

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 293.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for Improvement of Songo and Chute rivers.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) 2 is hereby appropriated for the purposes of dredging, con- 3 structing jetties or breakwaters and otherwise improving and 4 rendering navigable, throughout the entire season, those parts 5 of the interior waterway, in the Sebago lake steamboat 6 route, known as Chute's river, situated between Long lake 7 and the bay of Naples, in the town of Naples, county of Cum- 8 berland, and at the source and mouth of Songo river, which 9 connects the bay of Naples and Sebago lake, in said town and 10 county.

The expenditure of such appropriation, shall be under the 12 direction of the county commissioners of Cumberland county,

13 who shall employ a competent civil engineer to plan and sup-
14 erwise the work.

Provided, however, that no money shall be paid by the State,
16 until the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) shall have been
17 expended upon the improvements of said Songo and Chute
18 rivers.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The natural water route of which the Songo river is a part, consists of Sebago lake, the Songo river, the Bay of Naples, Chute's river, and Long lake. It is surrounded by the towns of Harrison, Naples, Casco, Raymond and Sebago, having a population of over 4,000 according to the last census, and extends a distance of thirty miles, to the northern limit of Cumberland county. The towns of Waterford, Stoneham and Sweden in southern Oxford county, with a population of some twenty-five hundred, find a natural outlet by this route.

The chief source of income to the people of this section, is from summer travel. This is greatly hindered and retarded by the fact that the season for travel by water route is shortened from four to six weeks at the most delightful and enjoyable time of year, because the water at the mouth of the river becomes too shallow for navigation.

The purpose of this resolve is to appropriate money to deepen the water to a sufficient depth to allow boats to run throughout the entire season.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 8, 1899.

Reported by Mr. KING of Caribou, from Committee on Interior
Waters, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*