

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, 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 unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to protect 450,000 acres of Maine forest; and

Whereas, it is highly necessary to continue research for better and cheaper chemical-spray applications, for bacterial or biological-spray applications and for natural control by parasites and predators; 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

**Appropriation. Resolved:** That there be appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$832,200 to be expended by the Forest Commissioner or his agents starting in May for spruce budworm control and for research. The rest of the funds are to be supplied by the Federal Government; and any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1974.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

A severe outbreak of the spruce budworm exists in northern Maine whereby spruce-fir stands need protection on approximately 450,000 acres. In addition vital research is needed.

The United States Forest Service will participate in the cost of both phases by providing technical assistance and funds up to 47% of the total costs.