

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 188

House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Peterson from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE for the Protection of Trees and Shrubs from the
Introduction and Ravages of Dangerous Insects and Dis-
eases.

Whereas, the gypsy moths have been declared by law to be public nuisances, and their suppression and the prevention of their spread in this State, and the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, require constant work now being carried on under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the interruption of said work until ninety days after the recess of this legislature would be harmful to the public health, and

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts this measure is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, and an emergency as contemplated by the constitution exists, now therefore,

Resolved: that for the purpose of carrying into effect all provisions of the law now in force, or as the same may be amended and added to, relative to the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

This resolve, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house having so directed, shall take effect when approved by the Governor.

STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO WITHIN
RESOLVE.

The amount asked for in this resolve is for the purpose of carrying on the work of suppression of the gipsy moth. The territory infested by this moth now covers three times the area of two years ago and the amount asked for is necessary to keep and hold the infestations as they are at the present time. They are now nearing the big woods of Maine and this appropriation is absolutely necessary to hold them where they are and keep them from getting into same.