

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 806

H. P. 604 House of Representatives, February 11, 1971
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ault of Wayne.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Providing for Repair, Maintenance and Operation of State-owned
Dam on Dead River, Androscoggin County.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Androscoggin Dam; repair, maintenance and operation. The State of Maine shall maintain, repair and operate the state-owned dam on Dead River in the Town of Leeds, Androscoggin County, and the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall act as the representative of the State of Maine to oversee the same. Said dam shall be maintained and operated to provide an optimum water level of Androscoggin Lake so as to provide for the protection of property, water quality, flood control and wildlife. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall contract with the Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation for the actual work of repair, maintenance and control of the dam and shall reimburse that corporation for expenses accrued.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$1,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The appropriation shall remain a continuous carrying account until June 30, 1973.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation was founded by a group of citizens concerned with the deteriorating condition of Androscoggin Lake. The aim of the corporation is to improve the quality of the water of the lake

and to protect property and wildlife around the lake. The Androscoggin Dam on Dead River was originally intended to control the water that sometimes flows from the Androscoggin River through Dead River into the Androscoggin Lake. This dam has not been maintained by the State for 10 years and any individual has been able to open and close gates, thus affecting the waters of the lake, as he saw fit. Without proper maintenance, the waters of the Androscoggin River have been enabled to flow around and back through the dam, polluting the waters of the lake. By putting operation of the dam in the hands of a responsible group, it will be possible to insure better quality of the water of the lake as well as protect property and wildlife.