

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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### **RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain Municipalities for the Control of Dutch Elm Disease.**

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**Certain municipalities reimbursed. Resolved:** That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to Appropriation 4150 the sum of \$34,694.42 to reimburse the following municipalities for funds expended by them for the control of Dutch elm disease:

Portland	\$ 4,873.07
South Portland	471.82
Yarmouth	1,371.00
Falmouth	1,088.10
Biddeford	676.79
Topsham	225.02
Brownville	300.40
Rumford	541.50
New Gloucester	112.50
Milo	413.00
Freeport	256.64
Woodstock	196.50
Richmond	243.00
Houlton	10,639.58
Bangor	1,209.45
Limerick	230.20
Unity	11.00

Raymond	437.50
Kennebunk	1,020.21
Bridgton	645.84
Thomaston	400.00
Bath	155.70
Rockland	269.40
Hollis	118.33
Old Town	852.00
Damariscotta	164.25
Cumberland	347.13
Fryeburg	381.54
Harrison	893.69
Augusta	710.31
Brewer	655.90
Skowhegan	553.50
Newcastle	277.00
Brunswick	381.05
Castine	128.00
Vienna	157.50
Westbrook	2,541.75
Scarboro	744.25
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	\$34,694.42

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the Special Session of Legislature in November 1961 funds were appropriated for Dutch Elm Disease Control work. Thirty thousand dollars was appropriated for this first year of expanded control work but only 6 months were available to contact all cities and towns so that they could make preparations for starting proper control measures. Consequently, \$12,360 of the funds appropriated were lapsed as of June 30, 1962. Because of the spread of the disease and continued efforts of the various cities and towns to combat this problem through increased appropriations, the gap in lack of reimbursement funds is ever widening.

The Forestry Department was appropriated the sum of \$38,000 for the current fiscal year as reimbursement funds to municipalities in the State-Municipal Cooperative Dutch Elm Control Program. Cities and towns are responding to the state recommended program with larger regular and special appropriations with the result that at the present time the department has requests of nearly \$35,000 from cities and towns for which the department has no funds available for reimbursement.