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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1071**

H. P. 798

House of Representatives, February 24, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, Providing Funds to the Department of Health and Welfare for  
Mosquito Control Project.**

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

Whereas, mosquito populations are such as to be disruptive to the health and comfort of the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, the use of DDT and other hard pesticides is prohibited by law for use in mosquito control; and

Whereas, it is desirable to discover and adopt effective ecologically safe methods for mosquito control; and

Whereas, the following resolve offers an opportunity to develop such methods; and

Whereas, unless such resolve is enacted as emergency legislation, it will not become law until the 1971 mosquito breeding season has terminated; 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

**Mosquito control project. Resolved:** That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health

and Welfare the sum of \$27,000 to conduct, in conjunction with the University of Maine, the State Entomologist and the municipalities of Orono and Old Town, a 2-year pilot project for the extermination of mosquitoes and prevention of their breeding by biological means. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Orono-Old Town Biological Mosquito		
Control Project		
Personal Services	(3) \$ 3,500	(3) \$ 3,500
All Other	10,000	10,000
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Total	\$13,500	\$13,500

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolve is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Welfare to be used for a 2-year pilot project in the municipalities of Orono and Old Town to control mosquitoes by biological means. The project will attempt to determine whether marshlands can be kept flooded sufficiently to allow fish to live therein permanently and consume mosquito larvae; and also to experimentally fill small temporary ground pools to reduce or destroy their potential as a habitat for mosquito reproduction. The results of this project will be available to all communities for use in mosquito control programs.