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House of Representatives, March 3, 1959

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pike of Lubec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds to Public Utilities Commission for Water Resources Investigation.**

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**Public Utilities Commission; appropriation to. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the General Fund of the State the sum of \$14,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, and the sum of \$14,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, to match federal funds from the United States Geological Survey in order to conduct an investigation relating to the chemical and physical quality of water in this State and in order to broaden and accelerate the surface and ground water investigation.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

(1) Need for appropriation this biennium:

The U. S. Geological Survey will make available \$14,000 in each of the years of next biennium to be used in broadening the cooperative program of water resources investigations in the State of Maine if matching funds are made available by the State.

(2) Need of the State for the proposed broadened program of water resources investigation:

(a) There is little data available on the chemical and physical quality of the water of the State and about \$5,000 of this appropriation each year would be used to conduct a reconnaissance quality of water survey, collect and evaluate data and determine what water quality problems may exist.

(b) The current surface water investigations are primarily designed to provide data on stream flows of the larger, power-productive streams. The sum of about \$6,500 each year from this appropriation would permit expanding this study to include collection and analysis of data on smaller streams with emphasis on the minimum flows to be expected at many locations.

(c) The current groundwater investigation program is budgeted as a one-man operation. The sum of about \$2,500 each year would permit the use of part-time help and accelerate the program at a smaller cost per unit of data.