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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

MEMORIAL to Congress in Favor of Changing the Method of Determining the Pollution of Clam Flats.

MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF MAINE

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the ninety-third Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the economy of the coast of Maine is seriously restricted by the closing of certain areas to the digging of soft-shell clams because of regulations promulgated by the Surgeon General of the United States, and whereas, such regulations do not appear to be based on an adequate study, with particular reference to the examination of the soft-shell clam itself, by the United States Public Health Service, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the Congress request the Surgeon General to review the present methods employed in determining conditions under which soft-shell clam producing areas are closed to the taking of all shellfish that go into interstate commerce, and be it further

Resolved: That this proposed review and study be made with the least possible delay in order to relieve the serious consequences now resulting from restrictions currently in force that hinder the complete utilization of the shellfish resources of the State of Maine and be it further

Resolved: That in this proposed review and study the Surgeon General be requested to conclude whether or not the methods of determining the sanitation of soft-shell clams, and the areas involved, should not be different from those used in the examination of oysters and oyster beds, and be it further

Resolved: That the test of soft-shelled clams shall be made by testing the clam and not by testing the water; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State, by registered mail, to the proper officers and committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the President of the United States and to each of the Representatives and Senators representing the State of Maine in the United States Congress.