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To Roland H. Cobb, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game
Re: Crop Damage

. . . You state that Chapter 37, Section 94, subsection V of the Revised Statutes of 1954 reads in part as follows:

"No claims for crop or orchard damage by deer or other protected animals or birds shall be paid by the state from any source or fund."

You then ask, "If the Claims Committee and this Legislature allow a claim for damage by deer or other protected animals, does this nullify the present law, or merely act as an exception to the present law?"

If the Legislature, in the face of the above quoted provision of law, permits such claim to be paid, it will act as an amendment to the quoted law and will not nullify it.

We do not mean a permanent amendment, but such amendment will be with respect to the particular claim only.

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Deputy Attorney General

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