

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 518

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE to appropriate \$100 to screen Lake Webb in the
County of Franklin.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and
2 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of screening Lake
3 Webb, so called, in Weld, in the county of Franklin, to be
4 expended under the direction of the commissioners of inland
5 fisheries and game, when the balance necessary to erect said
6 screen, as found by the commissioners, shall have been
7 raised by the Lake Webb Fish and Game Association and
8 paid into the treasurer of state for this purpose—to aid in
9 erecting this screen.

Provided, further, that this appropriation shall not be
11 available until the town of Weld shall have, in legal town
12 meeting, and having an article in the warrant for said town

13 meeting for that purpose, by vote of record, voted to assume
14 all liability for the keeping of said screen at all times free
15 from sticks, leaves and all debris, so that the same will not
16 become clogged and prevent the free running of the water
17 through the same.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

About eight years ago the people of Weld interested in Lake Webb petitioned the fish and game commissioners for a permit to screen this lake. The commissioners came to Weld, held a hearing, granted us permission to screen the lake, which we did at our own expense.

About two years after this Messrs. Bearce and Wilson got a charter from the Legislature, in the name of the Webb River Improvement Company, and raised the water three feet and eight inches above any right they got from the Legislature by this charter.

They tore our screen out when they raised the water and we had to go to work and put it in.

We got an indictment against the company for a nuisance, which they pleaded guilty to, and the court ordered them to take the dam down. Through their attorney, Mr. White, they claimed they had no money in the treasury to pay for taking it down. Then Judge Savage ordered that the dam be taken down by the county, and gave instructions that the high sheriff destroy it with as little expense as possible.

The sheriff went there and blew out the dam without any regard for the screen or anything else.

Now it will cost us \$200 to replace the screen and we feel, under all the circumstances, that the State should help us do it.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 13, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MERRILL from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.