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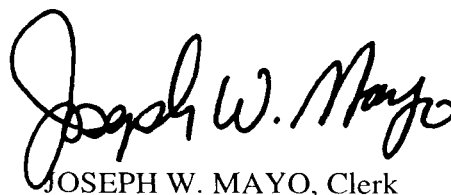
H.P. 1305

House of Representatives, February 15, 1996

**An Act to Transfer the Agricultural Education Consultant to the
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.**

Reported by Representative SPEAR for the Commission to Study Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in the State pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 35, section 6.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 20.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

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Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §241, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 194, is amended to read:

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall appoint, subject to the Civil Service Law, an Education Specialist II or agricultural education consultant. The person appointed shall:

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §241, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 194, is amended to read:

1. **Public awareness.** Produce ~~audio-visual~~ audiovisual materials, facilitate public service programming, prepare written materials, organize a speakers' bureau and otherwise educate the public. The ~~commissioner~~ appointee, in carrying out these duties, shall address the following needs: maintaining a lasting and sustainable agriculture; protecting our critical rural infrastructures; guaranteeing continued and effective production and marketing of fresh fruits, vegetables and livestock; preserving prime farmland; conserving our soils and water; and generally ensuring the quality of life in rural Maine.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §253, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. A, §78, is repealed.

Sec. 4. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996-97

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Administration - Agriculture

Positions - Legislative Count	(1.0)
Personal Services	\$56,591
All Other	1,500

Provides funds for the transfer of one Education Specialist I position from the Department of Education, Division of Applied Technology.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
RURAL RESOURCES
TOTAL**

\$58,091

2	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
4	Division of Applied Technology	
6	Positions - Legislative Count	(-1.0)
	Personal Services	(\$56,591)
8	All Other	(1,500)
10	Deappropriates funds for the transfer of one	
12	Education Specialist II position to the	
14	Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural	
	Resources, Administration - Agriculture	
	program.	
16	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
	TOTAL	<u>(\$58,091)</u>
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$-0-</u>
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22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This is one of 6 bills submitted by the Commission to Study
Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in the State.

26 This bill transfers the position of agricultural education
28 consultant, established under the Department of Education by the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 253, subsection 6, to
30 the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to
facilitate and administer the department's educational programs.