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House of Representatives, February 24, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Protected Birds.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 37, § 88, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 88 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The English or European house sparrow, the common crow, the ~~hawks, owls, kingfishers, and cormorants or shag~~ European starling and the kingfisher are not included among the birds therein protected; **provided, however, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to make it unlawful for the owner or occupant of land to kill hawks or owls when in the act of destroying poultry;** and for the purpose of this chapter the partridge, grouse and pheasant, only, shall be considered game birds, and the following, only, shall be considered migratory game birds: anatidae or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans; gruidae or cranes, including little brown, sandhill and whooping cranes; rallidae or rails, including coots, gallinules, and sora and other rails; limicolae or shorebirds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, dogwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plovers, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellowlegs; columbidae or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons.'