

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 533

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of a feeding station for the Sebago Lake
Fish Hatchery.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be
2 and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of erecting a feed-
3 ing station for fish at the Sebago Lake Fish Hatchery, to be
4 expended during the year nineteen hundred and six by the
5 commissioners of inland fisheries and game, under the direc-
6 tion of the governor and council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The fish hatchery at Sebago lake was erected in the year 1903 by special appropriation of five thousand dollars by the legislature of that year. The amount was insufficient to erect any sufficient feeding station. Modern fish culture requires in order to obtain the best results that the fish hatched artificially from the egg should be fed at the station as long as possible, at least two years. It is a matter of common knowledge that Sebago lake—the second largest lake in the State—is accessible to more people of the State than any other lake, being near the city of Portland and other cities and large towns. The people of the southern part of the State, who pay a large proportion of the taxes of the State, are intensely interested to have this lake thoroughly stocked with fish. It is also a well known fact that the hundreds of other lakes in Maine in which are now found landlocked salmon were stocked from salmon taken from **this lake**, so that the whole State of Maine is greatly indebted to Sebago lake for the landlocked salmon that are found in other lakes. It is also a well known fact that at the present time a large proportion of salmon eggs that are hatched in other hatcheries for distribution in other waters are taken from the parent fish in Sebago lake. It would, therefore, seem to be apparent that it is nothing more than equitable, justice and common fairness that this small appropriation should be made to the end that Sebago lake may recover what it has lost by having its fish taken in such large numbers to stock other waters of the State, from Aroostook to York, and from Franklin to Knox.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 10, 1905.

Reported by Mr. GANNETT from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, tabled pending acceptance of report on motion of Mr. HALE of Portland. March 14, taken from table on motion of Mr. HALE of Portland, report accepted and bill ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*