

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 53

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for Buoys and Lights on the Rangeley Lakes.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars is hereby
2 appropriated for the placing of buoys in Rangeley lake,
3 Mooseleumeguntic lake and Cupsuptic lake and for the erec-
4 tion of lights in Rangeley lake, Mooseleumeguntic lake and
5 Cupsuptic lake and the maintenance of the same for the year
6 nineteen hundred and seven. And that the sum of four
7 hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the placing of
8 buoys in Rangeley lake, Mooseleumeguntic lake and Cup-
9 suptic lake and the erection of lights in Rangeley lake,
10 Mooseleumeguntic lake and Cupsuptic lake and the main-
11 tenance of the same for the year nineteen hundred and eight.
12 Said buoys and lights shall be placed at such points in said
13 lakes as will best serve the needs of navigation thereon. All

14 said moneys shall be expended under the direction of state
15 steamboat inspectors. Any part of the money hereby appro-
16 priated for the placing of buoys and maintenance of lights
17 which shall be unexpended at the end of the year nineteen
18 hundred and eight shall revert back to the state.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

There are four lines of public steamboats operated on the lakes mentioned in the Resolve. All these boats run upon a regular schedule connecting with the railroads serving this portion of the state. The travel is large and constantly increasing. In addition to these regular lines of public steamers there are many private steamboats on these lakes used for both business and pleasure. The train arrangements are such that a very large portion of passengers arrive in the early evening and are then distributed by steamboats to their various points of destination. A large portion of the season these trips are made in whole or in great part after dark.

This Resolve asks for an appropriation of \$400 each year to be expended under the direction of the Steamboat Inspectors, in placing and maintaining buoys upon the dangerous shoals and sunken ledges and in keeping and maintaining lights to mark the dangerous places and indicate the proper courses. Both these things are necessary in order that navigation upon the lakes may be carried on expeditiously and safely. Without such buoys and lights the navigation of these lakes is dangerous for both public and private boats. It is for the purpose of obviating this danger that the appropriation is asked.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 31, 1907.

Reported by Mr. AYER from Committee on Interior Waters and laid
on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*