

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 120

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Waldron of Portland, who moved its reference to the Committee on Shore Fisheries. By him tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE relating to the efficient protection of the National Sea Food supply and reserve of which the inshore and offshore fisheries of Maine form a part. This includes the sanitary utilization of the "Dogfish Pest" for farm fertilizer.

Resolved: By the people of Maine that Governor Plaisted 2 of Maine is hereby most urgently and respectfully requested 3 to call a conference of the governors of the United States, 4 at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of securing an 5 efficient co-operation in the 1911 session of Congress at 6 Washington, D. C., to the end that a practical conservation 7 of our National Sea Food Supply and Reserve, of which the 8 inshore and offshore fisheries of Maine form a part, be ef- 9 fected.

Resolved: That this said practical conservation of said 11 National Sea Food Supply and Reserve shall hold in view

12 these purposes: First—the utilization and elimination of
13 millions of poison, putrid, sea carrion feeding, small sharks
14 called dogfish, which are estimated to devour more standard
15 edible food fishes and lobsters than are annually eaten for
16 food by the entire American people. Second—that this util-
17 ization shall be for fertilizer, to increase land food crops, to
18 keep the cost of living at a reasonable price; but the canning
19 of these sea-carrion eating dogfish for human food is hereby
20 discouraged. Third—that this joint co-operation of the gov-
21 ernors of the United States urgently request Congress to ap-
22 propriate money enough to build, equip and operate 6 Dog-
23 fish Reduction Works on the coast of Maine and Massachu-
24 setts estimated at cost equipped about \$50,000 each. Daily
25 reduction capacity 50 tons of dogfish daily. Fourth—that
26 the said dogfish be obtained to operate said reduction works
27 with, by offering the American fishermen a federal dogfish
28 bounty of not less than 2 cents per dogfish. Fifth—that the
29 said product of dogfish fertilizer be sold to the American
30 farmers direct, in consideration of their support in Congress
31 of the aforesaid required legislation, through the congres-
32 sional delegations representing the farmers of the several
33 states. And the passage of these resolutions instructs the
34 congressional delegation of Maine to take the most efficient
35 action possible in Congress in 1911 and 1912.