

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 41

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*In Senate, Jan. 16, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Allen of Kennebec, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in this state and for the protection of fish, game and birds.

*Resolved,* Whereas the State of Maine has in operation  
2 ten fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in the vari-  
3 ous parts of the state, in which there are approximately  
4 three hundred thousand live fish to be fed and raised for  
5 the purpose of stocking the lakes and ponds of the state  
6 which fish have to be fed daily and help employed to feed  
7 them and to take proper care of them,

*And whereas,* there are approximately five millions of fish  
9 eggs in these hatcheries which are hatching and which re-  
10 quire proper care and attention,

*And whereas*, in order to protect the fish, game and birds  
12 of the state a force of wardens must be employed,

*And whereas*, there is no provision by law by which the  
14 state can protect this large and valuable property, no funds  
15 being available for this purpose,

*And whereas*, by reason of the foregoing facts the appro-  
17 priation called for in this resolve is exceedingly necessary  
18 for the purpose of the public health and safety, and in the  
19 opinion of this Legislature constitutes an emergency, as  
20 contemplated by the constitution,

*Resolved*, That there be and is hereby appropriated the  
22 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended by the  
23 commissioners of inland fisheries and game, under the di-  
24 rection of the governor and council, for the temporary oper-  
25 ation of the fish hatcheries and feeding stations and for the  
26 protection of fish, game and birds.

In view of the emergency set forth in the preamble, this  
28 resolve shall take effect when approved.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Under the present law all license fees and fines collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game go to the general state fund and the work of this department is carried on by money specially appropriated for this purpose.

This emergency resolve is introduced for the purpose of securing funds to operate the fish hatcheries and feeding stations and continue the warden service until the balance of the appropriation necessary to carry on the work for the year 1913 is available.