

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 125

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Pollard from Committee on Interior Waters,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in aid of navigation on Lewys, Long and Big
Lakes in Washington County.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sums of fifty dollars in nineteen hundred and fifteen, and
3 fifty dollars in nineteen hundred and sixteen, for placing
4 buoys in Lewys, Long and Big lakes and for the aid of
5 navigation on said lakes. Said buoys shall be placed at such
6 points in said lakes as will best serve the needs of naviga-
7 tion thereon.

All said moneys shall be expended under the direction of
9 the state steamboat inspectors.

Any part of the money appropriated hereby which shall
11 be unexpended at the end of the year for which it is appro-
12 priated shall revert to the state.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The navigation of Lewys, Long and Big lakes is roughly divisible into two classes: the navigation of logs is of the greater importance in that it brings the produce of the forest to places available for manufacture. In this chain of lakes this navigation is necessarily carried on to a large extent by towage, as the current is insufficient for clean driving. The other class of navigation, pleasure, is of equal importance to the community and of considerable importance to the state. The lakes in question form a chain, giving access to one of the state's greatest fishing grounds—Grand Lake stream—largely used by pleasure-seekers from without the state. In this navigation about a dozen power boats are used and it is estimated that from 800 to 1000 persons are carried annually.

For a number of years legislatures, with one exception, have granted small appropriations for the purposes here outlined. The work done in accordance with such appropriations and under the direction of the state steamboat inspectors has been of great benefit to both classes of navigation. That an annual expenditure is necessary results from the fact that the ice renders it impossible to so place the buoys that they will remain secure in their places from year to year. Proper care is however given and the buoys replaced annually when the ice danger is over. The present appropriation contemplates this replacement for the years nineteen hundred and fifteen and nineteen hundred and sixteen.