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EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 652

H. P. 1509 House of Representatives, February 16, 1937. Referred to Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Melanson of Cherryfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Erection and Maintenance of a Dam across the West Branch of Pleasant River.

Dam across the West Branch of Pleasant river authorized. Resolved: That the owners (or a majority thereof) of the marsh land on the West Branch of Pleasant river be, and hereby are, granted authority to build a dam which shall replace the bridge at Addison village.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Tide water now flows about 3 miles above this point and there is no navigation above the bridge excepting an occasional row boat or canoe paddling on the stream at high water. Stopping the tidal flow at this place would prevent the flowage with salt water at every extreme high run of tides, of 3 important strips of road viz: (a) about ½ mile of road across the marsh from Addison village, running west to the town of Harrington, (b) a stretch of nearly a quarter mile across the marsh on the road from Addison village to the railroad station in Columbia and (c) about the same amount of road across the marsh on the road from Addison village to Columbia Falls. Shutting out the tide (the rise here is about 9 feet average and 12 feet at extreme high run) would prevent the possible loss of the 2 recently constructed bridges on route 1 both of which were in grave danger during the flood of March, 1936.