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No. 534

H. P. 360

House of Representatives, January 23, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Thaanum of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Relating to Treatment of Lakes Sabattus and Annabessacook to Eliminate Aquatic Growth.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and 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 areas around Lakes Sabattus and Annabessacook; and

Whereas, it is vital that the aquatic growth of these lakes be eradicated in the spring of 1963; 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 \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 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 Lakes Sabattus and Annabessacook.

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 and Lake Annabessacook, situated between Augusta and Lewiston, in Kennebec County, are in the heart of important population and recreation areas of the State. During the past decade there has been an increasing deterioration of both lakes' usefulness caused by heavy aquatic growth. The unchecked continuation of this aquatic growth is having an increasingly adverse effect upon the recreational industry of the areas and their general economy.