

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 139

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1911.*

*Introduced by Mr. Morse of Waterford, who moved its reference to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. By Mr. Bussell of Fryeburg tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE to encourage the reforestation of waste lands in the State of Maine.

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*Resolved:* That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the year 1911 and a like sum for the year 1912, to be expended by the forest commissioner for the purpose of establishing a state forest nursery in connection with the School of Forestry, to supply forest tree seedlings at cost of production for use in planting lands in the state of Maine.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The establishing of a forest tree nursery is made necessary by the constantly increasing demands made upon the department by citizens of the state for suitable stock for planting on the waste and cut over lands in the state.

There are no commercial nurseries in the state that are prepared to supply planting stock of suitable kinds and in sufficient amounts to meet this demand, and the introducing of tree stock from other states is unwise as well as uneconomic.

Most of the New England and middle states now have forest nurseries of their own, and the state of Maine should secure for itself in this respect the same place in the foremost ranks of the national conservation movement that it has already secured in the matter of forest fire protection.

Moreover, it is very desirable that the students of forestry should have the advantage of the practical experience that would be gained from conducting such a nursery on a strictly business basis, and for supplying a real and urgent economic need.