

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 46

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Brawn of Bradley.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated to the  
2 University of Maine to be by it expended for co-operative  
3 agricultural work between the College of Agriculture and  
4 the United States Department of Agriculture, as such work  
5 is defined in section 2 of an Act of the Congress of the  
6 United States approved May eighth, nineteen hundred and  
7 fourteen, entitled "An Act to provide for co-operative agri-  
8 cultural work between the agricultural colleges in the sev-  
9 eral states receiving the benefits of an Act of Congress  
10 approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and

11 acts supplementary thereto, and the United States Depart-  
12 ment of Agriculture," for the year beginning July first, nine-  
13 teen hundred and fifteen, the sum of four thousand three  
14 hundred and eighty-nine dollars, and for the year beginning  
15 July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the sum of eight  
16 thousand and forty-seven dollars.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Act of the Congress of the United States herein referred to is commonly called the Smith-Lever Act.

Its purpose is, through field demonstrations, publications and otherwise, to aid in diffusing among persons not attending or resident in colleges, useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics.

The Federal Act provides a permanent appropriation to the state of ten thousand dollars annually, and, contingent upon the appropriation of like amounts by the state or otherwise, an additional appropriation of four thousand three hundred and eighty-nine dollars for the second year, and each succeeding year thereafter for seven years, an appropriation increasing by three thousand six hundred and fifty-seven dollars the amount appropriated for the preceding year, the figures of the additional appropriations here stated being minimum.

Representatives of the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture are already located in nine counties in this state. The work in three counties is supported from the Smith-Lever Fund and the work in six counties by the General Education Board Fund. Petitions have already been received from other counties for the establishment of county demonstration work as soon as the funds shall become available.