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H. R. 137

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 1931

Mr. SUMMERS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To aid the several States in constructing post roads.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the
4 Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921 (42
5 Stat. 212; Code of Laws of the United States, p. 665), and
6 all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and
7 to establish post roads, provide for the common defense and
8 general welfare, there is hereby authorized and directed to
9 be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not
10 otherwise appropriated, such sums as the Congress may
11 from time to time deem advisable to be expended in the

1 improvement of rural post roads over which rural carriers
2 travel in serving the rural routes in addition to those roads
3 now or hereafter to be included in the Federally aided road
4 system.

5 SEC. 2. The sums of money appropriated by Congress
6 under authority of this Act shall be apportioned by the
7 Secretary of Agriculture of the United States among the
8 several States in proportion to the total mileage of rural
9 routes within the respective States and shall be available
10 only when and upon condition that the several States, or
11 subdivisions therein, or both, appropriate and make available
12 an equal sum exclusively for the same purpose. The ex-
13 penditure of all such sums of money shall be made by the
14 highway departments of the several States or by the equiv-
15 alent office or officer thereof, as provided in the Federal
16 Highway Act of November 9, 1921.

17 SEC. 3. That section 6 of said Federal Highway Act
18 is hereby amended, authorizing and creating a third class
19 of highways to consist of both those intracounty and inter-
20 county highways over which passes the United States mail
21 by rural mail carriers, first selecting and improving those
22 roads which shall most usefully and conveniently contribute
23 to rounding out and expanding the system of primary and
24 secondary highways, and to continue enlarging and expand-
25 ing until all rural mail routes shall be improved in the

1 manner decided by the respective State highway depart-
2 ments: *Provided*, That in selecting and improving rural mail
3 roads, as provided herein, due consideration shall be given
4 roads which shall best serve the agricultural needs of the
5 country in obtaining access to the Federal-aid system, the
6 rail and water shipping points, and the markets.

7 SEC. 4. All Acts or parts of Acts in any way incon-
8 sistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
9 and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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