

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 87

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ONE.

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RESOLVE to complete the improvements of Songo and  
Chute Rivers.

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*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars (500) is  
2 hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing the  
3 dredging, construction of jetties or break-waters, and  
4 other improvements, to render navigable, throughout the  
5 entire season, those parts of the interior waterway, in the  
6 Sebago Lake Steamboat route, known as Chute's river,  
7 situated between Long lake and the bay of Naples, in the  
8 town of Naples, county of Cumberland, and at Songo  
9 lock and mouth of Songo river, which connects the bay of  
10 Naples and Sebago lake, in said town and county.

The expenditure of such appropriation, shall be under  
12 the direction of the county commissioners of Cumberland  
13 county, who shall employ a competent man to supervise  
14 such improvements, in accordance with the plan laid out  
15 by the civil engineer employed by said commissioners, in  
16 the fall of 1899.

Provided, however, that no part of this appropriation  
18 shall be paid by the state, until a total sum of sixteen  
19 hundred dollars (\$1,600) shall have been expended on the  
20 improvements of said Songo and Chute rivers, since such  
21 improvements were begun in 1899.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In 1899 the people of northern Cumberland county petitioned the legislature to appropriate (\$1,000) one thousand dollars to be expended in making Chute and Songo rivers, in the town of Naples, navigable during the entire summer season.

The legislature appropriated (\$300) three hundred dollars to begin the work. The citizens have contributed (\$500) five hundred dollars, all of which has been expended.

It was estimated when first begun that it would require from (\$1,500) fifteen hundred to (\$2,000) two thousand dollars to complete the work. According to the engineer's plans there has been 2,400 feet of jetties constructed which has permanently made a channel across Songo bar from ten to twelve feet deep at all seasons of the year, where, before the jetties were built, there was but two feet of water. Therefore, for the benefit of Cumberland county we ask that this appropriation be made.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 7, 1901.

Reported by Mr. FARRELL of Van Buren, from Committee on Interior  
Waters, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*