

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 96th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 440, L. D. 1209, Bill "An Act Relating to the Packing of Sardines".

Amend said Bill by striking out Sec. 2 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, § 201, amended. The last sentence of section 201 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'The commissioner shall select and employ an assistant chief of the division of inspection for sardines. He shall also employ subordinate inspectors, sufficient in numbers, so that adequate inspection can be performed: and it shall be the duty of said inspectors to make adequate and uniform and impartial inspection of all the places, shops and factories in the state, wherever sardines are packed for sale, and for this purpose such inspectors shall have free access, ingress and egress at all resonable hours to any sardine packing plant, may open any case or container and may, upon tendering the market price, take samples therefrom.

The assistant chief of the division of inspection for sardines shall vigilantly enforce all the provisions of sections 198 to 205, inclusive, and all provisions of the law and all regulations relating to sardine packing.

During the packing season, he shall not be assigned to perform or perform any inspection work, other than that pertaining to the packing of sardines."

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of Sec. 8 thereof the following:

"No fish is free from defects, within the meaning of Section 203, which is broken, decomposed, contains foreign material, is unfit for food, or is not in good condition from any cause."

Further amend said Bill by striking out the word and punctuation "quality," in the thirteenth line of Sec. 9 thereof, by drawing a line through said word and punctuation.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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