

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## NINETY - EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 920**

S. P. 350

In Senate, February 21, 1957.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cole of Waldo.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### **RESOLVE, Authorizing Legislative Research Committee to Make Study of Public Ways of the State.**

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**Legislative Research Committee; authorized to study. Resolved:** That the Legislative Research Committee be authorized to make such a comprehensive study of the public ways of the State not covered by the Federal Act, coordinating its activities insofar as possible with federal study; and be it further

**Resolved:** That said Committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional advisors and counsel preferably from the University of Maine, and such clerical and office personnel as its judgment may determine within the limits of funds provided; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the sum of \$15,000 be appropriated from the general highway fund of the State, and that any balance of this fund as of June 30, 1958 shall not lapse but be carried forward into the 1958-59 year to be used for the same purposes, and that the results of the study and investigation of the Committee be completed and available on or before January 1, 1959.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Highway transportation affects the economic and social welfare of every citizen of our State. Several comprehensive and valuable studies have been made to determine Maine's highway needs. The provisions of section 210 of the Federal Highway Act of 1956 require a study to be made by the states in

cooperation with the federal agencies in order to assist the Congress in determining what taxes should be imposed by the United States and in what amounts in order to assure, insofar as practicable, an equitable distribution of the tax burden among the various classes of persons using the Federal-Aid highways or otherwise deriving benefits from such highways.

Only 20% of Maine's total road mileage will be covered by the federal study and similar information with respect to equitable division of highway costs between the various users and beneficiaries of the balance of Maine's roads should be available before any long-range, comprehensive highway financing program is adopted.