

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 634

House of Representatives, March 21, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Coffin of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE appropriating money for the protection of trees
and shrubs from the ravages of dangerous insects and dis-
eases.

Whereas, the gipsy 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 the 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, be it

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 be, and hereby is, appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars for the year one thousand nine hundred eight, and the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars for the year one thousand nine hundred eighteen.

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.

Owing to the fact that there has been an increase of thirty-two new towns in the past year, as reported by the United States Government, and it becomes necessary for this Bureau to handle these towns, and also from the fact that the chemicals and many other supplies used in the work have advanced in price to almost double to that of two years ago, it is necessary that we have at this time to properly carry on the work the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars for each of the years 1917 and 1918.