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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 647

House of Representatives, January 26, 1961

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bussiere of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Relating to Treatment of Lake Sabattus to Eliminate Aquatic Growth.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent an adverse effect upon the recreational industry and general economy of the area around Lake Sabattus; and

Whereas, it is vital that the aquatic growth of the lake be eradicated in the spring of 1961; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Elimination of aquatic growth. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$8,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 to be credited to the Department of Economic Development. Said sum shall be a continuing carrying account for the purpose of permitting the Department of Economic Development to contract or otherwise carry out the work of eradicating aquatic growth from Lake Sabattus.

Such sums as may be made available by any political subdivision of the State may be utilized by the department for carrying out the purpose of this resolve.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Lake Sabattus, situated between Lewiston and Augusta, in Androscoggin County, is in the heart of an important population and recreation area of the State. During the past 15 years there has been an increasing deterioration of the lake's usefulness caused by heavy aquatic growths. The unchecked continuation of this aquatic growth is having an increasingly adverse effect upon the recreational industry of the area, and its general economy.