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Hon. Frank P. Washburn
Commissioner of Agriculture
Augusta, Maine

Dear Commissioner Washburn:

In your letter to me of January 26, you ask two questions, one of which I answered some time ago. The other has to do with the payment of stipends to Agricultural Fairs which have conducted pari mutuel betting or the sale of beer.

I have read the opinion which was given you on this subject by former Attorney General Chapman, and I think he has very correctly stated the legal situation, and I see no reason for giving any different opinion than the one which he rendered to you.

A bill is now pending in the Legislature which provides that the conducting of pari mutuel betting by a Fair, or the permitting of the sale of beer, provided that both are conducted in accordance with the statutes of the state, shall not be grounds for the withholding of the stipend.

I assume you know that a Resolve providing for the payment of the stipends for 1936 has been presented and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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