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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 204

In Senate, Feb. 26, 1915.

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

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, for the Purpose of Operating the Fish Hatcheries and Feeding Stations for Fish and for the Protection of Fish, Game and Birds, and for Printing the Report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars 2 be and is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hun- 3 dred and fifteen in addition to the twenty-five thousand 4 dollars, already appropriated by this legislature, by an 5 emergency resolve, and also one hundred thousand dollars 6 for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to be expended 7 by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, under 8 the direction of the governor and council, for the purpose 9 of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for 10 fish in the state and for the protection of fish, game and 11 birds, and for printing the report of the Commissioners of 12 inland fisheries and game.

Provided, also, that the commissioners of inland fisheries
14 and game may purchase or lease real estate in the name of
15 the state for the purpose of maintaining fish hatcheries and
16 feeding stations and erecting the same for fish culture, and
17 may also assist in maintaining fish hatcheries for fish cul-
18 ture owned and under the management of fish and game
19 associations; provided, also, that the commissioners shall
20 make a detailed statement in their report of all expenditures
21 of money expended under this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This resolve calls for the same amount which has been appropriated by the Legislature for the past two years for the operation of the several fish hatcheries and feeding stations and for warden service for protecting fish, game and birds, and for printing of the report of the commissioners. In view of the fact that two additional fish hatcheries are to be operated now—twelve in number instead of ten, as formerly—the commissioners feel that the amount called for in this resolve is the least possible amount which will be required to properly carry on the work of the department.

It may be proper to state here that no part of the license fees and fines collected by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game are used by this department. All moneys thus collected are paid to the State Treasurer by the commissioners and credited to the general State fund. The commissioners simply have the money appropriated by this resolve for carrying on their work.