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In Senate, February 18, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Butler of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**RESOLVE, Providing for Construction of Highway to Sugar Loaf
Mountain, Franklin County.**

Highway to Sugar Loaf Mountain; appropriation for. Resolved:
That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$15,000 from the general highway fund to construct a road from highway No. 27 to Sugar Loaf Mountain, Franklin county; said appropriation to be expended under the direction and supervision of the state highway commission. Any unexpended balance at the end of any fiscal year shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Sugar Loaf Mountain Ski Club, organized in 1950, has membership from Maine citizens residing in all sections of the state. The club was founded to develop the excellent natural characteristics of the mountain for a major ski area. Sugar Loaf Mountain was selected after a comprehensive survey by the Maine Ski Council. This mountain, situated just

north of Kingfield, at Bigelow, on route No. 27 is 4,237 feet in altitude with a vertical descent of over 2,900 feet. It lies in a snowbelt which has averaged over 110 inches per year.

The development of the mountain has been planned in 3 stages, the first of which has already been accomplished by volunteer work parties and with donated equipment. A winter road has already been cut and ski trails carved through the wooded sections.

This area at the present time is one of Maine's prize natural resources. There is no limit to what it can do if developed further through a chair lift to accommodate not only the skiers but also summer visitors, as this is near the direct route to Canada over the Arnold Trail.

The provisions of this resolve would allow the road to be surfaced and provide for a parking area.