

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 207.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in aid of navigation on Moosehead Lake.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby
2 appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the
3 state steamboat inspectors in placing buoys at such points
4 in Moosehead lake as will best serve the needs of naviga-
5 tion thereon. Any part of this appropriation unexpended
6 in two years from the date of the passage of this resolve
7 shall revert back to the state.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Moosehead lake is forty miles long and from two to eighteen miles wide, with a shore line several hundred miles in length. It has on its eastern shore one of the largest sportsmen's hotels in Maine and at its foot another with many other small ones around it. It is the center of an immense sporting and lumbering business. There are now eleven licensed steamers employed thereon with a tonnage of six hundred and sixty-nine tons. Thousands of passengers and thousands of tons of freight are carried by them yearly; and in round numbers, one-half of the annual cut of logs on Kennebec waters are towed by them to the outlet. Sporting and logging combine in requiring the frequent presence of the boats in all the bays and coves and along the shore around the entire lake. Rocks and shoals abound so that it is impossible to remember them all, and boats are continually getting aground and requiring to be pulled off by other boats; causing much delay, damage to property, and risk to human life. The greater part of which can be prevented by a judicious expenditure of the amount named in the resolve.

STATE OF MAINE

IN SENATE, March 8, 1895.

Reported by Mr. MARSTON, from Committee on Interior Waters,
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*