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made for the improvement of state aid roads, provided such expenditures have been made with the consent of the state highway commission and under its supervision, and that such reimbursements in any year shall not exceed the apportionments made to such towns for the improvement of state aid roads under existing statutes.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 256

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Expenses of Wife Pending Libel for Divorce.

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

R. S., c. 153, § 59, amended. Section 59 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 59. Pending libel, wife's expenses to be paid by husband. Pending a libel, the court, or any justice thereof in vacation, may order the husband to pay to ~~the clerk~~ the wife, or to her attorney for the wife, sufficient money for her defense or prosecution thereof, and to make reasonable provision for her separate support, on petition for which costs and counsel fees may be ordered; enter such decree for the care, custody, and support of the minor children as the court deems proper; and in all cases enforce obedience by appropriate processes on which costs and counsel fees shall be taxed as in other actions.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 257

AN ACT Defining a Fish Weir.

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

R. S., c. 86, § 12, additional. Chapter 86 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12, to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. "Fish weir", defined. The words "fish weir" mentioned in any of the 5 preceding sections are defined to be a fixed structure erected and maintained during any part of each fishing season in the tide water, constructed of spiling or stakes, supporting poles or binders, brush, lath

racks or netting, forming one or more pounds or enclosures into which fish are led or guided by one or more fixed leaders and from which they cannot readily escape.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 258

AN ACT Setting Aside Certain Lands for Settlement by Displaced Persons of Baltic Origin.

Preamble. Whereas, the problem of the resettlement and readjustment of displaced persons of Europe is one of the major problems confronting framers of permanent world peace; and

The people of the state of Maine, descendants of former tyranny's refugees who sought freedom and opportunity within these boundaries, express deep sympathy for the plight of today's displaced persons; and

The people of this state have great faith in its future economic and cultural development; and

The economy and culture of the state, temporarily weakened and threatened by the removal at the present time of many of its young men and women to other states, would be strengthened by immigrant settlers from other lands; and

The contribution already made to the state's economy and culture by settlers of Scandinavian and Baltic origin, among others, is of great value and could well be increased by such additional settlers; and

Among the displaced persons of Europe, those of Baltic origin, i. e. natives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, appear to be particularly adaptable for settlement in this state by reason of similarities in the natural economy and climate of Maine and those countries; and

It seems likely that displaced persons from these Baltic nations will never be able to return to their native lands which have lost their sovereignty and have been absorbed by a stronger power; now therefore,

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

R. S., c. 32, §§ 49-A, 49-B, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 49-A and 49-B, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 49-A. Statement of policy. It shall be and is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Maine to encourage the settlement within its