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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 224

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of establishing a Fish Hatchery and Feeding Station at the Rangeley Lakes.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of six thousand dollars is hereby  
2 appropriated for the purpose of establishing a fish hatchery  
3 at one of the chain of Rangeley lakes or on the tributaries  
4 to the same to be located by the commissioners of inland  
5 fisheries and game and to be expended by said commissioners  
6 under the direction of the governor and council.



STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY RESOLVE  
FOR A MODERN FISH HATCHERY AND FEEDING  
STATION AT THE RANGELEY LAKES.

The Rangeley lakes are located in Oxford and Franklin counties. There are four lakes in number,—with short carries between them,—in all, some fifty miles in length.

These lakes were originally inhabited by the square tailed trout and for this species of fish are among the most noted in the whole country, and have been resorted to by sportsmen from almost every state in the Union.

Some fifteen years ago land-locked salmon were introduced into these lakes and they have prospered beyond the expectations of their friends.

The attraction both for trout and land-locked salmon has been sufficient to attract the attention from a very large number of people. It was estimated that during the year 1902 that from six to ten thousand people visited these lakes, and, in order to keep up the supply of fish, it is evident that the propagation of fish should be carried on at the lakes, as the hatcheries in the interior of the State cannot supply them with the eggs or small fry required.

There are several large hotels, and many public camps, located on these waters.

All who are interested in the subject of the propagation of fish feel that it was a wise act of the commissioners in recommending, and the legislature in carrying out, two years ago, their recommendation which resulted in the building of a fish hatchery at Moosehead lake.

An excellent location can be found for a hatchery, where the water and surroundings seem to be well adapted, and the location will be so near public transportation that the hatchery can be operated at very moderate expense. A large supply of trout and salmon spawn can be taken nearby, and, by the establishment of the hatchery called for in the accompanying resolve, the friends of Rangeley lakes feel that it will not only be a good business transaction for the State, but will result in a large increase of both trout and salmon in these famous waters.

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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**IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,**

**AUGUSTA, February 27, 1903.**

**Reported by Mr. DUDLEY of Augusta, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.**

**W. S. COTTON, Clerk.**