

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 166 A

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STATE OF MAINE

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Statement of Facts accompanying Resolve in favor of  
Stock Breeding Associations. (Senate Doc. No. 116).

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At the present time there are believed to be six Breeders' Associations in the State; one of these is styled "Sebasticook Valley Holstein Breeders' Association," including in its membership dairymen of the towns of Dexter, Garland, Exeter, Corinna, Newport and Plymouth, in Penobscot County, and of Ripley, St. Albans and Palmyra, in Somerset County. The members of this one association have subscribed the sum of five hundred dollars, and believe that the several other associations will raise a like sum, provided the State will assist in the purchase of pure-bred males to be used by the association members. Such pure-bred males cost much more than the individual farmers and dairymen of our State can afford to purchase. With united action and financial aid from the State, it is believed that much good will result, that our farmers and dairymen will receive great benefit from the increased value of their stock; that it is a practical method by which to encourage the dairy interests of our State, and will result in an improved grade of live stock of far greater value than at present, the benefits of which will eventually be far reaching.