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S. P. 647

In Senate, January 13, 1958

Committee on Natural Resources suggested.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Somerset

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Relating to Wesserunsett Lake.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Dams and sluice ways on Wesserunsett Stream. The Town Madison, by its municipal officers or by such commission as it may choose, is authorized and empowered to purchase, construct, maintain, repair and operate dams and sluice ways on Wesserunsett Stream at and below the outlet of Wesserunsett Lake, sometimes called Hayden Lake, in said town, for the purpose of holding, storing, discharging and regulating the flow of water from said lake and the level of water in said lake, for the protection of the public health, the comfort and well-being of its inhabitants and for the protection and advantage of their estates, and for these purposes may purchase, have, hold and enjoy in fee simple or any less estate, rights of flowage, lands, tenements or estates, real, personal or mixed.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The low water level of Wesserunsett Lake is an immediate and prolonged menace to the health of Madison. The odors arising from said lake are seriously detrimental to the inhabitants of Madison. The Town of Madison is faced with a serious loss in just and equitable property values for tax purposes if the facilities for holding water in Wesserunsett Lake are not legally authorized as being within the proper municipal purposes of the Town of Madison.