range 6, W. B. K. P. (Chain of Ponds),
11 and Coburn Gore, so called, being the gore north of town-
12 ships No. 2 and 3, R. 6, W. B. K. P., to the boundary line
13 between said state of Maine and the Dominion of Canada,
14 at a place near the village of Woburn in said Canada over
15 the location made by the county commissioners of Frank-
16 lin county on petition of J. H. Thompson et als which is
17 now pending in the supreme judicial court for said county
18 of Franklin, on appeal, subject to such modifications there-
19 of, between said termini, as the state highway commission
20 may order. The use of the money so appropriated by the
21 state, for said purpose, is conditional upon the payment into
22 the state treasury by said county of Franklin, for use in
23 the construction of said highway of a like sum of thirty
24 thousand dollars, payable fifteen thousand dollars on or
25 before the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred
26 and twenty-seven, and fifteen thousand dollars on or before
27 the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and
28 twenty-eight; provided that the payment by the county of
29 the installment payable August first, nineteen hundred and
30 twenty-seven, shall make available the state's installment for
31 one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven. This appro-
32 priation is further contingent upon the contribution for said
33 purpose by the owners of lands over which said highway
34 shall pass and of other lands to be benefited thereby of the
35 right of way for said road, free of charge, together with

36 the right to take, without charge, from the right of way,
37 gravel, rock, lumber and other materials for the construc-
38 tion of said road at any place, together with the sum of
39 thirty thousand dollars to be apportioned and paid as fol-
40 lows: by Blaine S. Viles and Matie E. Goodwin, four thou-
41 sand three hundred eighty-four dollars; by Dead River Tim-
42 ber Land Company, five thousand five hundred dollars; by
43 Brown Company, fifteen thousand forty-seven dollars; by
44 Coburn Heirs, Inc., two thousand seven hundred four dol-
45 lars; by Hollingsworth and Whitney Company, two thou-
46 sand three hundred sixty-five dollars, said several sums
47 payable into the state treasury, one-half on the first day
48 of August, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven,
49 and one-half on the first day of August, one thousand nine
50 hundred and twenty-eight.

The appropriations herein provided shall be expended un-
2 der the direction of the state highway commission; and fur-
3 ther improvements and maintenance of said road shall be
4 made under the direction of said commission and the cost
5 thereof assessed and borne as provided for the maintenance
6 of state aid roads in section seventeen, chapter twenty-five,
7 revised statutes, unless and until the same shall be made a
8 state highway; provided that wherever the road is located
9 in an unorganized township or plantation, so much of said
10 expense as would be assessed against a town for a like
11 cost or number of miles shall be borne by the county. The
12 owners of the land over which the road is located shall not

13 be assessed any tax under section sixty, chapter ten, revised
14 statutes.

Sect. 2. The county commissioners of the county of
2 Franklin are hereby authorized to cause payment of the
3 funds which are to be provided by the county under section
4 one of this resolve to be made from moneys in the treasury
5 of the county, or from money raised on the credit of the
6 county for that purpose, or from tax or taxes assessed for
7 that purpose, and to raise said funds on behalf of the county
8 in either of said ways, and the treasurer of the county is
9 authorized to sign its notes and other evidences of indebt-
10 edness and to transmit its funds to the state treasury for
11 said purposes on the written order of the county commis-
12 sioners.

Sect. 3. This resolve, when said land owners accept the
2 provisions relating to contributions by them as provided in
3 section one, shall supersede the aforesaid proceedings now
4 pending in the supreme judicial court of Franklin county.

Sect. 4. This resolve shall not become effective unless said
2 Blaine S. Viles, Matie E. Goodwin, Dead River Timber
3 Land Company, Brown Company, Coburn Heirs, Inc., and
4 Hollingsworth and Whitney Company file their written as-
5 sents hereto with the state treasurer binding themselves to
6 all of the terms hereof, as provided in section one, within
7 ninety days after final adjournment of this session of the
8 legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Franklin County has an area of 1,789 square miles and extends north and south more than one hundred miles. It has 560 square miles of timberlands in its northern section, practically one-third of its area, into which no highway enters. This proposed road passes through several of these townships and opens a route for a large, wealthy and prosperous section of Canada to enter the state of Maine.

The building of a little over twenty-two miles of road from the north line of the town of Eustis to the Canadian border will connect the highway system of Maine with the heart of the Canadian road system, making a thoroughfare from Three Rivers on the St. Lawrence to the Atlantic Ocean.

The elevation from Eustis to the boundary line is less than 250 feet and is a natural location for a highway. There is plenty of good road gravel the entire distance and a good road can be built at a very reasonable expense.

It follows the Dead River to its source, Arnold Pond, passing along the shore of fourteen ponds to the border. It is one of the most picturesque and scenic sections of Maine and its building would be in line with the state-wide movement to develop Maine and advertise its natural resources.

It traverses the route made famous by Arnold's expedition to Quebec, and the historic interest of the Arnold Trail Highway would attract tourists from every section of the country.