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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 119

S. P. 58

In Senate, January 14, 1965

Referred to Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Reimburse Allen Bragdon of Ashland for Loss of Poultry.

Allen Bragdon; reimbursed. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$180 to reimburse Allen Bragdon of Ashland as a full and final settlement against the State for loss of poultry killed by raccoons.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Mr. Bragdon has had 6 or 7 hens, approximately 6 months old, killed every night from August 24, 1962 until the night of September 5, 1962, when he set a trap and caught a raccoon. His hens were properly enclosed with a 5 ft. chicken wire fence with boards around the bottom. This fence is attached to a building and the raccoon gained access by climbing up the side of the building and the corner of the fence to a window about 3 feet off the ground which left an aperture of about 6 inches. Mr. Bragdon claims he did not know about the reimbursement from the State. He also burned the killed hens as he does with the ones that die of disease. So, the only evidence left were scattered feathers and the teeth marks on the bottom boards inside the enclosure, made by the raccoon in an effort to get out after being caught in the trap.