

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 507

House of Representatives, March 5, 1915.

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

FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk Pro Tem.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in Aid of Navigation on Rangeley Lake, Moose-
lucmeguntic Lake and Cupsuptic Lake.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars is hereby
2 appropriated for removing obstructions and for placing
3 buoys in Rangeley lake, Mooselucmeguntic lake and Cup-
4 suptic lake, and for the erection of lights in Rangeley lake,
5 Mooselucmeguntic lake and Cupsuptic lake and the main-
6 tenance of the same for the year nineteen hundred and fif-
7 teen, and a like sum for the year nineteen hundred and six-
8 teen for the same purposes. Said buoys and lights shall be
9 placed at such points in said lakes as will best serve the
10 needs of navigation thereon. All said moneys shall be ex-
11 pended under the direction of the state steamboat inspectors.
12 Any part of the money hereby appropriated for removing
13 obstructions, for the placing of buoys and lights and main-

14 tenance of lights which shall be unexpended at the end of
15 the year nineteen hundred and sixteen shall revert to the
16 state.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The appropriation asked for in this resolve is the same amount that has usually been appropriated. That amount is not generally more than sufficient to operate and keep the present lights and buoys in moderately good repair and replace what are destroyed by the ice each year. Some new work is necessary every year.

On Rangeley lake there are now twenty-one buoys and three lights. A few additional buoys could be placed to good advantage. Many of these buoys have to be re-set each spring after the ice goes out. All have to be repainted and numbered and several replaced. A considerable amount of work needs to be done in clearing water-soaked and sunken logs from the channel and from Rangeley cove.

Each year the companies operating steamboats on these lakes have done considerable work of this nature without compensation.