

HOUSE No. 1388.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 10, 1908.

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred the petition of Edwin C. McIntire and others for legislation relative to the utilization of dogfish, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 32, changed by striking out in line 21 the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place thereof the word, "ten.")

For the committee,

RUSSELL B. WORSTER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 24, 1908.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolve to provide for investigations and experiments to reduce the ravages of the dogfish and to create a market for such fish (House, No. 32, changed), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

ULYSSES E. MAYHEW.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

RESOLVE

To provide for Investigations and Experiments relative to Dogfish and to the Creation of a Market therefor.

1 *Resolved*, That the commissioners on fisheries and
2 game be and they are hereby authorized and directed to
3 conduct investigations and experiments having for their
4 object the mitigation of the damage done to the fishing
5 industry on the coast of Massachusetts by dogfish. They
6 shall first determine the most efficient methods of re-
7 ducing the numbers of dogfish, of capturing them in
8 wholesale quantities, and second, determine and demon-
9 strate the economic value of dogfish as a source of fer-
10 tilizer, glue and oil, and the most suitable methods of
11 utilizing them for such purposes, and make such other
12 inquiries, investigations and experiments as the commis-
13 sioners on fisheries and game may deem desirable for the
14 purpose of keeping the dogfish in check, of providing a
15 ready and profitable market for dogfish now incidentally
16 caught and of inducing fishermen to engage in the dog-
17 fish industry for the purpose of converting a now worth-
18 less and destructive animal into a valuable merchandise.
19 To carry out the provisions of this resolve there may be

20 expended out of the treasury of the Commonwealth a
21 sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and said com-
22 mission is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of
23 any material or product obtained in such manner as they
24 may deem proper. The receipts arising from the sale of
25 such material or product shall be paid into the treasury of
26 the Commonwealth.

