

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1899

House of Representatives, January 23, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hunter of Benton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**RESOLVE, to Reimburse Michael Gilbert of Albion for Loss of
Poultry by Wild Animals.**

Michael Gilbert; reimbursed. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund, the sum of \$3,565 to be paid to Michael Gilbert of Albion as a full and final settlement of his claim against the State for loss of poultry destroyed by wild animals.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Mr. Gilbert had several kills in his poultry flock which were on open range, enclosed by a wire fence. Mr. Gilbert put 6800 birds out on range and housed 4200 birds. These birds were between the ages of 16 to 26 weeks when lost. Mr. Gilbert stated that his usual loss to be from 5% - 8% from natural causes, which would mean approximately 200 birds, leaving a loss of approximately 2400 birds by animals. Mr. Gilbert stated he did not know that the State would pay for his loss until the last kill of 300 birds, for which the State paid him at the rate of \$1.85 per bird. (\$555.00) Mr. Gilbert also states that he has people who witnessed the previous kills and that he would uncover the dead birds as proof of his loss but was told that they would pay only for the 300 bird kill witnessed by the First Selectman of Albion. Mr. Gilbert hired 3 different trappers in an effort to catch some of the foxes. He sent some of the birds to the Maine Poultry Consultants of Winslow, Maine, for inspection. The report stated that the birds had apparently been killed by animals since there were teeth marks visible.