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House of Representatives, March 7, 1995

Resolve, to Put a Moratorium on the Introduction of Largemouth Bass into the State's Lakes.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor. (By Request)

Sec. 1. Study of introduction of largemouth bass into lakes.
2 Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall conduct a 6-year study on the effects on other species of fish of the introduction of largemouth bass into Maine lakes; and be it further

Sec. 2. Moratorium on introduction of largemouth bass into lakes.
8 Resolved: That there is a 6-year moratorium on the introduction of largemouth bass into Maine lakes, commencing from the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

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12 Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report its recommendations along 14 with any necessary implementing legislation to the 120th Legislature on or before October 15, 2001; and be it further

Sec. 4. Resumption of introduction of largemouth bass into lakes.
18 Resolved: That, following the expiration of the moratorium, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may introduce
20 largemouth bass into those lakes for which the study found no adverse effects on other fish species caused by that introduction.
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STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve imposes a 6-year moratorium on the introduction of largemouth bass into Maine lakes. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a 6-year study on the effects on other species of fish of the introduction of largemouth bass into Maine lakes. The resolve provides that once the moratorium expires, largemouth bass may only be introduced into those lakes where the study found no adverse effects will result from the introduction.