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H. W. BEACH, COMM. ST. BOARD FISH & GAME

I would like comment on one fact, and that is to the size of the soft shell crab. It seems to me that the medium crabs sell much better than do the larger ones.

I am personally acquainted with the commissioners of both states and they have brought the matter to my mind. I wish to register in favor of the bill.

SEN. SHEA

Any further remarks in favor of the bill?
Anyone opposed?

Hearing closed.

No. 1236

✓ H. B. (COMMITTEE BILL). AN ACT CONCERNING LOBSTERS.

SEN. SHEA,

Any remarks in favor of this bill?

MR. CLARK,

The only change in this bill from the present law is to make the lobster correspond with the size of the lobster as stated in the New York law. The change is in the portion of measurement. While it reduces the size, the measurement is taken from behind the eye rather than from the nose, to the tale. The length then is four and three quarter inches.

The length for sporting purposes is taken from between the eyes to the tail.

I would encourage the bill and register in favor of it.

MR. LAMB, GROTON

Whatever laws they have in regard to measurement, we have to comply with to protect the fishermen of Connecticut. We have to have our lobster comply with their measurements. Another thing, New York legislature is in session every year, and they can change their laws to gain an unfair advantage over our fishermen.

There should be some way of us changing our laws

to comply with the laws of the State of New York should they change them next year. It leaves us in a bad spot as we do not have legislature sessions each year.

MR. CLARK, ST. BOARD FISH & GAME

Would the committee consider giving us this authority? If it could be--that is what all of these people desire to have done, as they are all in favor of it. If they would get up and explain their story it would give the committee a better idea of what we are trying to bring out.

The large lobsters do not bring a good price. We find that it is a great lossto us and little gain to any one person. We regret that it reduces the high standards which we have maintained in the past.

The state of New York has closed Block Island and fishers Island to non-residents of the state. This is where the best lobsters can be obtained.

SEN. SHEA

All those in favor of this bill will rise.

MR. CLARK,

I suggest that we fix our laws so that we can make our rules comply with New York laws should they change them in ninteen hundred and thirty six.

MR. SAGLE, GROTON

I don't think the fishermen are interested in any other state. I wish to register in favor of this bill.

SEN. SHEA

Ithink if you specify New York it will cause some confusion.

MR. HOXIE, LEBANON

I agree with Senator Shea. I don't think you can make a law against one state and not against the rest.

MR. CLARK,

There is a difference of opinion, and it happens to be our opinion that the best remedy would be to have a small lobster. According to the present law the lobsters are ten inches long, but to comply with the laws of the state of New York they will vary slightly and measure, approximately nine inches.

I would suggest that you leave the law as wide open as possible and I assure you that it will not be used unless absolutely necessary.

SEN. SHEA,

Any further remarks in favor of the bill?

✓ THE FOLLOWING MEN REGISTERED IN FAVOR OF H. B. 748.

Rep. Brown, Colchester
Rep. W. S. Young, Stonington
Rep. Wilford Scott, East Lyme
Rep. George H. Hoxie, Lebanon
Rep. John T. Allen, New London
Rep. C. R. Main, Ledyard
Rep. E. A. Spencer, Westbrook
Rep. R. N. Clark, Essex
Rep. S. M. Norton, Guilford
Rep. G. G. Marsh, New Milford
Rep. John McGarry, New London
Mr. Kelley, Niantic
Mr. Andrews
Mr. Ward
Mr. Bough
Mr. Buddington
Mr. Chapman
Mr. Proctor

SEN. SHEA,

Anyone opposed?
Hearing closed.