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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 191

House of Representatives, January 19, 1965

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kittredge of So. Thomaston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Provide Funds for Construction of a Water Storage Dam Across the Weskeag River.

Appropriation; construction of storage dam. Resolved: That there is appropriated to the Highway Commission from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$23,000 for the purpose of constructing a water storage dam across the Weskeag River at the approximate site of the previous dam authorized by an Act of the Maine Legislature in 1846, or at some other site as determined by the Highway Commission. Any balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1846 the Legislature authorized the construction of a dam across the Weskeag River. In 1931, the State Highway Commission constructed the present bridge across the Weskeag River. During the course of construction of the bridge, it was necessary to destroy the dam and use material from the dam as fill for the approaches to the bridge.

Construction of a water storage dam at the site of the original dam would in no way interfere with the existing bridge but would result in many advantages both to the Town of South Thomaston and the Wild Life Sanctuary presently being initiated by the Federal Government in the marsh area of the Weskeag River.

A few of the advantages of this dam would be a lake approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and almost $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile wide would come into being in an area which is now mostly mud flats at low tide. The lake thus formed would provide a constant source of water available to the South Thomaston volunteer fire department. Also the lake would result in much shore property which would provide both a direction for the Town of South Thomaston to expand and an additional source of revenue to the town.