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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1784

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**RESOLVE, to Reimburse Erlon Ricker of Litchfield for Loss of Poultry
Due to Activities of the State Police.**

Erlon Ricker of Litchfield reimbursed. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$450 to be paid to Erlon Ricker of Litchfield as a full and final settlement of his claim against the State for loss of poultry due to activities of the State Police.

STATEMENT OF FACT

On August 10, 1973 a State Police cruiser went by 2 chicken houses of Erlon Ricker of Litchfield which are located one on each side of the road just west of Litchfield Four Corners on Route #197 with a siren operating. Mr. Ricker lost approximately 500 birds which the poultry company was due to pick up on August 12th when they all piled up in fright at the rear of the buildings due to the noise. The cruiser operated by Corporal Marcel Drouin was enroute to a personal injury motor vehicle accident in Sabattus and was displaying blue lights, flasher, headlamps and using the siren while approaching traffic and at intersections while proceeding toward the scene.

Mr. Ricker claims that the birds were approximately 4 pounds in weight and the loss represents \$450 which he has suffered and not the poultry company as the result.