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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds to Match Federal Funds to Study Chemical and Physical Quality of Water in Maine.

Public Utilities Commission; appropriation. Resolved: That there is appropriated to the Public Utilities Commission from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of $18,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, and the sum of $18,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, to match federal funds from the United States Geological Survey in order to conduct an investigation relating to the chemical and physical quality of water in this State and in order to broaden and accelerate the surface and ground water investigation; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

	1963-64	1964-65
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION		
All Other	$18,000	$18,000.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Need for appropriation this biennium: The U. S. Geological Survey will make available $18,000 in each of the years of the next biennium to be used in broadening the cooperative program of water resources investigations in the State of Maine if matching funds are made available by the State.

Need of the State for the proposed broadening program of water resources investigation: There is little data available on the chemical and physical quality of the water of the State and about $8,000 of this appropriation each year would

be used to conduct a reconnaissance quality-of-water survey, collect and evaluate data, and determine what water-quality problems may exist.

The current surface water investigations are primarily designed to provide data on stream flows of the larger, power-productive streams. The sum of about $7,200 each year from this appropriation would permit expanding this study to include collection and analysis of data on smaller streams with emphasis on the minimum flows to be expected at many locations.

The current ground-water investigation program is budgeted as a one-man operation. The sum of about $2,800 each year would permit the use of part-time help, accelerate the program at a smaller cost per unit of data, and increase usefulness of reports.