

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 421

In Senate, February 24, 1965

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Manuel of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Use of Moneys Received from the Potato Tax.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the production and marketing of potatoes is one of the most important agricultural industries of the State; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to conserve and promote the prosperity and welfare of the State and the potato industry by fostering and promoting better methods of merchandising the said potato industry; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 36, § 4571, sub-§ 3-A, additional. Section 4571 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 3-A, to read as follows:

'3-A. Bargaining agents. A sum which shall equal at least \$10,000 of the money collected shall be used and applied for the purpose of bargaining with the processors of potatoes and other merchandisers for better potato prices and marketing conditions. The Maine Potato Commission shall appoint a bargaining committee to carry out the purposes of this subsection.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.