

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 64

In Senate, Jan. 31, 1917.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and on motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Goldthwait of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, to provide for a survey by the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries of areas suitable for the propagation of clams.

Resolved: That the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and determine what areas or localities are, in his opinion, suitable and available for the propagation of clams, to furnish seed at cost to such individuals as avail themselves of Chapter 69, Public Laws of 1911, and to make a biological survey of such areas.

Said commissioner may expend for the purposes of this
 2 resolve a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars a year for
 3 a period of two years.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The appropriation for the propagation of shell fish for the past six years has been seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars annually, and has been used almost entirely for experimental work on the scallop and the oyster. The scallop is found only to a limited extent on our shores, and the oyster not at all. The clam is a natural product of our coast, and because of a rapidly increasing depletion of our supply, much in need of protection and propagation.