

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 36.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for an Appropriation for the use of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, be and
2 is hereby appropriated for each of the years 1899 and 1900,
3 to be expended by the commissioner of sea and shore fish-
4 eries, under the direction of the governor and council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Among the important interests of our State are the sea and shore fisheries, as will be seen by reference to the report of the commissioner. In order to give our people a correct idea of the industry, it is important to gather information with statistics, and, in order to do this, it is also necessary to have the means at our disposal with which to do it. In addition to this, it is necessary, after having enacted laws in connection with our fisheries, to enforce them and to properly enforce them, it is also necessary to have funds. While this resolve calls for \$15,000 each year it is a fact that only about \$13,800 will be at the disposal of the commissioner for the bills of 1899, as there is about \$1,200 owing on 1898 bills which will necessarily have to be taken from the appropriation of 1899. The commissioner for 1898, when it was too late, learned that unless his account of expenditures for the last month in the year was rendered prior to the end of the month it could not be paid from 1898 appropriation, thus about \$1,500 of 1898 appropriation was allowed to lapse into the treasury. Therefore, it will readily be seen that while about \$1,200 is still outstanding for December, 1898, the appropriation for 1898 was not overdrawn.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 10, 1899.

Reported by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN from Committee on Shore Fisheries, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.