

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 23

In Senate, Jan. 28, 1915.

Reported by Sen. Herrick from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Herrick of Franklin.

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.

Whereas, the State of Maine has in operation twelve fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, in the various parts of the State, in which there are over three hundred thousand live fish to be fed and raised for the purpose of stocking the lakes and ponds of the state, which fish have to be fed daily and help employed to feed and take proper care of them,

And whereas, there are approximately four and one-half millions of fish eggs in these hatcheries which are hatching and which require proper care and attention,

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

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

And whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts the appropriation called for in this resolve is exceedingly necessary for the purpose of the public health and safety, and in the opinion of this Legislature constitutes an emergency, as contemplated by the Constitution,

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended by the
3 Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, under the
4 direction of the Governor and Council, for the temporary
5 operation of the fish hatcheries and feeding stations and
6 for the protection of fish, game and birds.

In view of the emergency set forth in the preamble, this
8 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 to continue warden service until the balance of the appropriation necessary to carry on this work for the year 1915 is available.