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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1393

H. P. 1164

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to the Committee on Highways sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Roberts of Dexter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Rebuild Part of Highway Route No. 7.

Part of Highway Route No. 7, to be rebuilt. Resolved: That the State Highway Commission be and hereby is authorized and directed to rebuild the incompleted section of Route 7 leading from Dexter to Dover-Foxcroft, beginning at the end of the concrete pavement in Dexter and continuing to the beginning of the improved road leading from Dover-Foxcroft to Dexter; a distance of about 3 miles; such construction shall be completed in the calendar year 1955.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This road is in very bad condition. There are many bad holes and sunken culverts beside it; was more or less damaged when the town installed the sewers in 1954. The ditches are not deep enough and some of the culverts are much too small and overflow during a heavy rain causes the water to flow over the road to depth of 6 to 8 inches in places.

This piece of road lies about half way between Newport and Dover-Foxcroft with a finished road on either end and is a main thoroughfare from the southern part of the State through Augusta, Waterville and Newport to Dover-Foxcroft, Millinocket, Milo and on through to Aroostook county.

Four year ago the State Highway Commission virtually promised to build or rebuild the road from Corinna through to the completed road from Dover-Foxcroft in 2 years; they built only a short section in 2 years, and 2 years later a couple of more short sections, leaving this 3 miles in question unfinished and in a bad and unsafe condition with no assurance that it would be finished within 6 or 7 years.