

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1636

S.P. 569

In Senate, March 3, 1999

An Act to Renew Maine's Economy.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, FERGUSON of Oxford, KONTOS of Cumberland,
PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, O'NEAL of Limestone,
SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation		
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
Provides funds to market Maine agricultural products.		
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES		
TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of Tourism		
Positions - Legislative Count	(4,000)	(4,000)
Personal Services	\$137,600	\$189,090
All Other	25,000	15,000
TOTAL	<u>\$162,600</u>	<u>\$204,090</u>
Provides funds to establish trade and tourism offices in Montreal, Quebec and St. John, New Brunswick. Each office is to be staffed with one Development Director position and one Administrative Assistant position. Funds provided include salary and fringe benefits for staff and operating and start-up expenses.		
Business Development		

2	All Other	200,000	
4	Provides funds for the		
6	department to enter into		
8	contracts for 2 people to		
10	serve as field		
12	representatives in currently		
14	underserved and economically		
16	depressed areas.		
18	Forum Francophone		
20	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
22	Provides funds to support the		
24	Forum Francophone.		
26	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND		
28	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		
30	TOTAL	<u>\$412,600</u>	<u>\$254,090</u>
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36	All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
38	Provides funds for annual		
40	legislative summits with		
42	legislative leaders from the		
44	Quebec and New Brunswick		
46	provinces.		
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50	TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
	TOTAL		
	APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$927,600</u>	<u>\$769,090</u>

SUMMARY

The bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in each year of the biennium to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to market Maine agricultural products.

The bill also provides funds to the Department of Economic and Community Development for several new initiatives. They include: funding for annual legislative summits with leaders from Quebec and New Brunswick; the establishment of trade and

2 tourism offices in Montreal, Quebec and St. John, New Brunswick;
contracts for 2 field representatives in currently underserved
and economically depressed areas; and support for the Forum
4 Francophone.