

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 284.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT relating to use of Purse and Drag Seines in state
waters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

- SECTION 1. Chapter 249 of the acts of 1893 relating to
2 use of purse and drag seines in state waters is hereby
3 repealed.

SECT. 2. The taking of mackerel, herring, shad, por-
2 gies or menhaden and the fishing thereof by the use of
3 purse and drag seines is prohibited in all small bays, inlets,
4 harbors or weirs where any entrance to the same or any
5 part thereof from land to land is not more than three nau-
6 tical miles in width, under penalty upon master or person

7 in charge of such seines or upon owners of any vessel or
8 seines employed in such unlawful fishing of not less than
9 three hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars,
10 to be recovered by indictment or action of debt, one-fourth
11 penalty to complainant or prosecutor and three-fourths to
12 county in which proceedings are commenced, and there
13 shall be a lien upon the vessels, steamers, boats and appa-
14 ratus used in such unlawful pursuit, until said penalty with
15 costs of prosecution is paid ; but a net for meshing mack-
16 erel or porgies of not more than one hundred meshes in
17 depth and a net for meshing herring of not more than one
18 hundred and seventy meshes in depth and a net for mesh-
19 ing shad of not more than seventy-five meshes in depth
20 shall not be deemed a seine ; and it shall be lawful to take
21 shad and alewives in the Androscoggin river and in Merry-
22 meeting bay from April 1st to June 15th in each year, by
23 the use of drag seines, not more than fifty fathoms in
24 length, and of not more than fifty meshes in depth.

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STATE OF MAINE.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled :

The undersigned, legal voters of the town of Dresden, respectfully pray for the repeal of chapter 249, Laws of 1893, believing that the deep seining in the bays and harbors of our coast results in great destruction of food fishes, and is inimical to the best interests of the people of the state.

Orrin McFadden, Albert Kelly, Elbridge McFadden, J. W. Sheldon, John W. White, Horatio C. Murch, Wilbur F. Cate, C. H. Segars, Sanford Stilphen, Joshua Stilphen, Knowles Knowles, William B. Gahan, David A. Cate, Orrin L. Ham, John Siegars, E. A. Siegars, L. W. Carlton, Asa Mayers, C. M. Shaw, John H. Mayers, W. B. Harrington, L. D. Stilphen, Seth D. Houdlette, Frank S. Hall, Gustavus A. Barker, Charles G. Hall, E. F. Rittal, C. A. Foster, Edwin M. Trafton, Henry G. Gray, L. L. Cromwell, J. D. Groves, Geo. H. Parris, N. F. Leeman, Frank Rittal, E. F. Houdlette, D. N. Morgan, C. E. Chism, Fred L. White, F. P. Robbins, H. C. Hatch, Fred B. Reed, Fred P. Carleton, Frank Turner, J. M. Stilphen, W. S. Blinn, E. W. Hall, Llewellyn Rittal, Wm. Brannen, W. L. Pushard, E. B. Meserve, James T. White, E. W. Moody, F. H. Call, G. E. Goodwin, C. H. Barker, E. E. Maxcy, W. E. Wyers, A. I. Tibbetts, Edgar E. Lowell, Laforest Lowell, Philip R. Pushard, Barker Perry, A. Brown, Alexander Meservey, F. H. Segars, David W. Sheldon.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of the Committee on Shore Fisheries to whom was referred the petition of Orin McFadden and others asking for repeal of chapter 249, laws of 1893, relating to the use of purse drag seines, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill which is herewith submitted, entitled "An Act relating to the use of purse and drag seines in state waters."

JOHN O. PATTEN.

MAJORITY REPORT.

The majority of the Committee on Shore Fisheries to whom was referred the petition of Orin McFadden and others asking for repeal of chapter 249, laws of 1893 relating to the use of purse and drag seines, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

ALONZO R. NICKERSON,
H. PRESCOTT,
E. P. SPOFFORD,
H. T. CROCKETT,
E. B. RODICK,
WARREN SAWYER,
A. M. WELCH,
SAMUEL ROSS,
A. G. BLACK.

 STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 6, 1895.

Tabled, pending acceptance of either report, and with bill accompanying ordered printed, on motion of Mr. PATTEN of Bath.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*