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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 137

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Flint from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, in favor of a fish screen at the outlet of Sebago Lake.

Resolved: That the sum of three thousand dollars be and is 2 hereby appropriated for the screening of Sebago Lake; said 3 screen to be erected at the Presumpscot Power Company's 4 dam; said sum to be expended under the direction of the 5 commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, when the bal-6 ance necessary to construct said screen, as determined by said 7 commissioner, shall have been raised by the citizens and cor-8 porations in the county of Cumberland and paid into the 9 treasury of the state for this purpose; provided, however, if 10 the cost of said screen is less than six thousand dollars, only 11 half of said cost shall be paid by the state.

STATEMENT OF FACTS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FISH SCREEN AT THE HEAD WATERS OF PRESUMPSCOT RIVER:

Presumpscot River is the outlet of Sebago Lake which has connecting waters of Long River, Bay of Naples, and in all twenty-three other ponds. Sebago Lake is one of three natural salmon lakes in Maine and it has a fish hatchery on Jordan's River which empties into Sebago Lake, built and supported by the State of Maine. This hatchery turns out a very large majority of the salmon fry of which a great proportion has been taken for the stocking of all other lakes in Maine. It has been found that in the stages of very high water, at which time the water runs over the dam of the Presumpscot Power Company and through their sluice gates, that the large fish the season following and for three or four successive years, have very largely disappeared, and it is believed as the state has appropriated certain sums for the screening of other lakes in Maine, that the appropriation asked for should be granted.