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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for Spruce Budworm Control.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, a severe outbreak of spruce budworm has developed in the forests of northern Maine, threatening the destruction of one of Maine's outstanding natural resources; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to control this outbreak so as to save 100,000 acres of Maine forest; 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:

**Spruce budworm control.** There is appropriated \$80,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to be expended by the Forest Commissioner or his agents for spruce budworm control as the state's share with the rest of the funds for control supplied by landowners; and any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1968.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A severe outbreak of spruce budworm has developed in northern Maine and should be controlled.