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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 489

House of Representatives, March 29, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Lord 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, in Favor of Establishing a Feeding Station for Fish on the Outlet of Upper Shin Pond, in the Town of Mount Chase, in the County of Penobscot.

Resolved: That the sum of two thousand dollars be and

- 2 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of aiding in estab-
- 3 lishing a feeding station for fish at a suitable point on the
- 4 outlet of Upper Shin Pond, in the town of Mount Chase,
- 5 in the county of Penobscot, said money hereby appropriated
- 6 to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of
- 7 Inland Fisheries and Game.

Provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be 2 available unless a free deed of the land upon which said

3 proposed station is to be erected is given to the State; pro-4 vided, further, that this appropriation shall not be available 5 until the balance necessary to install said station, as deter-6 mined by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, 7 shall have been contributed by interested citizens and paid 8 to the State Treasurer, to be added to the amount appro-9 priated herein; provided, further, that this appropriation 10 shall not be available until such time as the commissioner 11 of inland fisheries and game, after careful investigation of 12 existing conditions at the location referred to herein has 13 determined that such location will afford the proper temper-14 ature and supply of water and other conditions necessary 15 for the successful operation of a feeding station for trout; 16 provided, further, that this appropriation, or any part there-17 of, if not expended during the year nineteen hundred 18 twenty-three shall be available during the year nineteen 19 hundred twenty-four.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Shin Pond Region is the gateway to a vast country which contains may beautiful lakes, ponds and streams which are frequented by thousands of visiting sportsmen. It is necessary to constantly re-stock these waters in order to keep up the supply of fish therein. The nearest State Hatchery is at Caribou, and it is extremely difficult to transport trout to these waters at the season of the year when they are available at this hatchery (in the spring) and for the purpose of keeping the waters in this vast region properly stocked with trout, interested citizens desire a feeding station installed, the fish to be shipped from the Caribou Hatchery soon after hatching and fed at such feeding station and liberated in the fall when able to take care of themselves. Owing to the high temperature of the water during the summer season at the Caribou Hatchery, it is impossible to keep trout there during the summer months —they are simply hatched at this hatchery and sent out for planting early in the spring before the water becomes warm. In consequence of no trout being available in the fall from this hatchery, and shipments from other hatcheries not being feasible, owing to distance and train service, this section cannot be properly stocked with fingerling trout without such a feeding station as is contemplated herein.

The original Resolve called for an appropriation of five thousand dollars. At the hearing, however, it was learned that members of a local fish and game association at Shin Pond are willing to contribute something toward the installation of this feeding station, which will supply fish for the purpose of stocking public waters in the State which are open to fishing to all people, therefore the committee on inland fisheries and game, after careful consideration of the matter, recommends this Resolve in the sum of two thousand dollars, the balance necessary to install the feeding station, to be subscribed by interested parties.