

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 488

House of Representatives, March 29, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Crafts from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE**

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money to Aid in the Screening of
Certain Lakes and Ponds.

Resolved: That the sum of six thousand and fifty dol-
2 lars be, and is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the
3 commissioner of inland fisheries and game to aid in screen-
4 ing the following named lakes and ponds; provided, how-
5 ever, that no appropriation hereafter specified for the erec-
6 tion of a screen at the outlet of a lake or pond shall be avail-
7 able until the town in which the outlet of the lake or pond
8 to be screened is situated, or some other town in the county
9 in which said waters are situated, shall have, in legal town
10 meeting, and having an article in the warrant for said town

11 meeting for that purpose, by vote of record, voted to as-
 12 sume all liability for the keeping of said screen at all times
 13 free from sticks, leaves and all debris, so that the same will
 14 not become clogged and prevent the free running of water
 15 through the same, and provided, further, that said appro-
 16 priation shall not be available until the citizens of the coun-
 17 ty in which said lake or pond to be screened is situated,
 18 shall have paid into the state treasury the balance necessary,
 19 as found by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game,
 20 to erect said screen; and provided, further, if the actual
 21 cost of any screen provided for in this resolve is less than
 22 the amount appropriated therefor, the state shall be liable
 23 for only one-half of the cost of such screen. Any appropria-
 24 tion hereinafter named, or part thereof, not expended dur-
 25 ing the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three, shall be
 26 available during the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four:

For screening the outlet of Pleasant pond, in the town of Island Falls, in the county of Aroostook, one hundred fifty dollars,	\$150
For screening the outlet of Meddybemps lake, in the county of Washington, two hundred dollars,	200
For screening the outlet of Nicatous lake, which lake is situated in the county of Hancock, three hundred dollars,	300
For screening the outlet of Hot Brook lake, in the town of Bancroft, county of Aroostook, eight hun- dred dollars,	800

For screening the outlet of Lake Sebasticook, in the town of Newport, county of Penobscot, one thousand dollars,	1,000
For screening the outlet of Walker's pond, in the towns of Sedgwick and Brooksville, in the county of Hancock, three hundred dollars,	300
For screening the outlet of Sibley pond, in the town of Canaan, county of Somerset, one hundred dollars,	100
For screening the outlet of Pleasant pond in Caratunk and The Forks Plantations, in the county of Somerset, three hundred dollars,	300
For screening the outlet of Peabody pond, in the county of Cumberland, one hundred dollars,	100
For screening the outlet of Mousam lake, in the county of York, in the towns of Shapleigh and Acton, three hundred dollars,	300
For screening the outlet of Cobbosseecontee lake, in the county of Kennebec, two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500

STATEMENT OF FACTS

After careful consideration, the committee of inland fisheries and game believes that the fishing interests of the state require installation of the screens mentioned in this resolve. Part of this appropriation is merely renewal of appropriation made by the Eightieth Legislature. Owing to conditions in various sections the money appropriated in 1921 for several screens was not used, and the state received the benefit there-

from. This situation applies to the following appropriations for the screening of:

Nicotous lake in Hancock county.

Mousam lake in York county.

Lake Sebesticook in Penobscot county.

Walker's pond in Hancock county.

Peabody pond in Cumberland county.

With reference to the Pleasant pond screen in Somerset county, it appears by testimony presented to the committee at the hearing, that under chapter 164 of the resolves of Maine for the year 1907, money was appropriated for the erection of a screen at the outlet of Pleasant pond, in the plantations of Caratunk and The Forks, Somerset county. Said screen was erected by the expenditure of said money so appropriated and additional money paid into the state treasury by interested persons for that purpose. Said screen so erected has, through natural deterioration over the space of time since elapsed, now become inadequate and useless for the purposes for which it was erected, which purposes cannot continue to be served except by the erection of a new screen. The cost of such screen is estimated to be approximately \$1,000 and a group of citizens associated together, under the name of Pleasant Pond Protective Association, offer to provide the balance of \$700, or such part thereof as may be required, if the state will appropriate the sum of \$300.

The Sibley pond screen is desired in view of the fact that it appears that a great many fish from this pond escape into

Little Carrabasset stream, such pond, in consequence, losing the benefit.

The same conditions prevail at Hot Brook lake, Aroostook county; Meddybemps lake, Washington county, and Pleasant pond, Aroostook county.