

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 10

House of Representatives, Jan. 16, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Rounds of Portland, House reconsidered vote whereby Resolve was referred to committee on Judiciary, and five hundred copies ordered printed. On motion of Mr. Rounds, tabled pending printing and one thousand ordered printed.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE, relating to the Conservation of the Storage
Reservoirs and Water Powers of the State of Maine.

Resolved,

That, the Senate concurring, it is the opinion of the 78th
2 Legislature of Maine, now in session, that all the remaining
3 rights which the State of Maine has in the Water Storage
4 Reservoirs and Basins and in the Water Powers of this
5 State, should, in some manner, be conserved for the benefit
6 of the people of the State, either by lease, by public owner-
7 ship and development, or otherwise: And

That it is the opinion of this Legislature that no further
2 rights in any of the said Storage Reservoirs and Basins, or
3 in the Water Powers of the State, be granted to any
4 individual or corporation, until a careful and thorough inves-
5 tigation shall have been made showing both the developed
6 and undeveloped Water Powers and Storage Reservoirs and
7 Basins of the State, and what rights, if any, the State of
8 Maine has therein: And

In pursuance of the foregoing, the Public Utilities Commis-
2 sion is hereby directed and ordered to make a careful and
3 thorough investigation of both the developed and undevel-
4 oped Water Powers and of the Water Storage Reservoirs
5 and Basins of this State, showing what rights remain to the
6 State therein, and what the possibilities for development are,
7 and the probable cost of the same: And

The said Commission is hereby directed and ordered to take
2 up and continue the work begun by the State Water Storage
3 Commission which was created by Chapter 212 of the LAWS
4 OF MAINE for 1909: And

The said Public Utilities Commission is hereby directed and
2 ordered to investigate and report as to the ownership of the
3 riparian rights on such of the rivers and streams in the State,
4 which in its judgment might later be used or acquired by the
5 State for the future development of its Storage and Water
6 Power Systems: And

The said commission is further directed to make a prelim-
2 inary report, at as early a date as is possible, to this Legisla-

3 ture, showing what was done by the State Water Storage
4 Commission, with such other information as it may be able
5 to obtain, and it shall make its full report with such recom-
6 mendations as it may deem advisable, to the next Legisla-
7 ture: And

It is further ordered that the sum of five (\$5,000) thousand
2 dollars is hereby appropriated for the year 1917, and the sum
3 of five (\$5,000) thousand dollars for the year 1918, to be
4 used by the said Public Utilities Commission in carrying out
5 the purposes of this Resolution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Maine Water Storage Commission was created in 1909 and made report as to its investigations of the Water Storage Reservoirs of the State of Maine. The accompanying resolve is presented in order that the work of the Water Storage Commission may be continued and enlarged under the Public Utilities Commission.