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H. P. 1763

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Provide Inspection Fees for Certain Herring Products.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 4151, sub-§ 4, additional. Section 4151 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 4 to read as follows:

4. Case. A "case" means either one of the following regardless of the packing medium:

A. One hundred cans when the stated net weight of the contents is under 7 ounces;

B. Forty-eight cans when the stated net weight of the contents is 7 ounces or over.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 4156, amended. Section 4156 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

All products packed in hermetically sealed containers which are not classified as sardines, but have herring as their predominant contents are assessed 5¢ a case with payment being made and disposal of the funds handled in the same manner and for the same purposes as set forth in the first paragraph of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for an assessment of 5¢ per case on herring products packed in hermetically sealed containers, other than sar-

dines, to help defray the cost of inspection by the Department of Agriculture. Under present law, sardines are assessed at the rate of 8¢ a case and this would be continued. Inclusion of the other products such as herring snacks, tid-bits, steaks, etc., which are not now assessed, would require them to finance a fair share of the inspection which they are subject to undergo by state law. Sardines now bear the full cost of such financing.