

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 532

H. P. 385

House of Representatives, February 1, 1967

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Dates for Harness Racing Meets.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 8, § 271, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 271 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 8, § 271, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 271 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 8, § 271, amended. The last 3 sentences of section 271 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

If no running racing is held at Scarborough Downs after Labor Day each year, Gorham Raceways may be permitted to hold harness races or meets at Gorham ~~but only if said harness races or meets at Gorham held after Labor Day shall not be detrimental to the best interests of the agricultural associations of Maine, or any of them.~~ The determination as to whether or not such harness races or meets are detrimental shall be made by the commission after a public hearing following due notice to all parties concerned. The number of quinella races, or any similar types or designations, in any day of racing, shall be determined by the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This bill would remove certain sections from the law which provide that the State Harness Racing Commission shall reserve certain dates each year exclusively for the Agricultural Association's Fairs. With these sections removed the Commission would be free, at their discretion, to assign harness racing dates which would, in their opinions, best serve the interest of all the people of the State of Maine.